

Saint Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Parish
Parish Office located at 1725 Oxford Street, Halifax, NS B3H 3Z7
Phone: 902-423-3057 Fax: 902-484-6944 (Open: Monday to Friday from 8:00 am - 12 pm and 1 – 4:00 pm)
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January 13th, 2019 - The Baptism of the Lord

Vision - A growing, joyful community of disciples engaged through personal relationship with Jesus Christ, inspired and sustained through the Holy Spirit, and focused on the transformation of our city and our world.

Mission - Through personal and community worship and prayer, faith development, vibrant and uplifting Liturgies, and engaged ministry leadership, we form missionary disciples to build the Kingdom of God.

St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs, 1725 Oxford Street

- **Rev. Mark Cherry, Pastor** frmark@bellaliant.com
- **Tracy Francis, Parish Secretary,** office@bellaliant.com
- **Deacon Dan Daley,** Coordinator of Pastoral Life & Strategic Planning daleyd@bellaliant.com
- **Mary Therese MacDonell,** Director of Adult & Family Faith Formation – familyministries@bellaliant.com
- **Heather Orlando,** Youth Coordinator- youth16@bellaliant.com
- **Tony Howard,** Maintenance (Janitorial)
- **George Reid,** Janitorial Assistant

Daily Masses:

- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses:

- Saturday at 4:30 pm
- Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 pm

Mass Intentions

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| ➤ Wednesday, January 16th - | 9:00 a.m. | Don Paterson † |
| ➤ Thursday, January 17th - | 9:00 a.m. | Patronella Nicholas - living |
| ➤ Friday, January 18th - | 9:00 a.m. | Gerald O'Malley † |

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE

To our Parishioners
 As you know, we have been moving forward with our plan to build a new Parish Centre with the next step of engaging an architect to design and oversee the building. Intersecting with this process is the larger Archdiocesan initiative *New Parishes: Stronger Together* which, anticipates the amalgamation of parishes throughout the Archdiocese over the next year. On the peninsula, there will be three parishes – the union of St Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs and St Agnes; the union of St Theresa’s, St Mother Teresa of Kolkata, St Catherine of Sienna and St Patrick’s; and, St Mary’s Cathedral Basilica. With the significant transitions this year, we have been advised by the Archbishop that we are to postpone our building plans so that all of the members of our new parish can talk about our combined needs as well as the needs of the church on the whole peninsula. While we are taking the time to ensure we are making the best choices, we will be making some repairs to the Parish Hall to maintain it in good condition.
 Please feel free to contact Deacon Dan Daley if you have any questions or comments.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION ~ Bishop Robert Barron’s The Mass

“Walk through the Liturgy of the Mass with Bishop Barron and you’ll be **transformed** through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. *The Mass* will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in **the source and summit of the Christian life.**” The 6-week series will begin on **Monday, January 21st in the St. Thomas Aquinas Hall from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

To register, or for more info, contact Tracy Francis at 902-423-3057 or email her, office@stacm.ca

HEALING MASS – THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH

There will be a Healing Mass on **Thursday, January 24th at 7 p.m.** Before the Mass, there will be a time of Prayer and Adoration beginning at 6 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the rosary will be prayed, followed by a silent time of Adoration. There will be a short Benediction and repose of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:50 p.m. The Healing Mass begins at 7 p.m. with **prayers for healing** after the Mass. All are invited to participate, as they are able. For more information please contact Tracy at the Parish Office.



PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

STACM Parish is pleased to offer the Marriage Preparation Course, *Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage.* In 7 sessions couples will explore the profound importance, meaning, purpose, and beauty of the sacrament of matrimony. Couples will tackle various concerns of marriage from dealing with conflict to fostering intimacy. Guest speakers will speak on topics such as: communication, finances, and natural family planning. This course will run for 7 weeks beginning **Wednesday, January 30th, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** at the St. Thomas Aquinas hall. Registration fee for the course is \$100. For more information contact Mary Thérèse MacDonell, Director of Family and Adult Faith Formation: 902-423-3057 or e-mail familyministries@stacm.ca

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 17th, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.
Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall (Upper Level)

CALL TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ~

“Could you not keep watch for one hour?” MK 14:37

Hours of Adoration are shown below. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, please phone Tracy at the Parish Office.

- ❑ **Tuesday:** 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- ❑ **Wednesday:** 9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- ❑ **Thursday:** 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- ❑ **Friday:** 9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- ❑ **First Friday evening of each month:** (October - May)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- ❑ **All night (Nocturnal) Prayer Vigil:** (First Friday night)
10:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.

HELPING CHILDREN FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based approach to forming children aged 3-12 in the Faith. A Formation Course to become a Level 1 Catechist with CGS will be held (Part 1) **February 5-10, 2019** and (Part 2) April 29-May 4, 2019 at **St. Agnes Church** in Halifax, NS. To find out more information or to register, visit www.novascotiagcs.wordpress.com or contact Nicole at 902-430-6333 or nicole.andrea.snook@gmail.com
"I thought I was taking the training to catechize children when in reality it was for me as well, a child of God in search of Our Lord."

BILLETS NEEDED

Is Hospitality your Gift? A formation course for catechists will be held at St. Agnes Church in Halifax Feb 4 - 10, which, will require billets for the formation team as well as out of town guests. Volunteers will also be needed to provide transportation (to and from the airport as well as to and from the course daily). If you are interested or would like more information, visit www.novascotiagcs.wordpress.com or contact Nicole Snook at 902-430-6333 or nicole.andrea.snook@gmail.com



Rotated Tuesdays at 7pm in the Hall. This month we will focus on Encountering Grace in Sacred Space. The ways we can enter into prayer is as unique as who we are as individuals. This week we will break open a number of different ways to pray. There is no wrong way...JUST DO IT!
 We will also continue to collect items for **Greater Love Halifax** through the month. We are looking for hats, mittens, scarfs, socks, warmers, as well as non-perishable food items such as granola bars cliff bars, and single packaged snacks. Gift cards, like, McDonalds, Tim’s, Subway are also great ways to not only offer much needed food but also an opportunity for a person to come off the street on a cold day and warm up.



THRIVE will be set to launch its next series on “Discipleship” on January 20. We are currently in the process of reaching out to youth from other parishes to join us in this opportunity to grow in our faith and ability to defend and share that faith as Disciples. Follow us here and on Instagram at [@thrivefx](https://www.instagram.com/thrivefx) for details. If you know any youth in grade 9-12 who could benefit from this community please contact Heather Orlando at the youth office. 902-423-3057 or youth16@bellaliant.com



Family Formation
Our next Family Formation will be Sunday, Feb. 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the hall. Elizabeth Boyd will be doing the presentation on the Sacraments of Healing, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
 Family of Faith is our parish based, family, Sunday school program for parents with children in Grades Primary to Grade 6. Sacramental Preparation is a 2-year process, typically beginning in the first grade before children receive the sacraments the following year. For more information contact, Mary Therese MacDonell familyministries@bellaliant.com
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**FINANCIAL CORNER –
 Collections - Week of January 6th, 2019**

	WEEKLY BUDGET	ACTUAL OFFERING	DIFFERENCE
PAO	\$3,231.	\$3,282.	\$51.
Envelopes	\$3,443.	\$1,952	(\$1,491)
Loose	\$436.	\$403	\$33.
Total	\$7,110.	\$5,637	(\$1,473.)

PEW ENVELOPES

Anyone using Pew Envelopes who would like a tax receipt, please fill in the information on the front of the envelope and include your name and address. Thank you.