

# 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.*



# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10, 2019

**“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”**

Pope Francis calls us to share with everyone the tender compassion of God that we ourselves experience. We experience God’s mercy in the unconditional forgiveness of our sins. How eager we should be to invite others to know the peace of God’s boundless mercy; perhaps even to experience, through our reaching out in gentle kindness and compassionate care, something of God’s unconditional love for them.

In today’s Gospel, Luke tells us that Jesus proclaims a radical message where he called His disciples to be “fishers” of people, tenderly caring for the prisoner, the homeless, the hungry, the sick, the lonely and well-being of all humanity.

In Luke’s vision – and Pope Francis’ as well – we are to become “missionaries of mercy” rescuing fellow sinners from danger and gathering them into Jesus’ community to enjoy fullness of life.

## World Day of the Sick

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church.



On this day, the Sacrament of the Sick will be available during our evening Mass. If you are sick, suffering or elderly, we invite you to receive the sacrament. Please help your sick family members to come to the church. Our church is very easily accessible for those with mobility problems.

## 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:*

**Clare Fortin**



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

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This week we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and **World Day of the Sick**. On **February 11**, the parish will offer the Sacrament of the Sick to the elderly and those who are ill. In keeping with this we suggest you view “*Penance and Healing*”. In the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Jesus comforts those who are ill or near death. This film shows why we confess our sins to a priest and how Penance and Anointing are Sacraments of Healing.

Remember the Sacrament of the Sick is available at any hour on any day. If you are about to have serious surgery please ask for the Sacrament.

## Collection of Old Palms



Please bring in palms from previous years and drop them off at the entrance of the church in the baskets provided. They will be burned and used during the Ash Wednesday Masses.



## Mass Intentions



Mon.	Feb. 11	7:00pm	+Olga George +Aileen Mahon
Tues.	Feb. 12	7:00pm	Ethan & Jerica Pierce +Lucille Dendwick
Wed.	Feb. 13	9:00am	+Lucille Dendwick +Garth Billington
Thurs.	Feb. 14	9:00am	Delores Mitchell +Allen Oliver Dela Cruz
Fri.	Feb. 15	9:00am	+Grainne Morley +Garth Billington
Sat.	Feb. 16	9:00am 5:00pm	+Lucille Dendwick +Gabriel Bongco and +Kathleen Jurisprudencia Jesse and Reese Larson +Emily Hemstock
Sun.	Feb. 17	8:30am 10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	+Maria Nguyen +Maria Nguyen +Maria Nguyen +Maria Nguyen

## This week in the liturgy:

Monday, Feb. 11th - Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of the Sick)

## Next Sunday Readings:

Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20, Luke 6:17, 20-26

## Next Sunday Hymns:

BB 303 *Gather us In*, CBW 393 *Something Which is Known*,  
BB 344 *Bread for the World*, BB 629 *Blest are They*,  
BB 355 *Seed, Scattered and Sown*, BB 385 *City of God*

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Pope Francis asked us to celebrate anniversaries. If you have an anniversary in February or March please contact the office so we can acknowledge you and celebrate with you!

## Our Offerings: Feb. 3

Regular Sunday Collection: \$13,120.00

Together We Serve: \$3,810.00

## 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:

Monday and Tuesday at 6:00 pm and

Wednesday to Saturday at 8:00 am.

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.*

## 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)

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



### Family 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!*

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

The **Father Bonner Council of the Knights of Columbus** invites all boys and girls, 9 to 14 years, to participate in the

## Basketball Free Throw Championship

**Saturday, February 23, 2019 (9:00 am onwards)**

*Louis St Laurent Catholic Junior/High School,*  
*11230-43 Avenue, Edmonton.*

Certificates and refreshments will be provided. Entry forms are available in front of the youth coordinator's office. For more details, see the Knights of Columbus bulletin board or contact parish/youth coordinator's office.



Council level competition: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

District level competition: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

### For more information:

**Dennis Bourgeault (780-909-5025)** or [dennis57@shaw.ca](mailto:dennis57@shaw.ca)

**Tony Joseph (780-977-4921)** or [family@kofc7599.org](mailto:family@kofc7599.org)

## 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

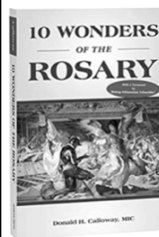
Cost is \$15.00 (lunch included)

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*

## 10 Wonders of the Rosary

Called the 'New Testament on a string of beads', the Rosary is presented by Mariologist Fr.D. Calloway, MIC, in all its wonder: leading armies into battle, defeating the enemies of Christ and His Church, transforming hearts and minds in order to save societies and entire civilizations. After exploring the *10 Wonders of the Rosary*, you'll never look at this timeless and powerful devotion the same way again. *Available on Amazon.ca.*



We pray the Rosary in the **30 minutes** before these weekend Masses:

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am, 12pm, and 6pm.

*Please join us!*

## STM Parish Grocery Card Program



Members of the **Knights of Columbus** sell Safeway, Superstore, Sobeys, Save-On, Tim Horton's \$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 this program regularly.*

## SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our society received a request last week from a woman who escaped from an abusive relationship in Calgary in November. She is recovering from breast cancer, and the side effects of chemo and radiation. She was replaced at her place of employment due to her long period of illness and recovery; she has exhausted all sick leave and EI assistance. She has registered with the food bank but is not able to access the services until February 12th. There was very little food when our home visitor arrived.



If you wish to donate or have furniture or household items that you no longer need, 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.ca](http://www.ssvpedmonton.ca).

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

Our **SSVP Pantry** is in need of the following items:

Jam, Rice, Salmon, Cookies, Canned Vegetables (peas, carrots, & wax beans), and Canned Fruit.



*Your assistance is greatly appreciated.*

## 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

## Youth Rally – 2019!

Join over 100 youth at this year's **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 Monday, February 11th!

### 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 Monday, February 11th.



### 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)

### Young Adults - Save the Date!

Young Adult gatherings will take place on Tuesdays at 7:30pm during Lent - starting March 5th! Dinner will be provided! Contact Sara Dmitri, if you are interested in helping plan and organize the group!

**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 10-week support program, **Grief as a Journey**, for those who are grieving the death of a loved one began on February 5, 2019. This weekly seminar/support group is 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 meet here at St. Thomas More Parish on Tuesdays, after the 7:00pm Mass. The sessions last until 9:00pm.

**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.**