### St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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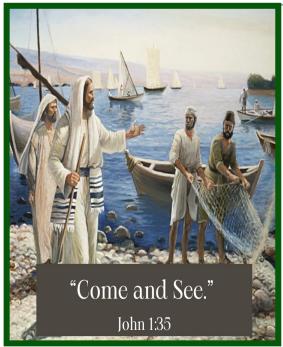
# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 13th & 14th

Pastor: Fr. Mark McGee

Supply Priest: Fr. Jozef Wroblewski

Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Tom Sudsbear, Gordon Taylor

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM | Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Sat. 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Sun. 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM



## WEEKEND MASS TIMES WEEKDAY MASS TIMES (JAN. 15TH-

Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM Wednesday 9:00 AM No Mass Tuesday 5:00 PM Wednesday 9:00 AM

Thursday 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM

Saturday 1st Saturday follows First Friday, next is Feb. 3rd

#### **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

5:00 PM

45 minutes before Mass Tuesday -Friday; Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Confessions end 10 minutes before Mass)

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday No Adoration

First Fridays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, next is Feb. 2nd

# The Deacon's Corner Reflection by Deacon Tom Our invitation (John 1:35-42)

The question asked by the two disciples, Andrew and John "Rabbi Where are you staying?", is an echo of the question asked by King David in the Old Testament centuries before. We can ask the same question of Jesus today. Jesus' permanent and eternal home is in heaven, where he existed from all eternity, yet here on earth Jesus has set up a temporary dwelling place in the tabernacle. The tabernacle is a humble home, a metal rectangular box with a door. This humble home is in keeping with the humility Jesus displayed while he was on earth. He was born in a stable and lived in the humble home of his earthly father, Joseph, a carpenter.

Like Andrew and John, Jesus extends to us an invitation to spend time with him; to come to Church and visit him often, kneeling before him in his home in the tabernacle, offering him prayer and homage. As Jesus invites John's disciples to follow him after they have first approached him, we are being called, today, to follow Jesus' invitation to a new life as a disciple, like Andrew and John. Someday each of us will be knocking on Jesus' door, facing him in judgment and asking for admission to his permanent home in heaven. Will Jesus recognize us from our visits to him here on earth? To avoid the heavenly door being closed to us and being turned away, we should take time to be frequent visitors at his home here on earth.

## Mark Your Calendars

January 18th

Credo will be at Newman Theological College from 6:30 - 9:30

January 20th-21st

The Ministry Fair will be after Mass in the hall.

January 30th

The Source begins January 30th - Last Tuesday of every month (6-8PM)

February 2nd

Vocations Rally at St. Joseph's Basilica

March 15th-17th

Marriage preparation program at STM

Registration for the Winter/Spring Cycle of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist at STM

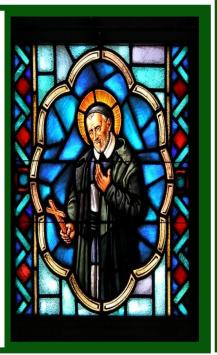


parish is now open. Please visit the parish website for dates and registration information. The family orientation is on **Wednesday**, **Jan 24**, **2024** from 6 - 7 PM in the parish hall.

## St. Vincent de Paul Pantry!

The St. Vincent De Paul pantry is needing some items including jam, cheez whiz, toilet paper, deodorant, tooth brushes, and shampoo and conditioner. If you would like to donate some items please bring them to the Church office during work hours.

Thank you!





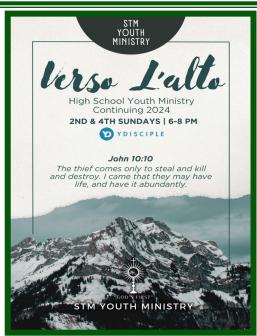
#### Coffee, Kids, and Catholic Moms

Are you a mom with little ones? Join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in the St. John Paul II room. Moms socialize while kids play. Snacks available. Faith building study included. Any questions, email Steph at sunshine.schulte@gmail.com

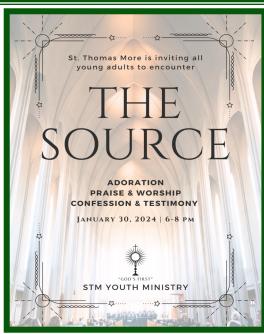
Iterter 2024 STPT Toom Scripture Study
The scripture study will begin on Monday.
January 15. 2024 from 7:30pm. to 9:00pm.
There will be 10 weekly sessions - the last
one on March 18. 2024. Sessions will be virtual
meetings on Zoom. We will be studying "Jesus
the Suffering Servant" - a review of the
significant highlights of Jesus' ministry in
Mark's Gospel - leading to His passion and
death.

The cost will be \$12.00 per book.

To register call Deacon Randy Abele at (780)
435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or email:
randy.abele@caedm.ca







#### Our newly assigned Associate Pastor Fr. Avinash Francis

- Starting February 1st at our parish
- Originally from near Bangalore in India
- Member of Pallottines religious order (SAC)
- Ordained in 2018



If sick and shut in please call parish office and we will organize someone to come bring you Holy Communion.



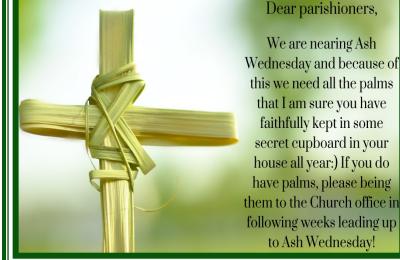
#### PRAYER CORNER

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

For those struggling with sickness, facing surgery, or in recovery, especially Lucy Longo, Darren Day, Anna Rayar, Rebecca Ramos, John McAuley, Juanita Smith, Linda Luczak, Greg Hayward, Andy Hull, Edith Borle, Earl Brown, Clare Forton, Manuel Cruz, Adolfo Cruz, Felix Moya, Mary Kutty Matthew, Lillian Laforge,

Jacinta Dias, Diego Rosales, Alwin Miguel and

his mother Jennifer, Victor Brown, Charolette Henderson, Marion Coderre, Joshua Bernardo, Mary Kutty Matthew, Mary Bronson, Desmond Kimber, Corazon Abalajon and Raymond Sanscratier, that they may be given the strength and guidance they seek.



#### All bulletin items

and announcements should be directed to

elizabeth.connelly@caedm.ca

Deadline: Wednesday @ 2:00

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

For those who have gone into the presence of our Father, and for those whose names are recorded in the parish Book of Remembrance, (especially Brad and Elizabeth Vetsch, Paul Lalande, Edgardo Cueto, Ava Howe, Cale Jackson Leabres, and Aida Bernardo that He will raise them up to live forever.

\*If admitted to the hospital, please ensure your religion is on your medical record, or that you forward a request for pastoral care to the hospital staff and/or call the parish office. Also, the Sacrament of Sick may be administered prior to hospital

## **DIOCESAN INFORMATION**



#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This year, the week of prayer for Christian unity is January 18th—25th. The chosen theme is 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27). Based on Luke 10:27, the

international theme and materials call Christians to act like Christ in loving like the Good Samaritan, showing mercy and compassion to those in need, regardless of their religious, ethnic, or social identity.



# ADOREMUS & CREDO

**Adoremus** ("Let us Adore") is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration held at St. Joseph Basilica from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM on the first Saturday of every month (next one is Feb. 3rd). All ages are welcome!

**Credo** ("I Believe") is a coffee-house style evening of Catholic Apologetics. It is held from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM at Newman Theological College on Thursday evenings once a month (next one is Jan. 18th). All ages are welcome!

#### PROLIFE PRAYER

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Did you know that STM has a **Pro-Life Ministry**? Call 780-434-6313 to hear more about it!

For those looking for help with a difficult pregnancy situation please contact the **Gianna Centre** @

780-482-5111

For those looking for help post-abortion please contact **Rachel's Vineyard** @ 610-354-0555



#### Come and See!

Annual Live-in Weekend at St. Joseph Seminary January 26-28, 2024

Thinking about becoming a priest? Not sure about your vocation? Just curious? This is your opportunity to experience seminary life with other men like you who are on a discernment journey.

To learn more and to register,



Contact Fr. Kris Schmidt, Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Edmonton, Kris.Schmidt@caedm.ca or call 780-672-1131 Ext. 3.



