

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Website: <https://stm.caedm.ca> Email: webmaster@stmparish.com

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mondays 7:00 pm
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am
Friday 9:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm
6:00 pm

CONFESSION

45 minutes before weekday Masses
Saturday 4:00 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday 6:00 pm
1st Fridays 9 am - 3 pm

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT:

Pastoral Care

- Sacrament of the Sick: any day at any hour
- Regular pastoral visits can be arranged for the homebound

Baptism

- See Baptismal brochure in stand or look on website
- Parents & godparents are required to take preparation classes

Marriages

- Schedule an appointment before you book any other facilities
- An approved pre-marriage course is required
- A minimum of 4 months of notice is required

First Reconciliation and First Communion

- For baptized children 7 years of age and older
- Preparation classes are required
- See green sacrament brochure for details

Confirmation

- For those 11 years of age and older who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion
- Preparation classes are required.

RCIA and RCIA - Adapted for Children (8-15 yrs.)

- For those who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith or who wish to become Catholic.
- Classes start each fall.

PARISH STAFF:

PASTORAL STAFF

Family Coordinator: Monica Bober
Youth Coordinator: Sara Dmitri
Sacrament Assistant: Kathleen Eistetter
Sacrament Assistant: Diane Middleton
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich
RCIA Coordinator: Darlene Smigelski
RCIA & Sacrament Asst. Olivia Dias

OFFICE STAFF

Business Administrator: Christopher Snaith
Receptionist: Shannon Van Soest
Interim Bookkeeper: Joey Kolinsky
Custodian: Arthur Connick
Evening Receptionist: Gideon Boyle

**To email the staff, please visit the [Contact](#) page of our website for details.*



Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

“They were overwhelmed with joy.”

Epiphany gets its name in the story of the three astrologers from the East. They saw a sign in the heavens, correctly understood it and chose to follow it, no matter the personal cost. These three are fearless pilgrims, walking in the tiny light of star, travelling by faith. They are called wise because they search the heavens and their dreams for the direction from a source they cannot name. And, in their zeal, they find the One they are looking for.



These wise men were the first Gentile followers of Jesus. Without benefits of Scripture or the stories of Salvation, without religion and its rituals, they made their way into the presence of Christ. Many have since followed in their footsteps, through many rituals, through many places and years, searching for the light that they do not entirely understand but are willing to risk everything for.

Helping the Needy

We all want to help those in need. Our parish has many projects to help the less fortunate and you generously support them all. Lately we have noticed an increase of people begging for money outside the church. We firmly request that you DO NOT give handouts to these people. Truly speaking, you are not helping them and you are putting parishioners and parish facilities at risk. We have agencies, such as Catholic Social Services, to help them. They do not need money as much as they need referrals to places that will help them in the long term. Again, please be kind and do not give money to anyone begging outside the church.

All bulletin items and announcements should be directed to:
stm.secretary@stm-parish.com
Deadline: **Tuesday noon**

Our Offerings - Dec. 30

Christmas
\$45,931.00

Regular Sunday Collection
\$15,762.00

Donations
\$1395.00

TWS (Together We Serve)
\$ 1345.00

New Year's Resolutions

The beginning of the year is a good time to make resolutions to better ourselves. Some will promise to diet or quit smoking. Others will exercise more. What about a resolution about improving our faith? Perhaps you are able to try to attend one daily Mass per week; or if you work, remember that there are Monday and Tuesday evening Masses that you might attend. Maybe you could resolve to receive the wonderful sacrament of Reconciliation more frequently; Confessions are available before all Masses.

The best start to each day is prayer. One of the simple prayers that we can say is the Morning Offering. It is a prayer that we offer all that we do in the day to God.



“O God, I offer you all my thoughts, work, joys and suffering of this day.

I pray that you help me not to offend you but to serve you faithfully and do your will in all things.”



Mass Intentions

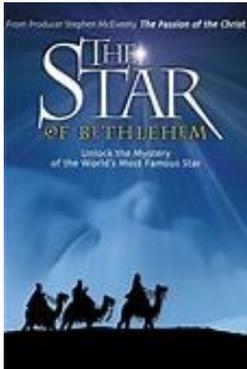


Mon.	Jan. 7	7:00pm	Carol Deighton +Betty Bolger
Tues.	Jan. 8	7:00pm	+Philippa Mercer +Mike Curran
Wed.	Jan. 9	9:00am	+Sandy Lutic +Fe Baptista Sarmiento
Thurs.	Jan. 10	9:00am	+Betty Bolger +Philip Drapeau
Fri.	Jan. 11	9:00am	+Betty Bolger +Philip Drapeau
Sat.	Jan. 12	9:00am 5:00pm	+Philip Drapeau The Joseph Family +Felix Lang +Maude Norman
Sun.	Jan. 13	8:30am 10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	+Harvey Wilkinson +Suzanne Abele Rod & Fran Goplin's 50th Anniversary Deborah Basaraba

Epiphany (reveal) - Christmas isn't over!!!! Therefore.....

Celebrate the visit of the Magi to the Messiah by watching
The Star of Bethlehem - a free movie available on youtube.

Suitable for teens & adults due to its academic nature.



**Believe in Science? Have faith?
Are these two compatible?**

**A star that stopped? How'd it
get so big?**

**Was Our Saviour really born on
December 25?**

**Who were the men that brought
gold, frankincense & myrrh?**

Your questions answered

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7YTE7WFB6Y>

Be sure to click on the bonus feature link at 1:03:34.

Oh Come Let Us Adore Him like the angels, magi and apostles did

Even though some mystery remains to the identity of the magi, the Church respects their act of worship: The Council of Trent, when underscoring the reverence that must be given to the Holy Eucharist, decreed, "The faithful of Christ venerate this most holy sacrament with the worship of latria (*supreme worship allowed to God alone*) which is due to the true God.... For in this sacrament we believe that the same God is present whom the eternal Father brought into the world, saying of Him, 'Let all God's angels worship Him.' It is the same God whom the Magi fell down and worshipped, and finally, the same God whom the apostles adored in Galilee as Scripture says" (*Decree on the Most Holy Eucharist*, 5).

As we celebrate Christmas and the **Feast of the Epiphany**, we too must be mindful of our duty to adore our Lord through prayer, worship, and self-sacrificing good work. St. Gregory Nazianzen (d. 389) preached, "Let us remain on in adoration, and to Him, who' in order to save us, humbled Himself to such a degree of poverty as to receive our body, let us offer not only incense, gold and myrrh..., but also spiritual gifts, more sublime than those which can be seen with the eyes" (Oratorio, 19).

Fr. Saunders is pastor of Queen of Apostles Church in Alexandria.

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STM Scripture Study



A Scripture Study will begin with an information night on Monday, February 4, 2019 after 7:00 P.M. Mass at 7:40 P.M here at the church in the Library room. At that time, the study booklets will be distributed. The cost is \$12.00 for materials.

**The study is called "Luke: Jesus the
Compassionate Saviour."**

This Threshold Bible Study narrates the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem and shows the inclusiveness of His love even for those who crucify Him. In this liturgical year C it is a great reflection for the Lenten season. We will meet for the following 10 weeks. Come for fellowship and to learn, pray, and share your faith. The time commitment is 90 minutes each week. Those who have participated in other scripture studies have noted a positive impact upon faith life.

For registration or information call Deacon Randy Abele at
(780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972.

Wednesday Morning Scripture Study Group

Wednesday, January 9, 2019,
following the morning Mass.



We will be reviewing
"EPIC - A Journey Through Church History".

For more information contact Annette at 780-437-4044

A 10-week support program, **Grief as a Journey**, for those who are grieving the death of a loved one will begin on February 5, 2019. It is a weekly seminar/support group for those who are trying to cope with the disturbing and often disorienting effects of grief. In this faith-based program you will be with people who have experienced grief themselves and will have some understanding of the pain of your loss. You will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. We are commencing the meetings here at St. Thomas More parish on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 after the 7:00pm Mass. The sessions last until 9:00PM. If you cannot make the first session you may come when you feel ready however, we encourage you to try to make the first session.

Please contact Deacon Randy or Roseanne Abele at:
(780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or by
email: rabele@telus.net for more information or to register.

*We thank all parishioners who participated in the
Parish Directory program. To change, cancel or register your
appointment, please contact Mary Ann Sosa at
(780) 686-8886 or maryann.sosa@shaw.ca.*



Congratulations to the Newly Baptized: In December, the following children entered into the community of the Trinity through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Riley D. Chris J. Chingozi M. Isabella N. Ikemsinachi U. and Scarlett W. *Please remember our new little brothers and sisters in your prayers.*

Baptism: Infant to 7 yrs. – Registration by appt.
Contact: Diane Middleton 780-434-6313 ext. 233



Preparation: for parents & godparents is next offered on Jan. 14 from 7 to 9pm - call to register

Brochure: For process, requirements, dates offered for preparation etc. please refer to the baptism brochure. You will find it in the stand at the main entrance to the church and at the [Sacraments](#) link on our website stm.caedm.ca.

As well, please make good use of a website that STM has provided free access to.

Go to <https://formed.org/> and enter the access code TBQYW9 and look for:

REBORN: Your, Your Child, and the Heart of Baptism

The Reborn series not only help parents and godparents prepare for the Baptism of their child/godchild but also prepares them to be witnessing disciples of Christ in their families and in the ordinary places of secular culture in which they live, work, and play.

- ◆ **Session 1: A New Creation:** Discusses Baptism as the heart of God's plan of salvation from the beginning and the entry point into the New Covenant established in Christ between God and his people.
- ◆ **Session 2: Entering the Mystery:** Examines the Rite of Baptism to prepare parents and godparents to participate fruitfully in the Sacrament.
- ◆ **Session 3: Nurturing the Life of Grace:** Focuses on the role of the parents and godparents as being the first teachers of the child in the ways of the Faith and their call to be compelling witnesses of the Christian life.

 **1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion** are offered to children in grade 2. What an exciting year for these young children to celebrate **TWO** sacraments. See the green brochures in your school office or STM parish for details.

DROP-IN REGISTRATION.

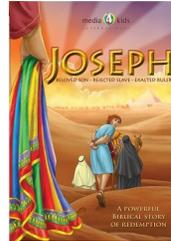
Drop in to St. Thomas More parish to register your child for the two sacraments.

Drop-in registration will occur from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on the **1st Saturday of each month** (Oct. thru Feb.).

Please contact Kathleen at the Parish for further details.

**Double Movie Feature Night
Friday, January 18th at 7 pm
St. Thomas More Parish Hall**

**For Children: St. Joseph the Dreamer
(Rated for children 5 years and up – 91 minutes)**

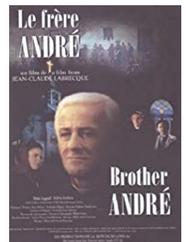


Young Joseph is a dreamer, indulged by his father and resented by his brothers who sell him into slavery. But his faith and his gift for interpreting dreams soon lead him to an exalted position in the kingdom. The movie sets Joseph's story in the context of God's plan for Israel and the promised coming of the Messiah. It powerfully demonstrates God's sovereign hand in all things.

*Popcorn and drinks provided / Bring a blanket/sleeping bag to sit on / Free will offering will be accepted
Children 4 years and under must be accompanied by an adult*

**For Youth & Adults: St. Brother Andre
(Rated G—87 minutes)**

The life of St. Brother Andre, the first Canadian male saint who, from his modest position of a Catholic college's doorman, raised the fervour of the Catholics around the world to Saint Joseph, the father of the Christ. His miracles and the way he succeeded in the construction of the Saint-Joseph's Basilica in Montreal.



Popcorn and drinks provided / Free will offering will be accepted.

Marriage Preparation Program at St. Thomas More:
March 15, 16 and 17, 2019.

Deadline to register for Marriage Preparation is February 20, 2019.

For information email stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com. Please indicate your names, wedding date and location when emailing for information.



The STM Parish Grocery Card Program



Members of the Knights of Columbus sell Safeway, Superstore, Sobeys, Save-On, Tim Hortons \$25, and Boston Pizza \$50 cards before and after all Sunday morning Masses, and also on the first and third Saturday of each month.

Please take the time to support the program regularly.