

St. Thomas More Parish: 15 Templebow Road NE, Calgary AB T1Y 6J3

Phone: (403) 285-3773 | Fax: (403) 293-8754

Pastor: pastor@stthomasmore.ca

Associate Pastor: associate@stthomasmore.ca

Parish Office: secretary@stthomasmore.ca | **Website:** www.stthomasmore.ca

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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 24/25, 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 THE FELLOWSHIP of Alcoholics Anonymous there is a declaration that states the only way to keep your sobriety is by giving it away. This is echoed in the prayer attributed to St. Francis: "It is in giving that we receive." In today's Gospel we witness the instant impact of the apostles' encounter with Jesus. Something in their hearts recognized the voice of the living God, and they left their nets immediately. Our "yes" to the Master's call releases a similar grace that floods our souls and then flows outward.

This is our casting call into the communion of saints. Pope Benedict once said the saints are our constellations. With our "yes" we are empowered to forgive, love our enemies and do good to those who hate us, following the example of our Lord and the saints. Our decision to stay the course and be fed sacramentally sustains us in tandem with the saints and the power of the Holy Spirit who intercedes for us.

There is an old adage that states, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there." We know where we are going: it is by following the voice of Jesus who calls us to holiness that we will reach our final destination. Thank God we know where this road takes us: it is to eternal life.

(Living with Christ, January 2026) - Denis Grady

Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23

Echoes of the Isaiah passage from the first reading sound in today's Gospel account from Matthew, after we hear that Jesus made his home in his native Nazareth. Close connections are drawn between Jesus and John the Baptist, followed by Jesus calling two sets of brothers as his disciples. Normally in Jewish custom, disciples seek out their teacher. Here Jesus takes the initiative and chooses his disciples. His appeal is such that the brothers' response is immediate and complete.

- Name the similarities with the first reading. Why do you think this was important to Matthew?
- How is this passage a summary of Jesus' entire ministry and mission?
- How does Jesus call you, and how do you respond?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

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!**

Weekly Mass Intentions: January 26 to February 1

Jan. 26	Mon	9:00am	Cornelius Saga (INT) Maria Perez (RIP)
Jan. 27	Tue	9:00am	Valerie DeLay (INT) Jose Blanco Sr. (RIP) Ver Cruz (RIP)
Jan. 28	Wed	9:00am	Peter Ha Huu Vien (RIP) Peter Nguyen Phat Tai (RIP)
Jan. 29	Thu	9:00am	Anne Chau Nguyen (RIP) Simon Emile Virgitti (RIP)
Jan. 30	Fri	9:00am	Rafael Ha Viet Hung (RIP) Maria Ha Ngoc Oanh (RIP) Dominic Vu Khac Tu (RIP)
Jan. 31	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Rochelle Ouellette (INT) Ver Cruz (RIP) Trevor & Rufina Gonsalves (RIP) Aliver Cruz (RIP)
Feb. 1	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Carlos & Angela Fernandes (RIP) Antonio Colabella (RIP) For all parishioners (INT) Mario Zamora (RIP) Frank Palmer (RIP) Rosemarie Buenaventura (RIP)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2026 is \$49,139.00
Collection up-to-date is \$729.00
Surplus funds will be used for new OCIA gowns.



**Knights of Columbus
St. Thomas More Parish**

SHROVE Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 15, 2026
After 8:30 & 10:30am Masses
\$8.00 per plate
Tickets Available Jan. 25, Feb. 1 & Feb. 8
After 8:30 & 10:30am Masses or
Contact Br. Gerry (text/phone) (403) 804-6702
Or email address shortpoz@gmail.com

**Support Catholic Education —
Build the Next 140-Year Legacy**

For 140 years, publicly funded Catholic education has helped form young people in faith, character, and purpose — in our schools, our parishes, and our communities. That legacy didn't happen by accident. It was built because Catholics before us chose to invest in the next generation. Today, it's our turn. The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation Cash Raffle (January 1–March 2, 2026) is a practical way to strengthen Catholic schools and support students across our district — so Catholic education remains strong today and firmly rooted for the next 140 years. When you buy a ticket, you're not just entering to win — you're standing up for the future of Catholic education and helping ensure it remains vibrant, accessible, and unapologetically Catholic for generations to come. Get your tickets today: theceffraffle.com because **Catholic Education Matters.**

**Saint of the Week - January 31
Saint John Bosco**

Known to many as Don Bosco, this patron saint of youth was born in Piedmont, Italy, in 1815. Raised in poverty, John was ordained in Turin in 1841. After witnessing the circumstances of boys living in a local prison, he resolved to devote himself to working among disadvantaged boys — children living on the streets, juvenile delinquents, and any child who was suffering because of disadvantage.

He formed the Salesian Society, named after Francis de Sales, and began educating boys of the poor and working classes, holding evening classes in factories, in fields or wherever there was a need. John believed in equipping boys for life in the world and trade schools soon formed a large part of Salesian training. A progressive thinker, he abhorred all punishment, believing that by removing youth from temptation, treating them with dignity and kindness, and enriching them with skills, they could be led to more productive lives. His rule was, “Not with blows, but with charity and gentleness must you draw these friends to the path of virtue.” With the help of Saint Mary Mazzarello, he also established the Salesian Sisters to do similar work among girls. John Bosco died in 1888 and was canonized in 1934.

(Living with Christ, January 2026)

Memorial Mass of the late Terry Lowrey is on
Fri. Jan. 30, 2026 at 11:00am.

Bishop McNally Parent Information Night (if future students also wish to attend this event they MUST be with a PARENT)

Bishop McNally High School will host a **Parent Information Night on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, from 6:30–8:00 pm.** This information night will provide parents the opportunity to learn about high school programming, specifically, core subject pathways, the variety of option courses available to students, tips for success, opportunities for school engagement (Sports, Clubs, and other extracurricular opportunities), and to meet representatives from each department. **Students will only be allowed to attend this event if they are with their parents,** this is not an “Open House” because due to our large population and a very good number of students wanting to attend Bishop McNally admission has become limited to prioritized enrolment. Students will have their questions answered, introduction to our community and a tour of our fine school later at our Meet the TA event in early June.

If you have any further questions, please contact Bishop McNally High School directly at bishop.mcnally@cssd.ab.ca or 403-500-2091.

Whist card game night this month is on January 30. Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm in the parish hall downstairs. This is a Knights of Columbus hosted event.