## St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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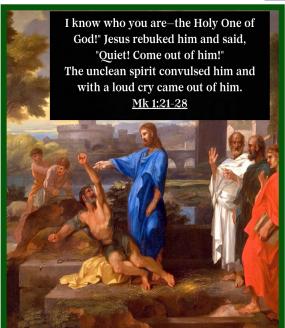
### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 27th & 28th

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



### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES (JAN. 29TH-FEB. 2ND) WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM Monday 9:00 AM 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

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

First Fridays 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, next is Feb. 2nd

# Sunday Gospel Reflection

Today we see an exorcism as one of Jesus' first mighty acts. The demons recognize the authority of Jesus over them, but the people around him do not. We may begin with good intentions, but we are often sidetracked or derailed along the way. The devil seduces us in many ways and we are often caught in his web before we recognize what has happened. And then a voice is heard in the midst of the chaos of our lives saying with authority: "Be quiet! Come out!" The demons obey instantly as Jesus' power and authority are evident. He used this power of expulsion on several occasions and passed this power on to his Apostles, Bishops and Priests. When we are baptized a prayer is read over us stating that there is no room for the devil in the souls of the baptized. There is no room for the devil in our soul when the Trinity dwells there in the form of sanctifying grace. One of the devil's great powers today in tempting people is that many people are unaware of his powers or do not believe in his existence. Being aware of his existence and power is a large part in our battle to overcome him along with prayer and good works. Let us listen to the voice of God and recognize Jesus in our midst as we pray frequently, even daily, for the strength and will power to reject the devil's temptations when they come along.



#### MANY THANKS FOR GIVING TREE DONATIONS

Once again, the St.
Thomas More Parishioners opened their hearts and their wallets and generously donated to the women and children at Lurana Shelter. Over \$5,500 was donated in gift cards with many of them purchased from the Knights of Columbus,



making it a double donation. In addition, **over 4,000 items** of toiletries, women's clothing, toys, crafts, books, baby items including diapers, and other gifts were placed under the tree. These generous gifts provide comfort and support at Christmas and throughout the year for the women and children who are fleeing domestic violence. The *Giving Tree's* success shows how the parishioners of our parish reflect the true meaning of Christmas.

St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League

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.

## What's Wrong with MAiD?

Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish

13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park

Join us for Mass at 6:15, celebrated by Rev. Jim Corrigan. This live event can also be viewed on Youtube.



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

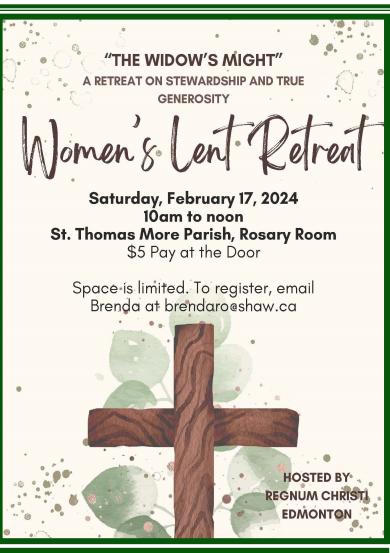
- Starting February 1st at our parish
- Originally from near Bangalore in India
- Member of Pallottines religious order (SAC)
- Ordained in 2018





### St. Vincent de Paul Pantry!

The St. Vincent De Paul pantry is needing some items including tea, juice, pork and beans, 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.





February 3rd is the feast of St.
Blaise! Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. Because of this, it is a tradition to come and have your throat blessed on the feast of St. Blaise. If you would like your throat blessed St.
Thomas More will be having throat blessings on Saturday, Feb. 3rd after 9:00AM mass.



## Mark Your Calendars

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

January 31st

Called to Protect training starting at 1PM - See back of bulletin for more info

February 2nd

Vocations Rally at St. Joseph's Basilica

February 3rd

Blessing of throats for the feast of St.
Blaise after 9AM mass

February 10th

Mission Discernment Night put on by NET Ministries will be at Resurrection Parish from 7-9PM

#### 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, Maria Longo, Marion Coderre,



Joshua Bernardo, Mary Kutty Matthew, Kristen Raworth, Maria Longo, Corazon Abalajon and Raymond Sauscratier, 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 Peter Ingle, Allen Mayon Dela Cruz, Gabriel Anakwe, Brad & Elizabeth Vetsch, Walter Leeds, Ramonito Tan, and Amara Deonila de Sousa, that He will raise them up to live forever.

## **DIOCESAN INFORMATION**



### **Called to Protect training**

Called to Protect, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Wednesday Jan 31, 2024, 1 pm.

The 2 1/2-hour session is mandatory for all Clergy, Employees and Volunteers of the Archdiocese who have not yet participated in this training.

This will be a zoom session open for all.

Register here: https://caedm.ca/event/called-to-protecttraining-jan-31/

# **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!



FAMILY ENRICHMENT EDMONTON PRESENTS

#### PRE-ADOLESCENCE

The pre-adolescence developmental stage (ages 10 to 13) is a crucial moment for kids and parents. The kids are in a gap between childhood and adulthood, longing to be grown-up and have freedom.

Are you and your spouse looking to develop a closer relationship with your pre-teen?

This course uses a case-based methodology to learn from real-life situations. Moderators guide the analysis and facilitate dynamic group discussions.

- Character Temperament Freedom & Authority
- The Use of Free Time
- The Moral Education of
- Children Marriage: Going the

#### REGISTRATION

\$200/couple payable by e-transfer t info@familyenrichmen

Visit the website and register today. Space is limited! https://familyenrichmentedmonton.ca /upcoming-courses/

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

info@familyenrichmentedmonton.ca www.familyenrichmentedmonton.ca www.familydevelopment.ca

780-554-6684

Note: There are no prerequisites for this course

#### DATES

General Sessions Saturday Evenings, 2024 7:00–8:30pm MST

January 20 February 17 March 23 April 13

One small group meeting (typically 1 hr) will take place prior to each general session; dates will be determined by each small group independently.



General Sessions will be



Small group meetings will be conducted in person

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