

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 8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm
5:00 pm

CONFESSION

1 hour before all morning & evening weekday Masses

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.*



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 14, 2019



“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Do we remember some of the older prayers for the Stations of the Cross? Great attention was paid to every drop of blood, every injured muscle in Jesus' body. As a form of meditation, the Way of the Cross is a wonderful practice and has much to teach us. But it is not meant to be a time of weeping for Jesus.

When Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem, He tells them this plainly. The passion is not just a sad, sad story. It is a great story! It is about the intercession of God's love and human courage in history. It is about the length God is willing to go to bring us back when we turn away. The passion is a thrilling story of steadfastness, forgiveness and reconciliation. It is also a serious story about the cause and effect of sin, and should give our hearts pause.

Jesus stops to tell the women that the real tragedy is human sin and the destruction it wreaks. In that sense, we can walk the Way of the Cross through our own neighborhoods and contemplate enough tragedy to make us weep.



Holy Week/Easter Mass Times

Palm Sunday Masses: April 13, at 5pm
April 14, at 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5pm

Holy Thursday Mass: April 18, at 7pm
Adoration after Mass until Midnight

Good Friday: April 19, at 9am, 12pm, 3pm

Holy Saturday Basket Blessing: April 20, at 12pm

Easter Vigil: April 20, at 9pm

Easter Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5pm

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:



**Jack Murray, Garnet McKee, Roger Desfosses,
Lolita Espinoza, Karem Castillo, Fred Albert,
Louise Schurman, Janice and Kerry Brown**

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For Palm Sunday we suggest *Three Days That Changed the World*. This presentation brings us alongside Jesus in the final hours of His public ministry as He brings to fulfillment the very purpose of His Incarnation - the salvation of all mankind. Insights of those last three days offer a moving look into the heart of the Messiah and descriptions of his emotional and physical sufferings. With this knowledge, our hearts can only love him more.

Our code is **TBQYW9**



Mass Intentions



Mon.	Apr. 15	7:00pm	Tosin & Atunike Oyeniyi +Loreta Caranto and Beth De Los Santos
Tues.	Apr. 16	7:00pm	+Richard Erwin Carlos +Corazon Mascarinas
Wed.	Apr. 17	9:00am	+Alfred Wan and +Lucy Wan +Marie Lamoureux and +Louise Lamoureux
Thurs.	Apr. 18	7:00pm	For Priests of the Archdiocese Maureen Maynard Blessings for Betty & Joe Joseph
Fri.	Apr. 19	9:00am 12:00pm 3:00pm	Celebrations of the Passion of the Lord
Sat.	Apr. 20	9:00pm	For RCIA Candidates +Michael Milde Andre Bober Bella & Paul Caouette
Sun.	Apr. 21	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 5:00pm	+Frank Mullen Deacon Chris, Jean & Family +Lucille Dendwick Linda Sorenson & Family +Charles Sequeira

Celebrating Anniversaries:

As requested by Pope Francis, we celebrate the commitment to Marriage by celebrating

Blaine & Theresa Benson's 25th Wedding Anniversary

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

Our Offerings: Apr. 7

Regular Sunday Collection: \$19,574.00

Together We Serve: \$844.00

Other Donations: \$559.00



Holy Thursday Bread Making

2019 is the 14th year of this wonderful tradition in our parish. We remember the Lord's supper with his apostles before His death on Good Friday. This bread is to be eaten on Good Friday as a reminder of the unity between the Last Supper and Christ's passion on the cross. It is NOT CONSECRATED BREAD. Please sign your name on the sheet located in the information area at the back of the church as to which time you wish to help. You must be 15 years of age.

Special considerations during Holy Week

Fasting on Good Friday: Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from eating meat.

Ring the Bells: *Please bring bells* from home to ring during Gloria at Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday.

People with allergies: Incense will be used on Holy Thursday and at Easter Vigil.

GOOD FRIDAY & HOLY SATURDAY April 19 & 20 ~Reminder~

*Novena to Divine Mercy in preparation for
Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)*

Please note that 20 minutes before all **Good Friday** services (9am, 12pm and 3pm) Day 1 of the **Novena to Divine Mercy** will be prayed.

Day 2 will be led 20 minutes before the 9pm **Saturday Easter Vigil**. Prayer cards will be made available. Bring your rosary beads to follow along.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 28 ~please note~

NO ROSARY before weekend Masses.

In honour of today's feast, the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be prayed 15 minutes before all Masses.

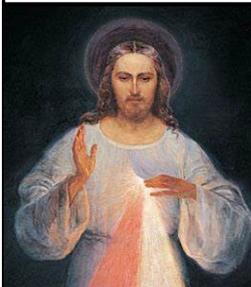
The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for their generous support of the reverse collection. This very successful food drive helped many families and we were able to help other conferences as well.

April 16 is Election day in Alberta. We urge you not only to vote but to make an informed selection. As candidates come to your door seeking your support, be sure to question them so that their values and those of their party match your Catholic standards.

Question their support for Catholic education and Catholic health care. Do they support religious freedom to practice what our faith teaches?

Your vote is important - make a wise and prayerful choice.

The Novena to Divine Mercy



begins GOOD FRIDAY and prepares us for the FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY which is the first Sunday after Easter.

*"By this Novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls."
(Jesus, Diary #796)*

"Jesus, I trust in you!"

On Good Friday, pick up the Divine Mercy prayer card with descriptors indicated for each day of this powerful Novena. It will be yours to keep!

Going to be away? No worries.
You will also find the Novena on our parish website
<https://stm.caedm.ca>

Parking Lot Attendants

We are looking for volunteers to assist with parking on **Good Friday**, at the 9am, 12pm, and 3pm services. If you would like to help our parishioners park efficiently, please leave your contact information with the parish office.

Save the Date: Alberta March for Life

Mark your calendars early and please join our bishops at this year's Alberta March for Life. Events include:

- Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life, **Monday, May 6**
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral (starts at 7pm).
- Mass for Life and Blessed Exposition, **Thursday, May 6**
St. Joseph Basilica (Mass at 10am).
- Rally and March for Life, **Thursday, May 9**
Alberta Legislature (starts at 12noon).

For more information, please visit albertamarchforlife.com

The **Knights of Columbus Father Bonner Council** would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to St. Thomas More for the support we received for this year's Charities Appeal raffle. The winners of this year's raffle were:

- \$10,000 early bird draw - Sherrie R. of Edmonton (ticket #31011)
- 2019 Ford Explorer - Ron L. of Red Deer (ticket #67921)
- 2019 Ford F150 - Bernice J. of Drayton Valley (ticket #37700)

The real winners of this year's appeal however will be local charities, as we anticipate nearly \$5,000 will be returned to Fr. Bonner Council to distribute to various worthy recipient organizations in our community. Thank you for your continued support of our Council and its initiatives.

If you have any questions regarding the K of C Charities Appeal, please feel free to contact us by email at info@kofc7599.org.

Baptism - Infants & children to 7 years of age.



Preparation – May 13 – Monday evening 7 to 9pm

This class is a requirement for parents and godparents. It can be taken before the arrival/registration of the child.

Contact - Diane 780-434-6313 ext. 233 – May 26, 2pm
Baptism Liturgy still has a few spots left – June baptism dates are filling quickly. Refer to brochure in stand/on website for requirements for registration, upcoming baptism dates and additional dates for the preparation classes.

Grapevine Mural is now complete. We are waiting for the clear top coat to be applied and then the tradition of placing photos of the baptized children up will be reinstated. This work of art, 3 years in the making by volunteers **should be treated with respect**. Please avoid touching it and please instruct and supervise your children. Please also take care when setting up tables etc. near it – there has already been damage to the scripture verse.



NET RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18 - 35)

Mission of NET: To challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. This is accomplished through the hard work of young people who are volunteering for a full year to proclaim the Gospel of Christ through a personal witness of faith and inviting young people to live for Christ.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD
5:00 - 10:00PM

COST: \$15
DINNER INCLUDED

TO REGISTER EMAIL:
YOUTH@STMPARISH.COM

*We are looking for families to host 2-3 NET Team Members for April 22nd - April 26th. If interested, please contact Sara at 780-434-6313 or youth@stmparish.com

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.

The **St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary** is seeking donations of silver flatware and crystal for its annual **Strawberry Tea and Fine China and Crystal Sale**. Please leave your clearly marked donations in the cloakroom of the church by **April 28th**. Your support is very much appreciated! All proceeds from this event go to support hospital programs, especially the dementia program.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Our parish has 264 children that have begun preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The children have received materials, and attended meetings and retreats in order to better understand these two special sacraments.



First Reconciliation for these children will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 1. **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated at select masses in May and June.

Please keep these young parishioners in your prayers!



All youth Grades 7 & 8

(Grades 9+ are invited to volunteer)

Thursday, April 25th, 2019 1:30 - 7:30pm

St. Thomas More Parish

Cost \$15

Pick up a brochure at the back of the Church or email youth@stmparish.com for more information.

WWW.NETCANADA.CA



39th Annual Outdoor Way of the Cross

Ecumenical Prayer Event

Theme: "Called to follow Jesus."

Good Friday, April 19

Start: 10am, Immigration Hall (100 Street & 105 Avenue)

Finish: about 12pm, a block away at Hope Mission.



Light refreshments are available at the end of the walk, courtesy of Hope Mission. Participants are invited to bring toiletries or non-perishable food items.

Free street parking available in the area.

For more information contact:

Linda (780-466-6327) or Jim (780-218-6989).

<https://www.facebook.com/events/635611223555443>