

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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Website: <https://stm.caedm.ca> Email: webmaster@stmparish.com

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

CONFESION

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.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

Ordinary Time

We begin the time of the Church calendar called Ordinary Time; it begins with the Monday following the Baptism of the Lord. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church - the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting or in more severe penance but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. Ordinary Time celebrates "the mystery of Christ in all its aspects".

The normal liturgical color - for those days when there is no special feast - is green, the colour of hope and growth. There are 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary time, split in two parts, the time between Christmas and Lent, and the time after the Easter season.

Prayers for the Sick

We care about the sick and suffering in our parish and pray for them daily. Our parish is too large to mention individuals in the prayers of the faithful but they are included in the intentions of the rosary that we pray before the Eucharist.



Please give us the names of the sick members of our community of faith who need prayer and we will publish them in the bulletin. The parish pastoral care groups arrange for special Masses and prayers for those in homes and with special needs.

*February 11 is World Day of the Sick,
the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes; we will have special
prayers and blessings on that day.*

Celebrating Anniversaries:

Pope Francis asked us to celebrate marriage anniversaries.

*If you have an anniversary in January or February
please contact the office so we can acknowledge you
and celebrate with you!*

Our Offerings: New Year's Day & Jan. 6th

\$24,360.00

TWS (Together We Serve)
\$7,511.00

"The Road to Discipleship: Discipleship begins with Baptism."

Jesus – Incarnate Son of God. Sinless One – stooped low in the muddy waters of Jordan, and stood together with sinners. Jesus humbled himself to receive John's baptism, allying himself with repentant sinners. The proud and haughty standing on the shore thought Jesus was not different than anyone clamouring after John. Jesus stooped again to wash the disciples' feet and was crucified between sinners on Golgotha. "To all who received him ... he gave power to become children of God" (John 1.12). Baptism clothes us with Christ, and enables us to walk as children of the light and members of Christ's Body.



Is your baptism evident? Do people in your life see sufficient evidence that you are Christ's disciple?

Formed.org

Our suggestion for you is a short video presentation: Baptism of the Lord - January 13, 2019. We recall the Baptism of the Lord. But, in addition to remembering this historical event, we also are asked to call to mind our own baptism. Why? Because our baptism is not just an event from the past, but a present reality that impacts every aspect of our lives.

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

Mass Intentions			
Mon.	Jan. 14	7:00pm	+Andre Mieze +Thomas Poindexter
Tues.	Jan. 15	7:00pm	+Sean O'Sullivan +Mike Curran
Wed.	Jan. 16	9:00am	+Kathleen Dier Nancy Eshpeter
Thurs.	Jan. 17	9:00am	+All Souls in Purgatory +Gertrud Dirk
Fri.	Jan. 18	9:00am	Robert Brockman +Stephen L'Heureux
Sat.	Jan. 19	9:00am 5:00pm	+Joyce Milner Rita Figarado – Birthday +Elba Rosa Pineda +Epifanio Urena
Sun.	Jan. 20	8:30am 10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Deacon Chris & Jean Ashdown Fr. Robert Lee +Jean Deagle Louise Dumont

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 for more information or to register.

Marriage – A Gift and a Challenge

January is the month that has the highest rate of couples seeking marriage help. Help is available.

Retrouvaille – A lifeline for troubled marriages! Is your marriage in crisis?

Helpourmarriage.ca, 587-598-4357, info@helpourmarriage.ca

Next Edmonton Retrouvaille Program starts **March 15-17, 2019**

Marriage Encounter – Make your good marriage better!
Marriage enrichment!

Wwme.org, 780-464-2874, gvankup@telus.net

Next Edmonton Marriage Encounter Program
starts **April 27, 2019**

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.

Feast of the Baptism of Christ

A wonderful day to call to mind and renew our own baptisms with a family celebration. Bring out the baptism garments, light the baptism candles, look at the photos of the special day, sprinkle everyone with some blessed water. If possible, connect with the godparents or even have them over for a simple meal perhaps, reminisce, say the creed altogether, sing a hymn like Baptized in Water, River of Glory, or Flow River Flow.



The St. Thomas More Refugee Committee is expecting another family of seven to arrive on February 14th. The family is made up of grandparents, parents, an adult female and two boys aged 5 & 8. We are in need of all household furnishings, bedding, small appliances, etc.

If you can help, please call Eric @ 780-953-3435 or Al @ 780-709-4567. Thank you.



E4C's (Edmonton City Centre Church Cooperation) School Lunch Program is helping children to concentrate on their school work and not on their hunger.

Thank you very much for your latest donations in the amount of \$5,799.10. Your generosity is much appreciated. Catholic Women's League.

Giving Tree Thank You! St. Thomas More parishioners again opened their hearts and their wallets and generously donated to the women and children of the Lurana Shelter. Over \$4,600 was donated in gift cards, cash and cheques with many of the gift cards purchased from the Knights of Columbus making it a double donation. Additionally, over 1,900 new toiletries, sheets, towels, women's items and baby items were placed under the tree. Some of the toiletry items came from a collection done at St. Stanislaus School, so thanks to the students who organized that drive. All of these generous gifts provide comfort and support at Christmas and throughout the year for the women and children who are fleeing domestic violence.

The Giving Tree's success is the result of many hours given so generously by STM volunteers. Thanks to members of the Catholic Girls' League who crafted hundreds of angels and stars and decorated the tree for Advent. Thanks to many members of the Catholic Women's League and their families and to certain other parishioners for their help in moving, sorting and counting the gifts placed under the tree.



Jean Ashdown, CWL Giving Tree Coordinator

Marriage Preparation Program for Convalidation Saturday, February 9th 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 9th 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)
for more information or to sign up.*

Double Movie Feature Night - STM Parish Hall Friday, January 18th at 7 pm



For Children:

St. Joseph the Dreamer
(Rated for children 5 years and up – 91 min)

Popcorn and drinks provided / Bring a blanket/sleeping bag to sit on / Free will offering will be accepted

For Youth & Adults:

St. Brother Andre
(Rated G—87 min)



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Request



Our pantry is in need of the following items:

Dish soap, Canned Chicken, Kleenex, Toilet Paper

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

There are an increasing number of people in the Edmonton area requesting assistance from our organization. If you have any furniture or household goods in your home that you no longer use, we can help. Please give us a call at 780-471-5577 and we will pick up these items and deliver them to those who have an immediate need for them. We can help to reduce the clutter in your home & you will be helping the world, one family at a time.

If you know of someone who needs help or want to learn more about SSVP please visit our website at www.ssvpedmonton.com.

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

First Reconciliation and First 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.).

Please contact Kathleen at the Parish for further details.

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.

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



Baptism: Infant to 7 yrs. – Registration by appt.

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

Preparation: Jan. 14 from 7 to 9pm **drop in to attend!** - for parents & godparents – you do not need to have registered the child for baptism to be able to take this class.

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.

As well, please make good use of a website that STM has provided free access to.

Go to <https://formed.org/> and enter the access code TBQYW9 and look for:

REBORN: Your, Your Child, and the Heart of Baptism

The Reborn series not only help parents and godparents prepare for the Baptism of their child/godchild but also prepares them to be witnessing disciples of Christ in their families and in the ordinary places of secular culture in which they live, work, and play.

- ◆ **Session 1: A New Creation:** Discusses Baptism as the heart of God’s plan of salvation from the beginning and the entry point into the New Covenant established in Christ between God and his people.
- ◆ **Session 2: Entering the Mystery:** Examines the Rite of Baptism to prepare parents and godparents to participate fruitfully in the Sacrament.
- ◆ **Session 3: Nurturing the Life of Grace:** Focuses on the role of the parents and godparents as being the first teachers of the child in the ways of the Faith and their call to be compelling witnesses of the Christian life.