

Mon	16	6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Pot Luck St. Vincent de Paul Baptism Team Meeting 11:30am Mass Choir Practice
Tue	17	7:30pm	CWL Executive Meeting
Wed	18	7:00pm	RCIA / RCIC
Thur	19	1:00pm 1:30pm 7:30pm	Over 60 Monterey Seniors Mass Legion of Mary
Fri	20	6:00pm 7:00pm	Prayer Group Meeting Church Cleaning Team #7
Sat	21	10:00am	Ministers of Hospitality Training
Sun	22	10:35am	Sunday School

Our Parish Prayers: A time to heal... Patricia Seaton, Theresa Wilson, Margaret Johnson, Pat Healey, Maria Caro, Rolando & Amada Carandang, Ed Dimalanta, Jim & Pat Lawrence, Mila Mayuga, Renato Brion, Frances Lee, Keely McGregor, Liza Gascon, Baby Rebecca, Gloria Sta. Ana, Teresita Babac, Juliet Olangco, Cy Pavcik, Sonny Magnaye, Loretta Lasig, Regie Mori, Romualdo Vaz, Aida Neguse, Margaret Johnson, Roberto Basa, Darry Mendonca, Paul Chin, Elisa Doblaz, Iselda Raposo, Sharon Anderson

A time to die... +Trevor Soroka +Robert Gough +August Villegas +Monique Lavallee +Roy Hoard +Mario Bala +Abiem Akel +Carlos Monroy +Jacqueline DeCarlo +Edna Balatbat +Juan Casocot +Celestina Rediculo +Saloma Manipon +Leonarda Mejia +Marina Gandia +Mary Hanz +Carmela Pulis +Teresita Viernesa +Ricardo Gomez Sr. +Josefina Molina +Raymonda Tanallon +Temoteo Tacuyan

Lord grant them eternal rest.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is. 49.3, 5-6; 1 Cor. 1.1-3; John 1.29-34. As the prophet Isaiah proclaims in the first reading, the Lord continues to remind us that we are his servants. Imagine the Lord speaking these words to you personally: "You are my servant. Through you I show my glory. I formed you as my servant from your mother's womb. I will make you a light so that you may shine the light of my salvation everywhere you go, and reveal my glory to everyone you encounter. I will give you the strength to do this. I will give you confidence. Heed my words, for I have spoken to you." What would your response be to the Lord? Would it be different from the response you give the Lord now?

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NEW CLASS TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL
Beginning the weekend of Feb. 5, 2017, in conjunction with the change in Sunday Mass times, Sunday School hours will change to 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM.

Sat	14	9:00am 5:30pm	+Nelson Francois Mailhot +Henry Alegria
Sun	15	9:30am 11:30am 5:00pm	Thanksgiving Nyles Fernandes & Family For the People +James & Merle Haining
Mon	16	9:00am	+John Wandler +Teresa Ramos
Tue	17	7:00pm	+Lee Anthony Holroyd +Gilda Germono
Wed	18	9:00am	+Fernando Liwanag +Stella Bruckman
Thu	19	9:00am 6:45pm	Rev. Melvin Regi Pinto, OCD +Gilda Germono
Fri	20	9:00am	Thanksgiving Lydia Espiritu +Mariano Ty Sr.

Sunday Collection: Collection for last week was \$7,101.25.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2017: These boxes are available in alphabetical order in the foyer. Please note that your envelope number may have changed from 2016. You are not guaranteed the same envelope number each year, but, you will receive a tax receipt. Kindly call the office if your address has changed or if you would like a box of envelopes. Please do not use your old 2016 envelopes in the year 2017 (or any other year). Otherwise your donation will go to someone else.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

IF YOU HAVE MOVED, OR ARE PLANNING TO MOVE, PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE AT 403-285-3773 WITH YOUR CHANGES.
2016 Tax Receipts will be mailed out Mid to End of February 2017.

Welcome to Our Faith Family: Congratulations to Lesandro Manabat, Bryson Ngwa, Jayda-Joy and Jayden-Joel Uzoigwe who were baptized this past weekend.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINAR

Friday, May 12 to Sunday, May 14, 2017.
Kindly register with the parish office.



Visitors and New Parishioners!
We hope that you have a meaningful worship experience at St. Thomas More. We invite unregistered parishioners to complete a registration form at the information table. If you have any questions here is anything we can do to make your visit here more pleasant, please do not hesitate to contact the ushers, or any staff members that may be present. You may also call the Parish Office and talk to a staff member for additional information (403)285-3773.

To our visitors, enjoy your visit with our parish family.
To our new parishioners, Welcome Home!



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary
Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - Bishop Henry and Clergy of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Alberta will host a prayer service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 19th from 7:30-8:30pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 10620 Elbow Dr SW, Calgary, with a reception to follow. Hear and pray with Christians of other denominations about this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity theme which is "Reconciliation – the love of Christ compels us".

TAIZE PRAYER TO CELEBRATE AND PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE (INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK FEB. 1-7)
The FCJ Christian Centre will be celebrating by hosting an evening of Taize Prayer on Saturday February 4th at 7pm, at the Chapel, 219-19 Avenue SW, Calgary. Join in the singing of the simple Taize chants and spend time in quite personal and communal prayer for the needs of our world. The evening is open to all ages. For more please contact Sr. Ger Cullan, fcJ, at 403-228-4215.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR - The Diocese is honoured to be the host partner for Coldest Night of the Year for the fourth year in a row. Once again Feed the Hungry will be partnering with KAIROS Calgary and the Mustard Seed. We'll be raising funds for Feed the Hungry, the Mustard Seed and to pay down the mortgage on Bankview Apartments. All these efforts are to support our neighbours experiencing poverty and homelessness in Calgary. We'd love to have you Walk with us on February 25, 2017. Start a team or join one already in existence. We'll also need volunteers to make sure our Walkers have a fantastic experience. For more information visit: www.cnoy.org/calgary.

SCREENING OF THE FILM "OVER18: A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT PORNOGRAPHY" - The statistics pertaining to our children's exposure to online pornography are alarming. St. Michael Catholic Community (800 85 Street SW) will be hosting a film screening of this documentary by filmmakers Jared and Michelle Brock (www.over18doc.com). If you've missed the previous showings, here is another opportunity to see this very important film. The screening will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 10:00am. Hospitality at 9:00 a.m. and to follow. For more details, contact mross@saintmichael.ca

34TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS - Save the Date - Good Friday, April 14th, 2017. Volunteers are crucial and we need readers, cross bearers and help with crowd control, first aid and lost persons. If you would like to volunteer, please register at www.wayofthecross.ca. We will need to have a registration completed for each person volunteering. If you have any questions, please contact marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5519.

TRANSITIONS - Transitions is a 15-week peer support program for those recently separated or divorced. Participants will meet every week to reflect upon and discuss topics such as self-esteem, stress, anger, guilt, blame, loneliness, forgiveness, blended families and more. The next program will begin on Thursday, February 9, 2017. For more information or to register, call 403-218-5505.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION "FOR BETTER & FOR EVER" - "For Better & For Ever..." Marriage Preparation, accepts all couples preparing for marriage. Due to the small group setting it allows us to focus on couples in one or more of the following circumstances: living together, previously married, beginning marriage with children, couples 45+, or those who wish to have their marriage blessed in the Church. Upcoming Dates: Jan 16/Feb 3-4, Feb 13/Mar 3-4. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT - Are you looking for a good Catholic man or woman? Visit www.CatholicSpeedDating.ca or call Rose 587-333-1099 for more info and to REGISTER for our upcoming Events: Friday, January 27th at Mary, Mother of The Redeemer Church in Calgary (Age Range: Women: 24 to 32 & Men: 27 to 35) -&- Friday, February 10th Valentine's Day Event at St. Thomas More Church in Calgary (Age Range: Women: 33 to 41 & Men: 36 to 44).

SAVE THE DATE: DEVELOPMENT & PEACE RETREAT AND ASSEMBLY - The Calgary Diocesan Council will be hosting the Development & Peace Retreat and Assembly on April 28-30, 2017. The event will be held at the FCJ Centre, 219, 19 Avenue SW. 2017 will mark the organization's 50th anniversary. Development and Peace was established in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in response to Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter Populorum Progressio, which says that Development is the new word for Peace. Peace must be built daily, and it must strive towards a more perfect justice among human beings (Populorum Progressio, 76). That founding principle of Development and Peace is still maintained today. This is as relevant today, as it was 50 years ago. Mark your calendar and join us in this celebration. More details to follow soon.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - Volunteer Screening Coordinator – Pastoral Centre, Calgary
The RC Diocese of Calgary invites applications for a Volunteer Screening Coordinator to screen volunteers and assist with the coordination of volunteer activities throughout the planning, implementation and post-event functions of the One Rock Festival of Faith that takes place in August. For more information about this position and application details see the Diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/employment-opportunities.html>. The employment opportunity will be posted until the competition closes on February 9, 2017.

Assistant Coordinator – Feed the Hungry
The RC Diocese of Calgary invites applications for the role of Assistant Coordinator for Feed the Hungry Program which is administered through the Catholic Charities Office of the Diocese. For more information about this position and application details see the Diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/employment-opportunities.html>. The employment opportunity will be posted until the competition closes on January 27, 2017.

Sacramental Coordinator – All Saints, Lethbridge
All Saints Parish, Lethbridge invites application for a Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation. To apply please submit your resume to pastorallsaints@shaw.ca or mail to Fr. Kevin Tumback, 2405 12 Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1K 0P4. For more information about this position, qualifications and application details see the Diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/employment-opportunities.html>.

SCHOOL LITURGIES

Tuesday, January 17 @ 10:00am
Liturgy at Our Lady of Fatima School

Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society along with Divine Shepherd Prayer Group (of St. Thomas More Parish) are organizing Life in the Spirit Seminar on Friday, February 3, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Saturday, February 4, from 9:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday, February 5, from 2:00pm to 4:30pm at St Thomas More Church. This seminar is free of charge For more information please contact Sunitha D'Cunha @ 403-971-3046 or Liza Tabot @ 403-280-9624.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: JANUARY 18 - 25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18 - 25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has also been a long-standing practice by a number of communities to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates, in order to include two Sundays which in 2017 would be January 15 - 22.

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

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WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES JANUARY 15, 2017

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on June 20. This January observance was instituted by St. Pius X in 1914. "The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world" (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012).

Ordo 2017

KIDS & SENIORS CORNER #114

1. You cannot go out, but you can enter. You have no locks but have keys. You do not have room but have space. Who is this?
2. What is the single reason a bicycle will not stand by itself?
3. Who was the first electrical detective?
4. Name the river in which Christ was baptized? (The Nile, The Jordan, The Qishon or The Yarqon).

Contributed by Nyles Fernandes

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

Beginning the weekend of February 4/5, 2017 our weekend Mass times will change. We are in need of musicians: pianist, guitarist, violinist, drummer or player of any musical instrument, plus singers for the 12:30pm Mass. If you are interested please call Liza Tabot at 403-280-9624.



FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Registration forms will be at the Sacramental Bulletin Board beginning Monday, January 2, 2017. The last day to submit the completed registration form, with a copy of your child's Birth and Baptism Certificates with payment will be on Sunday, January 29, 2017. This Sacrament is for children in Grades 2 and above.

ST. THOMAS MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Cordially invites you to their Valentine's/Italian Night Dinner and Dance. Saturday, February 11 after the 5:30pm Mass. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, and available after all Masses or from one of their members.

An atheist was annoyed by the sight of a girl sitting next to him on the bus reading a religious book. "You believe all that stuff about Adam and Eve?" He asked her. "Yes," said the girl. "And about Jonas and the whale?" The girl nodded. "How do you prove it?" Persisted the atheist. "Are you going to ask Jonas when you get to heaven?" "Yes," said the girl. "But suppose he isn't there. What will you do?" The girl went calmly back to her book as she murmured: "Ah, then, you ask him."

Quote, from "With A Light Heart" by J. Maurus

1. A keyboard.
2. It is two-tired.
3. Mr. Sherlock ohms.
4. The Jordan.

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JANUARY 14/15, 2017 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR: Fr. John Alex Pinto, OCD

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Godwin Arun Pinto, OCD

PERMANENT DEACON: Deacon Norman Dumais

PARISH SECRETARY: Lori Tremblay

ACCOUNTANT: Anna McKiernan

HOSPITALITY: Everyone in the Parish!

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday 9:00am; Tuesday 7:00pm; Thursday 6:45pm;
Wednesday to Saturday 9:00am

Baptisms: An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session.

Next class: Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 10:00am

First Eucharist (Communion): Registration:
January 2 to 29, 2017

First Reconciliation: Next Registration: Fall of 2017

Confirmation: Next Registration: Spring of 2017

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (NEW SCHEDULE FEB 4/5)

Saturday 5:30pm Youth Focused
Sunday 9:30am, 11:30am & 5:00pm
(Igbo Mass 1st Sunday of the Month @ 2:00pm)

Morning Prayer: Mon. 8:40am & Wed. to Sat. 8:40am

Perpetual Help Novena: Tue. at 6:45pm

Adoration: Fri. 9:30am to 4:00pm and First Tue. 7:30pm

Infant Jesus Novena: Thu. at 6:45pm

Cancer Mass 7:00pm: Tue. February 14, 2017 at 7:00pm

Rosary: Sun. 8:50am, 10:50am & 4:30pm

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office

Reconciliation: Tue. 6:15pm and Sat. 4:30pm

CANADA 150/FAMILY DAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



On the weekend of February 18/19, sign up sheets are available in the foyer. This event is for anniversaries in multiples of 5 years (5, 10, 15, 20 etc.) Also, you will need to be attending one of the Masses on this weekend. Please also remember the change of the Mass times beginning February 4/5 weekend.

NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF
FEBRUARY 4/5, 2017
SATURDAY AT 5:30PM
SUNDAY AT 9:00AM, 10:45AM,
12:30PM AND 5:00PM

STEWARDSHIP: RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF JESUS CHRIST by Leisa Anslinger

"Once one chooses to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option." This quote from Bishop John McRaith, which opens the tenth anniversary edition of the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, captures the profound call to be formed and to form others as good and faithful stewards. Christian stewardship, as practiced in the Catholic tradition, is a particularly meaningful way to

live our lives as disciples. This year is the 25th anniversary of the publication of the pastoral letter, and we who are stewardship leaders still have much to learn from it.

Twenty-five years is a long time. And yet, in the context of the life of the Church, it is the blink of an eye. In the past 25 years, the pastoral letter has guided leaders in their formation as stewards and in their efforts to bring a spirituality of stewardship to their dioceses and parishes. The letter grounds us in the theology of stewardship, and at the same time, offers essential wisdom and guidance for all who hope to form people in this meaningful way of life. In this anniversary year, it will be good for us to read and reflect on the letter, again or for the first time, taking into consideration the implications for all who are dedicated to forming people as disciples who embrace living and growing as stewards. We will focus on these implications in the coming months.

Last autumn, I had the blessing of an extended email exchange with Bishop Sylvester Ryan about stewardship and the bishops' pastoral letter. He wrote in one email,

I think it is critical for us to emphasize that the title of the pastoral letter is Stewardship: A Disciple's Response. The spirituality of the pastoral letter is that we become disciples learning at the feet of Jesus and responding to Jesus who sends us forth to proclaim the Kingdom!

This is our beginning point for reflection: How does stewardship influence the way in which you live as a disciple of Jesus Christ? How do you form your community to respond to Christ's call to proclaim the Kingdom and to grow as good stewards?

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