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3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 25th, 2015 janvier
3 dimanche du temps ordinaire



Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

Baptism:

Usually any Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.

Focus of the Sunday Readings

Now is the time to respond to God and seize every grace-filled moment.

God blesses us with opportunities that can move us forward on the road to salvation. Let us open our minds and hearts so we are able to recognize these moments of grace and take full advantage of them. Whenever we listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit within us, it will be a time of spiritual growth that will keep our feet planted on the path that leads to eternal life.

In our first reading we hear that, through the preaching of Jonah, the Ninevites returned to God. In our second reading, Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that they are to live in readiness to meet the Lord. The Gospel from Saint Mark recounts how the first Apostles heeded the voice of Christ and responded immediately with their lives.

Mary's Veil Mary's Veil is a moving, musical production that explores and chronicles the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Through the 23 musical numbers of this original production, the audience connects with Mary as she grows from child, to wife, and mother. Songs are performed by the St. Peter's parish choir from Villeneuve. Mary's Veil will show at the Arden Theatre, St. Albert, on January 30 and 31 and February 1, 2015. General Admission \$25. Tickets available by calling the Arden (780-459-1542). Discounts for groups of 20 or more available by calling Ryan (780-419-2500). For more information see www.sandrabrenneis.com

SAINT PAUL, - January 25

Nothing matches the zeal of a new convert, be it someone who has just quit smoking, someone who has discovered the benefits of exercise, or someone who has had a religious conversion. Most of the time, however, zeal wears off. The first rush of enthusiasm is replaced by a mundane acceptance.

When we encounter someone who manages to keep the zest alive, we are automatically attracted. Their enthusiasm and excitement is contagious and sometimes, if we are lucky, their joie de vivre rekindles our own.

Saul, the name St. Paul had before he became a Christian, was always zealous. He was so determined to persecute fellow Jews who converted to the new religion that he asked the high priest for permission to arrest all the Jewish converts at Damascus and bring them to Jerusalem.

It was on the road to Damascus that Saul had one of the greatest conversions of all time. Struck to the ground, he heard a voice asking, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" The speaker then identified himself as Jesus of Nazareth. Saul, soon-to-be Paul, had a complete change of heart. From that time on, the zeal he showed in persecuting converts paled in comparison to his zeal in making converts. What's the most impressive is that his zeal never died. Up to the time of his death, he passionately preached his convictions. In fact, his zeal bridges nearly two thousand years and his letters continue to inspire and convert millions even today.

From the Diocese

Dear Parishioners:

You are warmly invited to join us to celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life on **The Feast of The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple**, on Monday, February 2nd Mass at 7:00 pm at the Saint Paul Cathedral.

+ Bishop Paul

St. Thomas Aquinas, - January 28th

When the Dominicans list their most famous members, St. Thomas Aquinas is almost always near the top. Called “the dumb Silician ox” by his classmates, St. Thomas went on to write the *Summa Theologica*, one of the greatest of all theological works.

But if his mother had her way, Thomas would have been a Benedictine instead of a Dominican. Thomas spent most of his youth in the Benedictine abbey of Monte Cassino. It was not until he studied at the University of Naples that he became involved with the Order of Preachers and eventually joined their company.

Theodora, who had visions of her son becoming the abbot of Monte Cassino, was outraged. She tried many tactics, including having his brothers kidnap him and keep him under house arrest for two years, to try to dissuade him from remaining with the Dominicans. In the end, however, Thomas’s resolution won out.

Often we think of resolution as the goals we set on New Year’s Day and abandon on January 2. On the contrary, the virtue of resolution lies more in gritty determination than mental pledge. It is stick-to-itiveness, backbone, tenacity. Without resolution, we cannot turn dreams into reality. With it, literally anything we set our minds to is possible. St. Thomas is usually remembered for his profound writings, but without his firm resolution, none of his great works would ever have been possible.

Men of Integrity Catholic Men's Conference

February 6-7, 2015

Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, AB
200 Boundary Road, North of Highway 16A
(between Spruce Grove and Stony Plain)

Lead by Example!

“Called To Holiness” Dan DeMatte

Registration forms are at the back of the church or visit the website at www.catholicfamilyministries.com

First Friday Adoration

On the First Friday of February we will have a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm and everyone will be able to come for longer or shorter period of time to spend with Eucharistic Jesus. We will begin with Mass at 8:30 am, then the blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration and prayer. At the end of the day there will be also Mass at 7:00 pm. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church so that at least 2 people sign for each hour to make sure there is always someone present in the church with Blessed Sacrament exposed. But we invite everyone to come during a day to spend some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



Marriage Preparation 2015 There will be a Marriage Preparation for those who are planning to get married. April 24,25,26 at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre To register, please contact Louise Lavoie at louiselavoie@dioceseofstpaul.ca Tel: 780.645.3277 ext 30 or call the Parish office at 780-939-4412 for more info.



KC Breakfast

The Next KC Breakfast is today January 25th, 2015
from 9:00 am till 12:30 pm at the Rendez -Vous Centre



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Jan 24 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Mary & Cyril Depre – Isabel & family	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 25 Sun - dim	9:00 am	For Parishioners	
	11:00 am	RIP Frank LeBlanc – LeBlanc Family	
Jan 27 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP Alphonsine Soetaert - CWL	
Jan 28 Wed - mer	10:00 am 7:00 pm	(Lodge) RIP Adele Mahe - Family (Church) RIP Normand Boissonneault - Family	St. Thomas Aquinas
Jan 29 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Cecile Demers - Family	
Jan 30 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Robert LeBlanc – LeBlanc Family	
Jan 31 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Claude Riopel – Simone & Family	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb 1 Sun - dim	9:00 am	For Parishioners	
	11:00 am	Deceased Relatives – Robert & Lil	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Link Byfield, Louise B, Raymond Garneau. All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments; expecting mothers; peace in our families, community and the world.



We welcome to God's family

Kailyn Rae Neumann

daughter of Lyle & Amy

Baptized on January 24th, 2015



CWL NEWS The CWL 2015 memberships are currently due the membership fee is \$25.00 please put the envelope in the collection basket and **mark the envelope CWL** or you can drop the envelope off at the Parish office.

The next CWL meeting is on Thursday February 5th at 7:00 pm in the CWL Boardroom at the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome!

The Parish office will be closed on Wednesday January 28th in the morning.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES January 18th – \$ 4,088.00 Restoration \$ 70.00 THANK YOU! MERCI!

UPCOMING EVENTS

KC Breakfast	- Jan 25 th , Sunday 9-12:30	- Rendez-Vous Centre
Dust Angels	- Jan 26 th , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
RCIA	- Jan 27 th , Tuesday 7:00 pm	- Rectory Basement