

# 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**

*A collaborative ministry of the Carmelite Fathers and Lay Parishioners*



## 3rd Sunday of Lent, March 22/23, 2025

### **Pastor:**

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

### **Associate Pastor:**

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

### **Permanent Deacons:**

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

### **Deacon in Training:**

Cruzel Lacao

### **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:**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:

After the morning Mass

Saturday: 3:00pm to 3:45pm

### **Baptisms:**

An initial appointment with

one of the Priests is required

before attending a session.

### **Confirmation:**

Registration is closed.

### **Society of St. Vincent De Paul:**

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, Jesus speaks of the importance of repentance.

Interrogators approach Jesus to tell him about a massacre of Galileans, looking for him to react and to give an opinion on such a violent event. We can imagine the torture and cruelty that the Galilean people experienced under Pilate's ruthless rule. Asked if it is because of sin that they suffered in this way, Jesus reminds those questioning him that we are all sinners. He then refers to a tragic accident, a source of gossip at the time. Victims of such tragedies are no greater sinners than anyone else in their communities. Rather than condemn the Romans or shame sinners, Jesus points to repentance.

It is in our human nature to look for the reason bad things happen to people. Life is fragile, death is a reality and we have a need to be in right relationship with our God. Suffering is not reserved for the sinner and repentance is necessary for everyone.

We believe in a merciful and compassionate God who gives us time for growth. This Lenten season is a good time to dig around the foundation of our lives and fertilize where it is needed. In this eucharistic celebration, we pray with hearts open, repentant and mindful of our need for God's love.

*- Living with Christ March 23, Jan Bentham*

**Readings: 1st Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15**

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12**

**Gospel: Luke 13.1-9**

Jesus' words bring home forcefully the importance of the Lenten season: conversion and repentance is an ongoing necessity. Remember God is always the one who is ready to invite us again and again to grow in true life, to live in the fullness of his love, yet we must accept this love and be prepared to be pruned.

- What part(s) of your life need to change in order that you do not perish?
- Why does the gardener not give up hope? When have you refused to give up on somebody?
- When and where does your relationship with God need fertilizing?

*(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)*

### **Lenten Retreat with Divine Mercy Sisters**

Take advantage of the special graces of Lent by joining a prayerful afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, the Hour of Mercy, conferences, healing prayers, and the International Holy Rosary. When: **Sat., April 5, from 2pm to 6pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Calgary.**

Donations accepted. Register online: [www.sistersofdivinemeracy.org](http://www.sistersofdivinemeracy.org).

*Beauty is the interior adornment which is renewed day by day as the power and the strength of Christ grows within the soul.* -St. Bernard of Clairvaux

**Weekly Mass Intentions: Mar. 24 to Mar. 30**

Mar. 24	Mon	9:00am	Cenie Jorgensen (INT) Mauro Longinotti (RIP) Peter Vien (RIP)
Mar. 25	Tue	9:00am	Maleya Enojo (INT) Mike De Leon (INT) Antoine Nien (RIP)
Mar. 26	Wed	9:00am	Maria Oanh (RIP) Danilo Batuyoung (RIP) Shalini Madhura (RIP)
Mar. 27	Thu	9:00am	Roone Learmont (INT) Keith Strawford (RIP) Hosana (INT)
		6:30pm	Brent Maximo Ramirez (RIP)
Mar. 28	Fri	9:00am	Audrey & Terry Long (INT) Rafael Sarga (RIP) Gladys Khourieh (RIP)
		7:00pm	Ken & Jeff Gedorio (INT)
Mar. 29	Sat	9:00am	Fr. Robert Robidoux (RIP) Esther Metuh (INT)
		4:00pm	Hazel Timothy (INT)
Mar. 30	Sun	8:30am	Bastav Francis Manbhat (RIP) Angel Recabal (RIP)
		10:30am	Emmanuel Adelantar (RIP) April Joy Adelantar Panie (RIP)
		12:30pm	Schaub (INT)
		5:00pm	For the people (INT)

**TOGETHER IN ACTION**

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00

Collection up-to-date \$11,292.00

All surplus will go towards repair and renovation of the basement washrooms.

Easter Basket Raffle Tickets on sale for \$5.00 each.  
Proceeds to maintenance and repair - security gates.  
Draw: Sat., April 26, 2025 after the 4pm Mass.

**Lent Schedule**

- **On Fridays, starting March 7, 2025**

6:30pm - 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm - Mass

7:30-8:30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- **Lenten Reconciliation**

**Saturday, April 5 from 1pm to 3pm**

- **On Thursdays starting March 13, 2025**

**THE MASS EXPLAINED**

**At. St. Thomas More Parish**

Starting with Mass at 6:30pm.

Followed by knowledge session at 7:00pm  
in the large hall in the basement.

Learn why the Mass is a Mystery.

Understand its History. Know its Biblical Roots.

Become active participants in the sacramental and liturgical life of the Body of Christ.

**Everybody is WELCOME!**

**The Annunciation of the Lord  
March 25**

This ancient feast, celebrating the Incarnation of the Word, is a joint celebration of Christ and the Blessed Virgin: of the Word who becomes the Son of Mary and of the virgin who becomes the Mother of God. In the universal Church, this liturgy celebrates the beginning of redemption. It also honours Mary as the 'new Eve', the obedient and faithful woman who generously agrees to be the Mother of God.

*-Living with Christ March 2025*

**Mission Cards**

Easter cards now available in the card stand in the foyer.  
Thank you for your support.

“Whist card game night is on every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday night of the month.” The next game is scheduled on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Location: Parish hall downstairs

Players are asked to bring snacks to share and donate a toonie to cover coffee, juice, etc.

This is a Knight of Columbus hosted event.

**First Holy Communion Dates for 2025**

March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

Seventh Gathering

**April 5 from 10:00am to 12:00pm Retreat**

**Confirmation Dates for 2025**

March 29

Fourth Gathering

**The Psalms as a way of prayer  
Lenten Mission with Fr. Julian**

Join Fr. Julian Studden for a Lenten Mission exploring The Psalms as a Way of Prayer. The mission will conclude with a Lenten Penitential Service on Wednesday. When: **Mon.-Wed., April 7-9 at 7pm** at St. Joseph's Parish, Calgary. All are welcome!

**Employment opportunity!**

Rexel Canada Electrical Inc is looking to hire a

**Credit Analyst** based out of their Calgary SE location.

If you enjoy collections this would be a great opportunity for you. Role includes 70% collections and 30% Credit analysis. E-mail your resume to [Stephanie.rego@rexel.ca](mailto:Stephanie.rego@rexel.ca) and mention "Employment opportunity - Credit Analyst" in the subject and someone will get back to you.

At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the pardon is the same. When this chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated, unfathomable mercy envelops the soul, and the very depths of My tender mercy are moved for the sake of the sorrowful Passion of My Son.

*St. Faustina's Diary 811*