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**Office Hours:** Monday & Sunday: Closed

Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00am to 3:00pm

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



## April 20/21, 2024 Good Shepherd Sunday

<b>PASTOR:</b> Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD	<b>ASSOCIATE PASTOR:</b> Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD
<b>PERMANENT DEACON:</b> Deacon Norman Dumais Deacon Dale Laing	<b>Office Assistant:</b> Rachael Ramaswamy <b>Administrative Assistant:</b> Fe Badajos
<b>BOOKKEEPER:</b> Cindy Kreutzer	<b>HOSPITALITY:</b> Everyone in the Parish!
<b>WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE</b> Monday to Saturday: 9:00am First Friday: 9:00am  <b>Adoration:</b> First Friday of the Month 9:30am to Noon <hr/> <b>Baptisms:</b> An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session.	<b>WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE</b> Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 5:00pm (Igbo Mass: First Sunday of the Month at 2:00pm) Anointing <b>of the Sick:</b> Please call the Parish Office <b>Reconciliation:</b> Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: After the morning Mass Saturday: 3:00pm to 3:45pm <hr/> <b>Society of St. Vincent De Paul:</b> (403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

**Please remember St. Thomas More Parish in your Will.**

### AWESOME VOLUNTEERS

Thank you Volunteers. Awesome volunteers like you are precious and few. A big thank you to all our Volunteers for dedication of their time, talent and service to St. Thomas More Parish.

### The Good Shepherd should inspire us to sacrifice for others

*Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the prime example for us in the Christian life, as he challenges us to imitate him in his sacrificial offering of himself.* Sometimes we can get caught-up in the calm, pleasant pictures of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He often looks so gentle and peaceful in a field, or holding a small lamb.

While it is true that Jesus is that calm and gentle shepherd, he is also a shepherd who is bold and courageous, willing to give his life for others. Pope Benedict XVI highlighted this aspect of the Good Shepherd in his 2012 homily on Good Shepherd Sunday:

This year the Gospel passage is the central one from Chapter 10 of John and begins precisely with Jesus' affirmation: "I am the Good Shepherd."

This is immediately followed by the first fundamental characteristic: "the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11). So, we are led straight to the centre, to the summit of the revelation of God as the Shepherd of his people; this centre and summit is Jesus, Jesus himself who dies on the cross and rises from the tomb on the third day

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**Weekly Mass Intentions: April 22 to April 28**

Mon	22	9:00am	Felix & Leonardo Bince (RIP) Gladys (RIP) Xavier Dourado (RIP)
Tue	23	9:00am	Thomas Blanco (INT) Larry & Kerry Young (INT) Gil Paguio (RIP)
Wed	24	9:00am	Raea Roselyn Kanna (INT) Joah Kim Nguyen (RIP) Reese & Rowena Reyes (INT)
Thu	25	9:00am	Rosario Gutierrez (RIP) Salud Gaoat (RIP)
Fri	26	9:00am	Concordio & Sofia Pausta (RIP) Manuel Trojillo (RIP)
Sat	27	9:00 am	Teresita Vierneza (RIP)
		4:00 pm	Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Peace (INT) Fr. Alex Braganza (INT)
Sun	28	8:30am	Raymond Ouellette (RIP) Virgilio Moratalia (RIP)
		10:30am	Rosemarie Dasent (RIP)
		12:30pm	Romualdo Vaz (RIP) For the People (INT)
		5:00pm	Ester, Elliodoro, Junior & Alex Pasadilla (RIP)

**Together in Action**

The TIA 2024 is \$49,139.00  
Collection up to date is \$16,210.75

**YFOC Movie Night**

The Youth followers of Christ are having a movie night, showing the Lion King on Fri., April 26, 2024 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. All youth 13 and above are welcome.

**Beware of Scam**

Please be vigilant: Our bishops, priests, deacons, and religious do not request gift cards or cash through emails or texts. If you receive such requests, they are highly likely to be a scam. Protect yourself by ignoring these messages, and do not respond. For the safety of our community, report any suspicious activities to the parish office. Your awareness and action can help prevent these scams from spreading.

**The Miscarriage Ministry Committee** in the Diocese of Calgary is organizing an information night about its mission and vision. We desire to be a place of support for those experiencing this unique form of loss. Join us for an evening of learning about this ministry, assessing the community's needs, sharing best practices, and fellowship.

- When: Friday, May 24, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave, SW, Calgary)
- Register online or email Monica at [monica.warman@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:monica.warman@calgarydiocese.ca) or call 403-218-5521

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rises with all his humanity and thereby involves us, every man and woman, in his passage from death to life.

While primarily speaking to young men to be ordained priests, Pope Benedict XVI's words still apply to us, who are called to imitate the offering of Jesus, the Good Shepherd:

Dear Ordinands, this is where the Good Shepherd wishes to lead us! It is here that the priest is called to lead the faithful entrusted to his care: to true life, to life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). Let us therefore return to the Gospel and to the Parable of the Good Shepherd. "The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11). Jesus insists on this essential trait of the Good Shepherd who is he himself: that of "laying down his life." He repeats it three times and at the end concludes with the words: "for this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father" (Jn 10:17-18).

Not all of us will be asked to make this supreme gift of self in the sacrifice of our life, but we are all called to imitate the Good Shepherd in our realms of influence.

We may be called to be a charitable gift of self in our families, schools, or even in a nursing home as we near the end of our life.

No matter what our situation may be, we can always sacrifice ourselves for others, being charitable to those around us as the Good Shepherd is charitable to us.