

# 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.*



# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20, 2019

## Miracle at the Wedding Feast at Cana

Mary, the Mother of Mercy, intercedes with her Son to show mercy toward the bridal couple at Cana by saying, "They have no wine." Before Jesus acts, Mary instructs the servers to prepare the way for Jesus' miracle by instructing them to "Do whatever he tells you."

Jesus' transformation of water into wine is a sign that God's marriage with the whole human race has begun in Jesus' person and ministry, a marriage that will be consummated on the cross.

We prepare the way for Jesus' new miracle of mercy by sharing the Spirit's gifts – which St. Paul lists in today's second reading – in generous service to the human family.

John's Gospel illustrates the paradox of the kingdom: the last will be first, the first last, and the choice wine comes when you least expect it. You know not the day nor the hour for anything, so be alert at all times and do not be surprised by the unexpected.

## 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. *We pray for:*



**John Lemiski, Alice Marsh**

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

The parish pastoral care group will bring Communion and visit those who are sick or shut-in, or in the hospital. Contact the parish office (780-434-6313).

## **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.*

## Formed.org

In keeping with our parish invitation to stewardship we suggest *Introduction to the Stewardship Way of Life*. "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

Everything we have is a gift from God that is given to help us reach heaven. This short video introduces a spirituality of Stewardship that helps us to recognize and receive all of God's gifts and share them with others.

## **Our Offerings: Jan. 20**

Regular Sunday Collection: \$12, 851.00  
 Together We Serve (TWS): \$ 510.00  
 Donations: \$455.00

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees – January 20

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on 20 June. This January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914. "The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth, who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition." (Pope Benedict XVI)

The Holy Father Pope Francis teaches us that in the face of the refugee we see the face of Christ.



## 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!*

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

✠ <b>Mass Intentions</b> ✠			
Mon.	Jan. 21	7:00pm	+Alex Viola +Peter & Laura Seng
Tues.	Jan. 22	7:00pm	Elizabeth & Marco Alcozer +Olga George
Wed.	Jan. 23	9:00am	Julien Robin +Leonard Thompson Terry de Bruin (Birthday)
Thurs.	Jan. 24	9:00am	+All Souls in Purgatory St. Anthony of Padeau Agnes McAllister
Fri.	Jan. 25	9:00am	+For deceased members of Hudecki Family +Olga George
Sat.	Jan. 26	9:00am	+Ken Johnstone +Shirley Bielech
		5:00pm	Norman Family +Danny Maclan
Sun.	Jan. 27	8:30am 10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Sonya Burak-Bernard Rosa DeRosa +Peter Nguyen and +Maria Kiem +Joseph & Regina Chemmanoor

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18-25

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.



Have you ever been interested in joining youth group? Our girls and boys groups, **Challenge and Conquest**, meet on

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:30 two times a month! Contact Sara if your child is interested in joining! Open to ages 10 -14!



## Chalice.ca



Chalice is a Catholic international aid charity focused on child, family, and community development. In 2017 it was rated the top Canadian international aid agency, devoting over 94% of its funds to directly helping the needy in 15 countries. Each sponsoring site is under local direction, keeping costs to a minimum. It is devoted to helping children and elderly through sponsorship and direct aid. Donations can be of an ongoing nature or one time by buying needed items for school, health, agriculture, households, nutrition programs and helping people gain necessary tools for employment and self sufficiency.

On **January 26 and 27** our parish will host Deacon Stan Kroetsch who will provide more information on this outstanding Catholic organization. We hope that after hearing the information, you will respond generously.

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.

## World Youth Day @ HOME

St. Theresa's Parish  
Saturday, January 26, 1-9 pm

An alternative celebration of Faith and Canadian Catholicism for all young adults who cannot attend World Youth Day in Panama in 2019

**Events:** Rosary, Young Adult Mass, Games & Social, Supper included

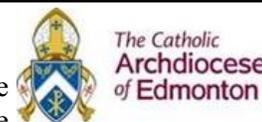
**Guest Speaker:** Colm Leyne,  
Youth Ministry Coordinator, Diocese of Saskatoon

Registration now open (adults 18-35 are welcome to attend)  
To register find the Facebook event called "World Youth Day at Home" or contact Sara Dmitri: [youth@stmtparish.com](mailto:youth@stmtparish.com)

Many high school students are in a time of exams over the next few weeks. *Please keep them in your prayers!*

*God,* GRANT ME THE *Serenity* TO ACCEPT THE THINGS  
I CANNOT CHANGE, *Courage* TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN, AND  
*Wisdom* TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

## Invitation from the Archdiocese



Are you online? If so, the Archdiocese wants to hear from you! Help us ensure that the new archdiocesan website meets the needs of our online visitors, whether they be Catholic lay people, the general public, clergy and religious, or staff at Catholic parishes and institutions.

**Please share your thoughts with us through a short (10-min) online survey at <https://caedm.ca/survey>.**  
*Thank you in advance! You could also find the link to this survey on our Parish website.*

## SAVE THE DATE!!

Ladies Retreat at St. Thomas More Parish on  
Saturday, March 2, 2019.

Theme is "Preparing for Lent By Growing in Our Faith"

## 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.



**Baptism:** Registration by appointment for baptism of infant 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:** Saturday, Feb. 2 (10am to noon) for parents & godparents; you do not need to have registered the child for baptism to be able to take this class but please call to sign up all participants. Baptism Preparation requirement can be met before the birth of a baby, thereby allowing the baptism to occur more readily after the child is born.

**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)

**Godparents:** In order for someone to be eligible as a godparent they must be chosen by the parents, have the ability and the intention to fulfill the role, be at least 16 years of age, and be a confirmed Roman Catholic, who has already received the Most Holy Eucharist, is leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith (including Marriage) and will be a good role model for the one being baptized, and be neither the father nor the mother of the child. *It is not necessary for a godparent to be a relative.* **Contact:** Diane Middleton 780-434-6313 (Ext. 233)

**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.**

The photo sittings for the **Parish Directory** have now concluded. The parish directory team would like to thank everyone who participated in this parish undertaking. *If you have any questions on the parish directory, please contact Mary Ann Sosa at [maryann.sosa@shaw.ca](mailto:maryann.sosa@shaw.ca) or 780-686-8886*

### SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

One family we have been asked to help is a mother looking after her children, her brother, and her mother. Her mother is recovering from a serious leg surgery which requires her to be on a special high protein diet for her recovery, which the food bank cannot provide. The place they are renting has serious health & safety risks and they hope to be able to move to a better home. They are in need of food as well as furniture.

***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](http://www.ssvpedmonton)***

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.

### 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) or more information or to sign up.**

### 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** 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.**



### The Joy of Song

Our Parish will be hosting a Mennonite-Catholic Hymn sing to celebrate the 8th year of Mennonite-Catholic dialogue in Edmonton. **Please join STM Choir members and Musicians on Thursday, January 31st at 7pm.** *The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.*



### Catholic Family Ministries

Men of Integrity Conference

February 1-2, 2019

Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, AB  
**"It's Time. RISE. Take the Challenge."**

We have teamed up with the **RISE** program to help equip men to become the men God has called us to be. Are you up for the challenge? Are you willing to do what it takes to become a better man for yourself, your family and those around you?

Speakers Bill Donaghy and John Edwards will kick off this challenge. Make this a memorable weekend of faith and enriched friendship with your brothers in Christ. Your \$60/man or \$45/student registration gives you the weekend conference plus the 30-Day RISE Challenge. Check out [www.catholicfamilyministries.com](http://www.catholicfamilyministries.com) or call 780-961-3346 for more information/register.