

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

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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



Epiphany of the Lord, January 3/4, 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)

IMAGINE BEING so full of wisdom that you see something before others do. Or having such a close relationship with God that you receive insights that transform your life. Revelations from God are a curious thing in our scientific age, as it respects the laws of reason (often working within them) but is not limited by them.

Often the stars in the sky will strike us as wonderful examples of beauty of creation. For some of us these stars provide information (such as for those who use them as a means of navigation). Consider for a moment seeing in those stars a message that will change all of human history. This is what happened to the wise men in today's Gospel.

If the stars can provide an external source of information, perhaps our dreams and reflection can be an internal source, if we take care that they are not misunderstood. Revelation should always lead us to acts of faith, mercy and love.

Let us be grateful today for the gift of our Savior and Lord who willingly accepted suffering to liberate us from our difficulties. May we pray today that God will reveal to us insights into our own lives that will change us, just as the wise men were transformed by the message hidden in the stars.

(Living with Christ, January 2026) - John O'Brien

Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

I came, I saw, and I was conquered: We Saw His Star

Those who are sincere of heart find God in their life. In the case of the Magi, their sincerity is shown by what they are willing to sacrifice to attain their goal. The journey required abandoning the comforts of their homeland, the needs of their family members and the pursuit of wealth. The intention was pure, not muddled with self-centered wants, for it was nothing less than the desire to encounter God's living presence. Their openness of heart permitted God to speak through many things in their world—from astrology to Herod, from the star to the child in the crib. What will it take for me to find God today? I must put aside all out but him and let his hand lead me to that definitive encounter with his divine presence.

(Reflection: Regnum Christi, January 2024)

The spirit points in a certain direction. There is an unwavering purpose in the mind. If this is not held on to with all eagerness and dedication, there can be no coming to the longed-for fruits of the goal.

- St. John Cassian

Attention Parishioners

If you have moved, or are planning to move, please notify the parish office at 403-285-3773 with your changes. This is to ensure that the 2025 tax receipt will be mailed to the correct address.

Weekly Mass Intentions: January 5 to January 11

Jan. 5	Mon	9:00am	John Kee (INT) Maria Perez (RIP) Josefina Tibor Castro (RIP)
Jan. 6	Tue	9:00am	Florence & Bert Perez (INT) Mario & Margerita Periabras (RIP) Francisco Garcia (RIP)
Jan. 7	Wed	9:00am	Leo Kilroe (INT) Tess & Cen Marcelo (INT) Lyndon Gedorio (RIP)
Jan. 8	Thu	9:00am	Offie & Orly Argota (INT) Ram Chander (RIP) Andrew Blanco (RIP)
Jan. 9	Fri	9:00am	Fr. Melvin Pinto (INT) Joseph & Anna Tran (RIP) Rogelio Cristobal (RIP) Bienvenido Velasco (RIP)
Jan. 10	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Deceased members of Benitez (RIP) Jim Walton (RIP) Monica Madawala (RIP) Samuel Sr & Nelida Aldecoa (RIP) Bienvenido Velasco (RIP)
Jan. 11	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Christine Kay (RIP) Corinne Howe (RIP) Brian Laffey (RIP) David Periabras & Edgar (RIP) Mario Zamora (RIP) Aida Negusse (RIP) St. Thomas More Parishioners (INT) Anchita Lumicao (RIP)

We sincerely regret the typo error on the Mass intention for Rev. Fr. Melvin Pinto, on Jan. 9, 2025. We pray for a long and healthy life for Fr. Melvin Pinto.

Together In Action

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00
Collection up-to-date \$49,222.65

WILL YOU HELP US MULTIPLY THE HOPE?

Your support strengthens your parish home and builds a foundation for future generations. Please help us reach our goal of \$138,345 and consider to give in one of the following ways;

Designate (Multiply the Hope) envelopes
Online @catholicyc.ca. The direct payment link will soon be available on our website.

Gratefully in Christ,
Rev. Jerald D'Souza
Pastor

Denise Dumais
Chair, Multiply the Hope

In the evening of life, we will be judged by Love alone.
St. John of the Cross

EPIPHANY BLESSING

We ask you Lord to bless this house and all those who live in it: may there always be love peace and forgiveness in this home; grant its inhabitants sufficiency of material goods and abundance of virtues; who are welcoming and sensitive to the needs of others; that in joy they praise you, Lord, and in sadness they seek you; at work they find the joy of your help, and in need they feel close to your comfort; when they go out, enjoy your company, and when they return, experience the joy of having you as a guest; may this house truly be a domestic church where the Word of God is truly light and food, and may the peace of Christ reign in his hearts until one day he arrives in your heavenly home. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Fr. Al Perez, SchP

Holy Land

Egypt, Israel & Jordan *Where History Meets the Divine*

Please join Fr. Alex Braganza on
February 28 - March 13, 2026
Tour Price CAD 6300/USD 5300
Including all flights, transportation, taxes, all meals

For more info: please call
Brian Andrade at 778-999-4599 and
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A JUBILEE MOMENT OF HOPE

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Holy Year of Hope — a sacred time of grace, mercy and Renewal. The biblical Jubilee includes forgiveness of debts and restoration of relationships. It is the perfect moment for us to strengthen our parishes for the future.

In this spirit, the Diocese of Calgary is launching Multiply the Hope, a once-in-a-generation matching initiative. For the first time in our history, the Diocese will match what local parishes raise—dollar for dollar—up to their assigned goal, investing up to \$12 million across the Diocese.

Your \$100 becomes \$200. Your \$500 becomes \$1,000. Your generosity is double, multiplying hope for our parish community. Once the parish reaches its matched target, every additional gift continues to strengthen our parish home for those who will come after us—individuals, families, newcomers, children and grandchildren.

“We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta is one of the most popular Catholic saints from recent years. She’s also one of the best examples of what it means to spread love and light in a dark world. Her well-documented actions of love, both big and small, show how she embodied this quote every day. Even the smallest action can make a huge difference in someone’s life if you do it in love.