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Office Hours: Monday & Sunday - Closed
Tuesday to Saturday - 10:00am to 3:00pm (Office is closed for Lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm)

A collaborative ministry of the Carmelite Fathers and Lay Parishioners



2nd Sunday of Lent, February 28/March 1, 2026

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

Office Assistant:

Rachael Ramaswamy

Administrative Assistant:

Fe Badajos

Bookkeeper:

Cindy Kreutzer

Hospitality:

Everyone in the Parish!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday to Saturday: 9:00am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am,

12:30pm & 5:00pm

Igbo Mass:

First Sunday of the Month: 2:00pm

Adoration:

First Friday of the month:

9:30am to Noon

Reconciliation:

Tue., Wed., Thu., & Fri.:

After the morning Mass

Saturday: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Baptisms:

An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session.

Confirmation:

On-line registration is now open at www.stthomasmore.ca

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, we see Jesus transfigured and joined by Moses and Elijah. In his second letter to Timothy, St. Paul reminds all of us that God has "called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design." What stellar examples of this surrender are Moses and Elijah.

Yet, in spite of powerful examples like Moses, Mary and all the saints, I struggle daily with God's call to me. When confronted — and that's how it feels — with the radical love God actually wants to share through me, I fail. The call to live my life in Jesus reveals my strengths as well as my weaknesses, both of which can be obstacles to surrendering to God's plan. My ordinary life, lived in the Spirit, is where God wants to be, as I strive to reveal God to those around me. Losing control of my plans, my future, my life is a scary proposition.

But as God calls, in his own design, he chips away at my self-sufficiency. He tackles my ego. He gives me strength in weakness. He draws me close to him and gives me hope. It's hard to love. It's hard to serve. My own transfiguration is underway. And when it's hardest, I can feel Jesus' presence and hear his words: "Get up and do not be afraid."

(Living with Christ, March 2026) - Johanne Brownrigg

Readings:

1st Reading: Genesis 12.1-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

In Scripture, the mountain is an essential place of encounter with the divine. It is no coincidence that God's revelation of who Jesus is takes place on a mountaintop. Here Jesus is linked to all the signs of God's revelation: a mountain, a light, a voice, and holy fear. In Matthew this event takes place after the prediction of Jesus' death in Jerusalem, pointing to God's plan in both this dazzling revelation and to the upcoming death on a cross.

- What word, phrase, or thought speaks to you most strongly?
- Is there a connection between Jesus' clothes being "dazzling white" and the symbol of the white garment we use in the baptismal rite?
- What kinds of "mountaintop" experiences have you had? How did they affect you?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

The Holy Disruption — Retreat

One night Mission with Access52 to prepare, challenge, and inspire Lenten experience.

- Sat., Feb. 28, 7pm at Holy Name, Calgary
- Thu., Mar. 5, 7pm at St. Paul's, Airdrie
- Sun., Mar. 15, 7pm at Sacred Heart, Strathmore
- Tue., Mar. 17, 7pm at Canadian Martyrs, Calgary

Weekly Mass Intentions: March 2 to March 8

Mar. 2	Mon	9:00am	Virginia Seupersad (INT) Joseph Nguyen Kim Thien (RIP)
Mar. 3	Tue	9:00am	Narlo Serquina. (RIP) Alizah Lewis (RIP)
Mar. 4	Wed	9:00am	Maynard Jan Timbresa (INT) Araceli Mateo (RIP)
Mar. 5	Thu	9:00am	Michael Velasco (INT) Joseph & Maria Nguyen (RIP)
Mar. 6	Fri	9:00am 7:00pm	Joseph Nguyen family (INT) Alice Foulonneau (INT)
Mar. 7	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Ian Carlo & Maja Ayson (INT) Joseph & Anna Tran (RIP) Samuel Sr. & Nelida Aldecoa (RIP)
Mar. 8	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Felix & Simona Noronha (RIP) Cesar Cabredo (RIP) Narlo Serquina (RIP) Lawrence Chin (RIP) Dominga Corpuz (RIP) For all parishioners (INT)

TOGETHER IN ACTION
The TIA 2026 is \$49,139.00
Collection up-to-date is \$5,598.75
Surplus funds will be used for new OCIA gowns.

Taizé Lenten Prayer Retreat
Canadian Martyrs Parish invites all to a Taizé-style Lenten prayer with meditative chant led by St. Luke's 7:30pm Choir and a reflection by Fr. Gabriel Arihi.
Fri., Mar. 6 at 7pm at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Calgary. All are welcome.

Men's Conference at St. Peter's Calgary
Weekend of Mar. 13-14 at St. Peter's Parish, Calgary
A men's conference focused on faith, brotherhood, and commitment, with the theme: A Heroic Call to Action.

Lenten Season Reflections

Saint of the Week - March 8
John of God, Religious
Saint John of God was born in Portugal in 1495. After a hazardous period in the military service, he chose the better way of life and devoted himself entirely to the care of the sick. Founding a hospital in Granada, Spain, he selected assistants who later formed the Order of Hospitallers of Saint John of God. He was most distinguished for his charity to the needy and the sick. Saint John died in Granada in 1550.
(Christian Prayer The Liturgy of the Hours)

All Fridays in Lent:-
Masses at 9am & 6:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm
Adoration & Lenten Preaching 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Lenten Confessions Times
Sat., March 21, 2026 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Thu., March 26, 2026 7:00pm to 8:00pm

First Holy Communion Program 2026
Important Dates to Remember
Gathering #4 Sat., March 7 10am - 12noon
1pm - 3pm

Deadline for online registration for Confirmation is on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Parent Orientation will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 10 - 12pm

Let's talk Dementia
The Diocese of Calgary invites pastoral care ministry teams, family members, hospital chaplains, clergy, and anyone interested in dementia care to learn how to support individuals and families with empathy, dignity, and compassion. Join us **Wed., Mar. 11, 2026, from 10am to 3pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary.** Complimentary lunch and refreshments provided. Register by Wed., March 4 by contacting Mara at 403-218-5521.

PILGRIMAGE TO AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, POLAND, SLOVAKIA & HUNGARY
Under spiritual guidance of Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, Calgary AB
Oct. 12 - 23, 2026 12 days CA\$5,190 (Taxes & Tips Incl.) for Calgary Departure
Visiting: Brno, Prague, Czestochowa, Krakow, Kosice, Bratislava, Budapest, Vienna
CA\$90 OFF for non-credit card payment!

Funeral Mass for Perry Cavanagh will be on Friday, March 6, 2026 at 11:00am.

The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of the Holy Spirit.
— Blaise Pascal