

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mondays 7:00 pm
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am
Friday 9:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm
6:00 pm

CONFESSION

45 minutes before weekday Masses
Saturday 4:00 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday 6:00 pm
1st Fridays 9 am - 3 pm

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT:

Pastoral Care

- Sacrament of the Sick: any day at any hour
- Regular pastoral visits can be arranged for the homebound

Baptism

- See Baptismal brochure in stand or look on website
- Parents & godparents are required to take preparation classes

Marriages

- Schedule an appointment before you book any other facilities
- An approved pre-marriage course is required
- A minimum of 4 months of notice is required

First Reconciliation and First Communion

- For baptized children 7 years of age and older
- Preparation classes are required
- See green sacrament brochure for details

Confirmation

- For those 11 years of age and older who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion
- Preparation classes are required.

RCIA and RCIA - Adapted for Children (8-15 yrs.)

- For those who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith or who wish to become Catholic.
- Classes start each fall.

PARISH STAFF:

PASTORAL STAFF

Family Coordinator: Monica Bober
Youth Coordinator: Sara Dmitri
Sacrament Assistant: Kathleen Eistetter
Sacrament Assistant: Diane Middleton
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich
RCIA Coordinator: Darlene Smigelski
RCIA & Sacrament Asst. Olivia Dias

OFFICE STAFF

Business Administrator: Christopher Snaith
Receptionist: Shannon Van Soest
Interim Bookkeeper: Joey Kolinsky
Custodian: Arthur Connick
Evening Receptionist: Gideon Boyle

**To email the staff, please visit the [Contact](#) page of our website for details.*

November 4th, 2018

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November

The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Our Roman Catholic celebrations and prayers are associated with the doctrine that:

- the souls of the faithful, who at death have not been cleansed from the temporal punishment due to venial sins and from attachment to mortal sins, and who cannot immediately attain the beatific vision in heaven; and,
- that they may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the Mass.

In other words, when they died, they had not yet attained full sanctification and moral perfection, a requirement for entrance into Heaven. We pray for our dead.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.



Please note: There will be no Masses at St. Thomas More this coming week November 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th due to the Priest's Fall Assembly. All Mass Intentions on these dates will be said at Providence Centre. We will resume our Masses on Friday, Nov. 9th.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon.	Nov. 05 Mass at Providence Center	Devanne Naidoo +Marion Procter
Tues.	Nov. 06 Mass at Providence Center	Anne Gau +Varghese Edayanthathu
Wed.	Nov. 07 Mass at Providence Center	Connie Deluna +Jack Weyenberg
Thurs.	Nov. 08 Mass at Providence Center	Sr. Lucinda Patterson +Betsy Soh
Fri.	Nov. 09	9:00am +Donna Battensby +Jack Weyenberg
Sat.	Nov. 10	9:00am +Armand Baril +Donna Battensby
		5:00pm +Maria Carmen +Loretta Brown
Sun.	Nov. 11	8:30am Isabelle Smith
		10:00am +Wilfredo Ycay
		12:00pm +Socorro Ramos Sr.
		6:00pm +Elba Rosa Pineda



Formed.org

Our parish will soon be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation. For a better understanding of the sacrament, we suggest you listen to this 44 minute talk entitled *Confirmation: The sacrament of Evangelization and Martyrdom*. We often misunderstand the actual nature of the Sacrament of Confirmation and how it directly affects our lives. In this talk, we are invited to understand better the tremendous graces and calling received through this Sacrament.

Bishop's Pastoral visit

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on November 18th — at 3:00 and 6:00 pm. **Archbishop Richard Smith will be the celebrant.**

Archbishop Smith has indicated that he will also use this occasion to make a pastoral visit to St Thomas More; he will be the main celebrant at the **noon Mass**. After Mass, he will visit with parishioners and answer your questions in the parish hall. We hope that many of you will plan to attend this Mass and social. If you come to the noon Mass we hope you will stay and greet our bishop. Please make your Mass plans for November 18th according to this information. Archbishop Smith welcomes this chance to dialog with members of our parish; listen to what he has to say and let him know your hopes for St Thomas More.

Catholic Education Sunday

Every year on the first Sunday of November, we observe Catholic Education Sunday. We take time to give thanks to God for the blessing of Catholic education, and we pray in a special way for all students, teachers, staff, administrators and trustees of our Catholic schools.



The trustees and superintendent of Edmonton Catholic Schools have added their own words of celebration and encouragement in a letter to all their partners in Catholic Education.

"Catholic Education Sunday provides us all with the opportunity to give thanks for the fact that we have publicly funded Catholic education in Alberta," they write. "Together we need to advocate for the continuation of publicly funded Catholic education for our children of today and tomorrow. Our voices are important and make a difference!"

Oct. 28

**Regular Sunday Collection
14, 897.00**

**TWS (Together We Serve)
120.00**



Baptism: Infant to 7 yrs.

Contact: Diane Middleton 780-434-6313 ext. 233

Would you like to have your child baptized soon?

There is room for 2 more children to be baptized at the 2pm Liturgy on Sunday, November 25. – completion of a baptism preparation class is a pre-requisite. As well, call Diane to make an appointment to register your child for baptism on this date or any other.



Baptism Preparation Next: on 2 consecutive Mondays – Dec. 3 & 10 from 7 to 9pm – call Diane to sign up.

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized: In October, the following children were received into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Liana C. Locke M. Claire T. Bethany L. Alainah B.
Makena G-C. Benjamin T. Victoria W
Lukas D. and Hudson S.

Please remember our new little brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Brochure: For process, requirements, additional dates offered for preparation etc. please refer to the baptism brochure. You will find it in the stand at the main entrance to the church and at the [Sacraments](#) link on our website stm.caedm.ca.

The STM Parish grocery card program

continues to welcome greater parishioner participation. This is a great way to support parish projects and charitable works, at no cost to you.



Members of the Knights of Columbus sell Safeway, Superstore, Sobeys, Save-On, Tim Hortons \$25 and Boston Pizza \$50 cards

before and after all Sunday morning Masses, and also on the first and third Saturday of each month.

Please take the time to support the program regularly.

Our 2019 Missals have arrived.

They can be purchased at the K of C table at the front entrance of the Church after weekend Masses or from the office.



The Parish Directory: Please register after the Mass or register online through our parish website. Parish groups are also invited to sign-up for their group photos - the sign-up sheets are at the church foyer. If you need more information, please call Mary Ann Sosa (780-686-8886) or Leo Sosa (780-266-9832).

The next Marriage Preparation program at St. Thomas More will take place March 15, 16 and 17, 2019.



For information email:

stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com.

Please indicate your names, wedding date and location when emailing for information.

Other Marriage Preparation programs available:
Catholic Engaged Encounter:

<http://ceewest.com/communities/edmonton/>

On-line Marriage Preparation:

<http://caedm.ca/PastoralParishServices/LifeandFamily/MarriagePreparation/MarriagePreparationPrograms/OtherPrograms/OnlineMarriagePreparation>

Parish Sacrament News:

1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion are offered to children in grade 2. What an exciting year for these young children to celebrate **TWO** sacraments. See the green brochures in your school office or STM parish for details.



DROP-IN REGISTRATION.

Drop in to St. Thomas More parish to register your child for the two sacraments.

Drop-in registration will occur from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on the **1st Saturday of each month** (Oct. thru Feb.).

Register your child at **the parish on the 1st Saturday of the month**. Please contact Kathleen at the Parish for further details.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

In a speech in Washington on September 24, 2005, Pope Francis said; "We can find no social or moral justification, no justification whatsoever, for lack of housing." One of the areas of focus for the City of Edmonton poverty strategy is affordable housing and a specific goal to prevent people from becoming homeless. It is more difficult to find housing for a homeless person than it is to prevent homelessness from happening in the first place. One of the services SSVP will provide is a onetime assistance with rent to help a family avoid eviction. In 2017 we helped 9 families avoid eviction and so far in 2018 we have helped 12 families.

If you or someone you know needs help or wishes to donate furniture or household goods, please give us a call at 780-471-5577 or visit us at - www.ssvpedmonton.ca.



If you want to learn more about SSVP or get involved with the Divine Mercy Conference please come to our meetings held in the Chapter Room at St. Thomas More on the first Tuesday of the month following the 7pm Mass.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS

Fatal Flaws, *Legalizing Assisted Death.*

Please join Saint Thomas More Parish, and Mr. Alex Schedenberg, Executive Director and International Chair of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition for a screening of *Fatal Flaws* on Tuesday, Nov. 20th at 7:30pm, in the church hall following the 7pm Mass (follow the link: <https://fatalflawsfilm.com/> to see the trailer).

For more information see the poster at the entrance of the church or contact Monica Bober at: family@stmparish.com.

Catholic Family Ministries invites all women to join them for this year's **Women of Dignity Conference** at Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove November 16-17, 2018.

Please join them with keynote speaker, Leah Darrow, international Catholic speaker, writer and host of the popular *Do Something Beautiful* pod cast, guest speaker, Sister Marie Therese, and celebrant Most Reverend Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton.

For more information, and to register please visit: www.catholicfamilyministries.com.

Annual Consecration Mass Saturday December 8, 9:00 a.m.

The Annual Consecration Mass, where we are invited to make or renew our consecration to Jesus through Mary, takes place on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 am. (Rosary at 8:40 am; Mass with the Consecration at 9:00 am; coffee and fellowship to follow.)



There will not be a group preparation for consecration this year. If you would like to do a personal preparation using the book **33 Days to Morning Glory** (or another consecration preparation resource of your choice) the 33 personal retreat begins on Monday, November 5th. We have a small supply of **33 Days to Morning Glory** books available for \$6 each, first come first served.

You can view the 33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration video series on Formed.org (under the tab 'Study' and then 'Faith Formation'). If you do not already have an account with Formed.org, use the Parish access code TBQYW9 to register.

Regardless of whether or not you choose to undertake the 33 days of preparation, please mark the Consecration Mass on your calendar and plan to attend on Saturday, December 8th for the 9:00 am Mass.

Contact June at iwanicka@telus.net or Kathy at gustl@telusplanet.net for books or for more information.

All bulletin items and after Mass announcements should be directed to: stm.secretary@stmparish.com Deadline: **Tuesday noon**

The St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank those who donated items for our November Bake and Christmas sale.



The mission of our organization is to make a positive difference in the lives of the residents of St. Joseph's hospital: a facility that provides compassionate, holistic 24-hour nursing care to people with complex medical needs. We appreciate your generous and continued support.

Called to Protect

Are you a new volunteer? All volunteers over the age of 18 are required to attend the Archdiocesan safe environments training, *Called to Protect*. If you haven't yet done so, St. Thomas More will be hosting this training on November 8th, 2018 at 7pm in the Parish hall. Please register for the training with the Parish Office. If you are unable to attend this training, please visit

<https://www.caedm.ca/CalledToProtectCalendar>

for additional dates and locations, and call the hosting office to register.

EAC's (Edmonton City Centre Church Cooperation)

School Lunch Program is helping children to concentrate on their school work and not on their hunger. Please put your donations in the lunch bags and drop them in the collection basket next weekend. Please make cheques payable to "Edmonton School Lunch Program".



Thank you for your support. Catholic Women's League.

DOUBLE MOVIE FEATURE NIGHT

at St. Thomas More Parish Hall

Friday, November 9th at 7 pm

FOR CHILDREN: Brother Francis and the Saints & Saint Perpetua

(Total 75 minutes including a game)

Popcorn and drinks provided / Bring a blanket/sleeping bag to sit on

Children 4 years and under must be accompanied by an adult

FOR YOUTH & ADULTS: Purgatory: The Forgotten Church

(Rated PG 12 – 85 minutes)

This 90 minute documentary is jam-packed with solid Catholic teaching and scientific evidence on purgatory. Come and get the facts, leave with a better understanding and start a new devotion. ***"May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen."***

Popcorn and drinks provided / Free will offering will be accepted.