

# 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

1 hour before all morning & evening weekday Masses

## ADORATION

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

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## 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.

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## 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.*



# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019

## “Jesus passed through the midst of them and went on His way.”

Rave reviews greeted Jesus' first hometown homily proclaiming a year of God's mercy, but the mood turned violent when He went on to declare that God's mercy embraces outsiders; it rejects distinction between citizen and foreigner, acceptable and unworthy, even sinner and saint. Far from being anyone's personal possession, God's kingdom is open to everyone, God's love unconditional, God's mercy boundless. Our Popes often repeated Jesus' challenge in today's Gospel to broaden our horizons until our vision matches Jesus' vision of every sinner as a potential saint, and each suffering stranger as our neighbour. Jesus continually went beyond the law, keeping company with public sinners and even sharing meals with them to demonstrate that God's mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel." To be truly Jesus' disciples, such unconditional love and boundless mercy must also be at the center of all we say and do.

### Prayers for the Sick

We care about the sick and suffering in our parish and pray for them daily. These prayers are included in the intentions of the rosary that we pray before the Eucharist.

*We pray for:*

**Loreta Caranto, Beth De Los Santos,  
Piding De Los Santos**



*May they receive the peace & healing of the Lord*

**February 11 is World Day of the Sick,**  
*the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes; on that day, at 7pm, we will have a healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick for those who are not well.*

### Next Sunday Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8, Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

**Next Sunday: Breaking Bread Hymnal**

431 *Be not Afraid*, 378 *Here I Am, Lord*,

503 *Lord, You have Come*, 356 *I am the Living Bread*,

383 *The Summons*, 559 *O Bless the Lord*

### Formed.org

The Knights of Columbus are very active in our parish so our suggestion for you this week is the film "Father Michael McGivney". Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, a mutual benefit society that today remains the world's largest Catholic lay organization. This film offers a glimpse into the life of an extraordinary priest and visionary leader. From defending the persecuted Church to protecting widows and orphans, Father Michael McGivney celebrates the triumphs and tribulations of a parish priest in a small New England Community. Now his work has spread throughout the world. Our parish code is TBQYW9.

## Eucharistic Adoration

*Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you...* (Mt 11:28)

Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.



Jesus invites us to spend time with him in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Each Tuesday from 6:00-7:00 pm and on the First Friday of the month from 9:30am -3:00pm** the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar in the monstrance and there is time for communal and private prayer. It is a time for us to recite our favorite prayers, meditate or just sit with Jesus, our good friend. We can pray for the needs of the world, the Church and vocations as well as our own private needs.

"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*). This devotional practice is a spiritually enriching and peaceful experience. We encourage you to take part.

### Celebrating Anniversaries:

**Steve & Veronica Sprysak's "50th" Wedding Anniversary**

May God bless you and deepen your love for each other.

		†	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	†
Mon.	Feb. 4	7:00pm	Mena Jewel +Bert Goerress	
Tues.	Feb. 5	7:00pm	Stella Hoeg +Zygmunt Cynar +Charles Sequeira	
Wed.	Feb. 6	9:00am	+Olga George +Shirley Bielich	
Thurs.	Feb. 7	9:00am	+Gordie Parks and Ray Barber +Lucille Dendwick	
Fri.	Feb. 8	9:00am	+Michael Joseph Wong +Aileen Mahon	
Sat.	Feb. 9	9:00am	+Modest Kowal Francis Moorthie +Elba Rosa Pineda +Epifanio Urena	
		5:00pm	<i>Special Anniversary Blessing for Steve &amp; Veronica Sprysak</i>	
Sun.	Feb. 10	8:30am 10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	+Jerome Rodrigues Lorna Bygrave +Joseph & Regina Chemmanoor +Rosa Tran and +Maria Ruong	

### Our Offerings: Jan.27

Regular Sunday Collection: \$14,231.00

PAD February Collection: \$23,939.00

## Times for Confessions

It is encouraging to see the large numbers who seek forgiveness and grace through the sacrament of Reconciliation.



It has been the practice in the parish to have confessions only on Saturday before evening Mass. We priests often come at 3:30 to find a line forming. There is always time for a few confessions but priests need time to spiritually prepare to celebrate the Eucharist and cannot deal adequately with this long line. If Saturday confession has become your practice, please consider one of the other available times.

Confessions are available daily one hour before Mass; that is at 8:00am Wednesday to Saturday and 6:00pm Monday and Tuesday. The Archdiocese Day of Confessions will be on March 12, with confession available throughout the entire day and evening. As well, there will be a parish penitential service during Lent with many priests present. Confession is also available anytime you come to church and a priest is present.

*Few things accelerate the feeling of peace as much as admitting our sins and asking forgiveness.*

The Father Bonner Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to invite your family to attend the:

**2019 Pasta Dinner and Dance**  
**Saturday, February 16th**  
**(after the 5pm Mass)**



There will be door prizes and live music for the dance by **Barry and the Decades.**

Tickets will be sold after the weekend masses for the next two weekends, and are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids 7-12, and free for kids 6 and under. Alternatively, tickets can be reserved by contacting the Knights by email: [events@kofc7599.org](mailto:events@kofc7599.org) or by phoning the parish office.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

**Marriage Preparation Program** at St. Thomas More:  
March 15, 16 and 17, 2019.



**Deadline to register for Marriage Preparation is February 20, 2019.**

For information email [stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com](mailto:stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com).  
*Please indicate your names, wedding date and location when emailing for information.*

## Culture of Life Ministry

**General Membership Meeting**  
**Monday, February 11, (7:35-9:00pm) after**  
**7:00pm Holy Mass (6:40pm Holy Rosary)**

Our special guest that evening, **Mrs. Amberlee Duteau, Alberta & Saskatchewan Campus Coordinator with the National Campus Life Network**, will discuss the work she does to spread the culture of life in our universities and colleges, and how we can help her to continue her difficult mission.

All parishioners interested in the promotion of a Culture of Life in our Parish are most welcome to join us. For further information please email [prolifestm@gmail.com](mailto:prolifestm@gmail.com)

## BAPTISM

**Registration:** By appointment for baptism of infants to 7 years. Baptism is necessary for salvation and therefore it is recommended that parents baptize their children as soon as possible after their birth.



**Preparation: Monday, March 18 (7 to 9pm) and Saturday, April 13 (10am to noon)** - for parents & godparents – you do not need to have registered the child for baptism to be able to take this class. The baptism preparation requirement can be met before the child is born thereby allowing the baptism to occur more readily after the arrival.

**Brochure:** For process, requirements, 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](http://stm.caedm.ca).

**Note:** Baptisms are not typically celebrated during the penitential time of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 6). In serious circumstances, exceptions can be made, but otherwise, baptisms will not occur until after Easter (April 21).

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

## First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

**Parent/Child meetings**  
**begin the week of Feb. 4-8.**



*Please contact Kathleen at the Parish for further details.*

## Youth Rally – 2019

Join over 100 youth at this years Youth Rally on **February 23, 2019!** Fr. Samson (our associate pastor from last year), will be leading the talks and the day will be filled with lots of fun, food and great community! Anyone in Grade 7 – 12 is welcome to attend! Contact [youth@stmparish.com](mailto:youth@stmparish.com) for more information. Deadline to register is Sunday, February 11.

## Donate your Used Hockey Equipment



We are collecting used hockey equipment for a First Nations community in northern Alberta, Atikameg. They have a new program with over 50 kids attending, but do not have enough equipment for everyone. They are looking for ANY items! Please consider donating! Contact Sara Dmitri for more info! Deadline is Sunday, February 11.

## Join our Youth Email Newsletter

We have lots of volunteer opportunities and service projects around the Parish! If you wish to receive the newsletter, email: [youth@stmparish.com](mailto:youth@stmparish.com)

**Quid Novum** (meaning **What is new**) is the weekly electronic bulletin of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. You can receive this bulletin **in your inbox** by subscribing. It is an easy way to find **information** about archdiocesan **news** and **events**.



## QUID NOVUM

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**Women's Retreat at St. Thomas More Parish  
Saturday, March 2, 2019  
"Preparing For Lent by Growing in Our Faith"**

Speaker: Carla Cuglietta  
Coffee & Registration in church hall: 9:30am  
Sessions: 10:15am - 3:00pm  
Cost is \$15.00 (lunch included)

Tickets available after masses February 16/17 and February 23/24. For information contact Annette Patterson 780 437-4044 or email: [stmewl@gmail.com](mailto:stmewl@gmail.com)

*Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League*

A 10-week support program, **Grief as a Journey**, for those who are grieving the death of a loved one will begin on February 5, 2019. It is a weekly seminar/support group for those



who are trying to cope with the disturbing and often disorienting effects of grief. In this faith-based program you will be with people who have experienced grief themselves and will have some understanding of the pain of your loss. You will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life.

We are commencing the meetings here at St. Thomas More Parish on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 after the 7:00pm Mass. The sessions last until 9:00pm. If you cannot make the first session you may come when you feel ready, however, we encourage you to try to make the first session.

**Please contact Deacon Randy or Roseanne Abele at:  
(780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or by  
email: [rabele@telus.net](mailto:rabele@telus.net) for more information or to register.**

Parishioners who missed the photo sittings at our parish are welcome to have their photos taken at Annunciation Catholic Church (9420-163 Street; Tel: 780-484-6534). They have available spots in February. Please call Annunciation to schedule an appointment.

If you are going with this option, please advise Mary Ann Sosa ([maryann.sosa@shaw.ca](mailto:maryann.sosa@shaw.ca); 780-686-8886) so we can finalize our parish directory.

**Marriage Preparation Program for Convalidation  
Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas More Parish**

If you were married outside of the Catholic Church but desire to have your civil marriage 'Blessed' in the Church, to share in the graces that come from a sacramental marriage, then you may wish to consider attending the Marriage Preparation Program for Convalidation.

The program will take place at STM on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, facilitated by Paul and Carol Quist who lead the Marriage and Family Ministry at Holy Trinity Parish. Couples will also be required to complete the Prepare-Enrich program, which comes under the auspices of the Archdiocese. Couples will work through a marriage inventory, which will be followed by a structured interview with the Quists scheduled after the Marriage Preparation Program for Convalidation. This preparation will pave the way to the beauty and gift of a sacramental marriage with all its graces and blessings.

**Please contact Olivia Dias at 780-434-6313(Ext 226)**

**No one should be forced to flee their home**



*Experience a 'culture of encounter' by standing in Solidarity with forced migrants and refugees.*

Development and Peace is inviting you to their

**Lenten Workshop on February 9<sup>th</sup> at Newman Theological College** (10012-84 St. NW) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come and learn more about forced migration. In the morning, we will take part in a formation session of **Share the Journey** campaign, learning and reflecting on the 68.5 million displaced children, women and men. In the afternoon there will be a participatory workshop facilitated by the Edmonton Development and Peace Council. The goal is to work out the next steps to advance the cause of social justice in our parishes, families, and communities! In the spirit of lent, we will share a very frugal lunch.

Please **RSVP** at: [karsen.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:karsen.mitchell@gmail.com) or 587-989-4245.

**STM Scripture Study**

A Scripture Study will begin with an information night on Monday, February 4, 2019 after 7:00pm Mass at 7:40pm here at the church in the Library room. At that time, the study booklets will be distributed. The cost is \$12.00 for materials.

*The study is called "Luke: Jesus the  
Compassionate Saviour."*



This Threshold Bible Study narrates the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem and shows the inclusiveness of His love even for those who crucify Him. In this liturgical year C it is a great reflection for the Lenten season. We will meet for the following 10 weeks. Come for fellowship and to learn, pray, and share your faith. The time commitment is 90 minutes each week. Those who have participated in other scripture studies have noted a positive impact upon faith life.

For registration or information call Deacon Randy Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972.

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**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

We received a request last week from a young couple who is in temporary financial need. They are falling behind on rent payments because the father was unemployed for a few months. Although he has now found work, they are at risk of being evicted because they have been unable to pay for rent & utilities in arrears. They are guardians for the husband's 13-year old brother; they have a 1 year old child and the mother is expecting a baby. **If you have furniture or household items to donate, please call 780-471-5577.** If you know of someone who needs help or want to learn more about SSVP please visit our website at [www.ssvpedmonton.com](http://www.ssvpedmonton.com).

**You are welcome to attend our monthly meetings at  
St. Thomas More Parish – Chapter Room – 7:30pm  
on the first Tuesday of each month.**