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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



May 4/5, 2024 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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7 things to know about Mary

Here are seven things to know about the mother of Jesus.

1. Mary was a real person. She was Jewish, like her son Jesus. Little is known about her childhood and old age, but the Gospels — and in particular the Gospel of Luke — talk about her motherhood, including her visit with Elizabeth while pregnant (Luke 1:39-56), escaping a murderous King Herod with her husband and young child (Matthew 2:13-23), and her concern as a mother when Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem at age 12 (Luke 2:41-52).
2. Mary's motherhood of God was proclaimed as dogma — unquestionably true — by the Church at the Council of Ephesus in 431 CE. She is called Mother of God because she gave birth to Jesus, who is in the Trinity along with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
3. Catholics pray to Mary, not because she is a goddess. They pray to ask her, as the Mother of Christ, to pray with them to God.
4. Mary isn't just for Catholics. She is present in the Christian Bible at significant points in Jesus's ministry, from the first prophecy of the Savior's mother (Gen 3:15); to the first miracle performed by Jesus when he turned water into wine (John 2:1-11); at the foot of the cross (John 19:25); and Christ's crowning in heaven (Rev. 12:1, 5). Devotion to Mary can bring Christians together.
5. Mary is important in Islam as well, in which Jesus is known as the prophet Isa. She is mentioned dozens of times in the Qur'an. Recently, a mosque in Abu Dhabi was named for "Mary, the mother of Jesus" as a gesture to "consolidate bonds of humanity between followers of different religions."
6. Mary has inspired many of the world's greatest works of art, including sculpture such as Michelangelo's Pietà and music such as Franz Schubert's setting of the prayer "Ave Maria."
7. There have been Marian apparitions (appearances) all over the world, including well known occurrences at Guadalupe, Mexico; Lourdes, France; and Fatima, Portugal. Her first apparition was to St. James the Greater at Saragossa, Spain, in 40 CE. Apparitions are considered private revelations, and belief in their veracity is not required by the Catholic Church.

Weekly Mass Intentions: May 6 to May 12

Mon	6	9:00am	Russell Galas (RIP) George Hogg (RIP) Abita Antony (INT)
Tue	7	9:00am	Benedict & Hildegard. Villadollid (RIP) Ruben Alcomendas (RIP) Pierre Nicolson Beldoz (INT)
Wed	8	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Miguel Oriol (RIP) Abita Antony (INT) Jason & Sunday Ozimede (INT)
Thu	9	9:00am	Susanna Nunn (RIP) Saga Naeselius (RIP) Maria Cristina Vergara Gaddi (RIP) Thanksgiving to Mother Mary (INT)
Fri	10	9:00am	Mary Jarvis (INT) Hilda Kearney (RIP) Ann/James/Stephen Springal (RIP) Rodolfo Tesorero (RIP)
Sat	11	9:00 am	Luz Cia (INT) Nicole Beldor (INT)
		4:00pm	Pedro Almero (RIP) Jose De Olazo (RIP)
Sun	12	8:30am	Stephen Wayne Pausta (INT)
		10:30am	Phyllis & Stanley Fernandes (RIP)
		12:30pm	For the People (INT) Ma. Concepcion & Domingo (RIP) Virgilio Bert (RIP)
		5:00pm	Magdalena Beldor (INT)

Together in Action

The TIA 2024 is \$49,139.00
Collection up to date is \$17,334.75

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WEEKEND OF MAY 4/5, 2024

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands his disciples, whom he calls "friends," to love one another as he loves them. Jesus uses the word "love" as a verb or a noun nine times. He also employs the word "command" or "commandment" five times. His command to love one another is explicit. Those who understand the depth of Christ's love for us have reason to be joyful. We are called to be stewards of this loving friendship; to love one another as Jesus loves us. Do we give serious attention to what this love requires of us? What is the price of this friendship with the Lord? Are we willing to pay this price to keep Christ's friendship?

ICSC e-bulletin May 2024

1075 Souls who spread the honour of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Saviour. At the last hour, a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My mercy. Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it.

from St. Sr. Faustina's diary

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the management of our church's facilities including the repairs and maintenance of the church's daily operations i.e. electricity, plumbing, security, HVAC etc. Please contact the parish office.

The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 7pm everyday in the Church during the month of May.
All are welcome to join.

SALE OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS

From Holy Land on Sunday, May 19 after the 5pm Mass.

ANOTHER NAME Each of the following persons have another name. Can you match them?

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| 1. PETER | 6. JAMES & JOHN |
| 2. JOHN | 7. JOSEPH |
| 3. JOHN THE BAPTIST | 8. ABRAHAM |
| 4. HEROD | 9. PAUL |
| 5. LUKE | 10. HOSEA |

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| a. dreamer | f. rock |
| b. forerunner | g. father of nations |
| c. beloved disciple | h. sons of thunder |
| d. fox | i. prophet of God's love |
| e. beloved physician | j. vessel of election |

Answers
1 f 2 c 3 b 4 d 5 a 6 j 7 g 8 e 9 h 10 i

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.

HIKE FOR LIFE—MAY 11

Come show a public witness for LIFE, because "Every human life is precious and valuable from conception until natural death." What does it mean to show respect to every person at every stage of our life? Calgary Pro-Life will have seating for those who can not walk and provide entertainment throughout the morning event.
When: Sat, May 11 at Prince's Island Park, Calgary. More info at calgaryprolife.com