# St. Thomas More Parish & St. Bernadette Mission



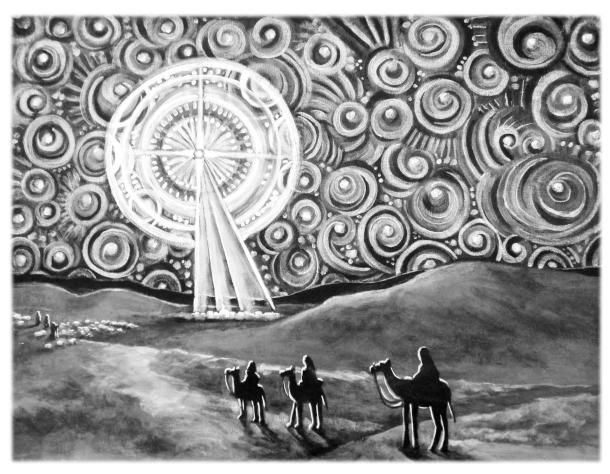
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# **Epiphany**

8<sup>th</sup> January 2017



Arise, shine, for your light has come...

Isaiah 60:1a

# Coming up...

# Tuesday, January 10th

9:00am – Mass in the Rectory

# Thursday, January 12th

9:00am – Mass in the Rectory

# Saturday, January 14th

9:00am – Mass in Church

9:45am – CWC and Mens' Group Meetings

2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions

4:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More

# Sunday, January 15th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More (For the intentions of the CWC)

10:00am – Coffee Sunday

11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission (For the people)

# Thank you for your generous offerings

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016: \$922 Average for 32 received envelopes: \$26.00 December eGive: \$281 (\$70.25 weekly avg.)

December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016: \$1973.05 Average for 52 received envelopes: \$29.60

\$660 raised and offered to Millbrook Food Bank thanks to your generosity!

# St. Thomas More Parish now offers **eGive**, Electronic Giving

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#### ~ Regular Sunday Masses ~

Saturday, 4pm at St. Thomas More, Millbrook Sunday, 9am at St. Thomas More, Millbrook & 11:30am at St. Bernadette, Yelverton (Old United Church, Hwy 7 W, Yelverton)

#### ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation ~

45 minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

#### ~ Baptisms ~

Parents seeking baptism for their child should see
Father Craig after Mass or visit the website to
download the information form. The Baptismal
Preparation Period is completed at your own pace
and usually takes about three weeks. Preparation can
begin before the birth of your child.

## ~ Marriage ~

Couples seeking Marriage must meet Father Craig at least one year prior to a desired date.

## ~ Birthday & Anniversary Announcements ~

Anyone wishing to publicly share a birthday or anniversary with the community at the end of Mass should see Phil Unger or Father Craig before Mass begins. Anyone wishing to renew their marriage vows and receive a special blessing for a significant anniversary should see Fr. Craig at least one week in advance of the anniversary.

# ~ Organic Fair-trade Coffee ~

Organic, fresh, 100% Columbian fair-trade, Arabica coffee is available for purchase from Bruce or Francisca Gazley, at 705-932-1723 or after Coffee Sunday for \$12/lb. Available coffees are espresso or medium or dark roast, whole bean or ground. Deliveries to St. Bernadette can be arranged.

# $\sim$ Mens' and Womens' Groups $\sim$

The Mens' and Womens' Groups support our parish with community building events, fundraising and by meeting many other parish needs. They meet every second Saturday of the month after the 9am Mass.

# ~ formed.org parish code ~



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# Please remember in your prayers... Those who are sick, especially: Erica Perk

and those who have died, especially:

Mary Avison & Anna Mae Eckert

Contact Fr. Craig to have a name added to this list

for four weeks.

#### Children's Group

Jesus was so extraordinary that people who had never met him were ready to leave whatever they were doing to follow him. All children, especially those in kindergarten through grade four, are welcome to our parish hall on January 21<sup>st</sup> after the 9am Mass to make friends and to prepare to meet Jesus by taking a look how Jesus called his first disciples to follow him.

#### **Coffee Sunday**

Plan to stop by the parish hall after the 9am Mass next weekend (Jan 15<sup>th</sup>) for coffee, snacks and fellowship at the monthly Coffee Sunday.

#### CWC and Men's Group Meetings

All men and women of the parish are welcome to attend the men's and women's group meetings next Saturday (Jan 14<sup>th</sup>) after the 9am Mass to make plans for serving our parish and larger community.

#### Camp Northern Lights Annual Appeal

Camp Northern Lights provides a wilderness camping experience for children and leadership experience for teens as volunteer counsellors. The annual collection for Camp Northern Lights will take place on the weekend of January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. You will find special envelopes for this collection in next weekend's bulletin. All cheques should be made payable to 'Camp Northern Lights'. For further information, contact the chairman of the board, Jim Gibson, at 705-742-5578.

#### New Appointment of our Bishop

The Holy Father has appointed our Bishop, William McGrattan, as bishop of Calgary to succeed Bishop Frederick Bernard Henry, whose resignation was accepted. The announcement of a new bishop for our diocese has not yet been made.

#### January recommendations for formed.org

# FORMED® THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

Become a New Creation in 2017

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

Many refer to the joy, peace and conviction found in faith, the decision to entrust oneself wholly to God and believe what He says, as becoming a "new creation". This is the fulfillment of the effects of our baptism when we were "born of water and the Spirit" [John 3:5]. There is no greater New Year's Resolution than to make that decision each and every day. Enjoy the following when making your own resolutions: all for free on formed.org.

#### Movie - St. Barbara

In the year 303, Barbara is the 20-year-old pagan daughter of a Roman governor during a time of Christian persecution. When Giuliana, a slave raised alongside her almost like a sister, is condemned to death for her Christian faith, Barbara valiantly attempts to save Giuliana as well as other Christians being persecuted.

# Audio - From Atheism to Catholicism: My Conversion Diary

## By Jennifer Fulwiler (65min)

Jennifer Fulwiler is a popular writer and speaker from Austin, Texas. In this compelling presentation, she recalls her spiritual journey —one that ultimately led her to enter the Catholic Church after a life of atheism.

## Book - Sacraments in Scripture By Tim Gray (96 pages)

Delve into the biblical origin for each of these masterpieces of God's love. Gray guides readers through the Gospels, showing Christ's deliberate acts to inaugurate these sacred signs as the foundation of the New Covenant.

#### Study - Reborn

Explores the power of Baptism and the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and the child being baptized. Reborn presents the foundation of Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.