St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 20th & 21st

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

AND HE SAID TO Saturday Sunday THEM: "FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN." SACRA 45 minu (Confest Monday First Fri

WEEKEND MASS TIMES WEEKDAY MASS TIMES (JAN. 22ND-26TH)

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

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

Reflection by Deacon Tom Ambassadors of God (Mark 1:14-20)

Jesus seems to choose the most unlikely people, like us, to preach to others and tells us it doesn't matter who brings the good news but who receives it, as God's salvation is for everyone. Like the first disciples, we may be called from a life we enjoyed like the Corinthians were, or we may be called like Jonah to a life from which we try to escape, to follow the call of God. We are called not only to enter the reign of God but promote and share it, bringing the

good news of salvation in whatever we do and wherever we are. We are being asked to live our lives in a totally different way, turning to God in faith and commitment. God may not appear to

us and reveal our vocation by a dramatic revelation or give the same calling to everyone. Usually he gives us a desire for spiritual things, an ambition to do something good in life. Some are called to married life, to be mothers and fathers; some to be doctors, lawyers, teachers and professionals whereas others are called to be priests, and sisters (the religious life).

Jesus continues to call disciples, as he has throughout history, to rescue the lost and help the unfortunate. God's call is persistent and even unrelenting and we should be grateful that he does not give up, as once we know our vocation he will give us the grace to follow it, filling us with truth, compassion and kindness.





St. Vincent de Paul Pantry!

The St. Vincent De Paul pantry is needing some items including jam, cheez whiz, toilet paper, deodorant, pancake mix, syrup, canned ham, canned chicken, pasta sauce, canned fruit, tooth brushes, and shampoo and conditioner. If you would like to donate some items please put them in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the foyer.

Thank you!

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



FAIR A celebration of our vibrant parish! Come learn about existing and exciting new ministries! There is something for everyone. Treats and fellowship after all masses January 20 and 21 in the parish hall

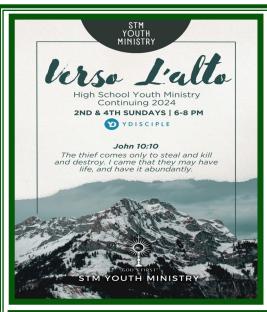
Infant Baptism (under the age of 7) are celebrated all year long at STM except during the seasons of LENT and ADVENT. Prior to Lent, baptism will be celebrated on January 28 and February 11, after that it resume on April 14 & 28, May 5 and June 9. Details can be found on our website under sacraments and Baptism. Please plan in advance as it could take time for all the requirements to be completed on time for your child's baptism.

Winter 2024 STM Zoom Scripture Study

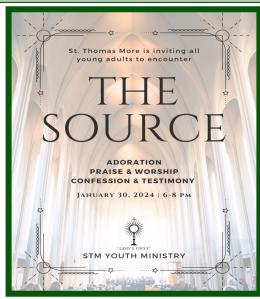
The scripture study will begin on Monday, January 15, 2024 from 7:30pm. to 9:00pm. There will be 10 weekly sessions – the last one on March 18, 2024. Sessions will be virtual meetings on Zoom. We will be studying "Jesus the Suffering Servant" – a review of the significant highlights of Jesus' ministry 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







Mark Your Calendars

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)

January 28th

Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast after 8AM and 10AM Mass

February 2nd

Vocations Rally at St. Joseph's Basilica



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.

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, Andy Hull, Edith Borle, Earl Brown, Clare Forton, Manuel Cruz, Adolfo Cruz, Felix Moya, 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.

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, Danita Power, Peter Ingle, Cale Jackson Leabres, and Aida Bernardo that He will raise them up to live forever.

Funeral Mass for **Peter Ingle** will be at **1:00PM on Monday**, January 22nd.

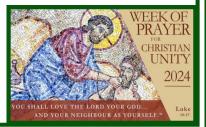
DIOCESAN INFORMATION



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.



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.



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 Feb. 15th). All ages are welcome!

