

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday	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 (by November 2019) and older
- Registrations for Confirmation 2019 Program start in May. Contact youth@stmparish.com for more information.

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.

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.*





Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019

“They knew it was the Lord.”

Today’s Gospel is filled with examples about “knowing” that it was Jesus. The inability for His followers to recognize Jesus leads us to believe that Christ’s resurrected body was significantly different than the one before His death. Mary who loved Him had not recognized Him near the tomb. The disciples did not recognize Him as they went out into the boat.

What the disciples recognized were the signs of Jesus. Where there were no fish, suddenly there is abundance. Where they faced no breakfast after a thankless night at sea, suddenly there is a warm fire and bread and fish. As He distributes the food to them, they know this stranger is the Lord. It is through His actions that they see our Lord.

In the Gospel, Peter is asked to profess his love, three times. He is distressed to have to repeat it, but in fact we must repeat our love over and over if it is to be credible. His threefold profession erases his triple denial, and he is asked to be a leader.

John’s Gospel describes the essence of Christian leadership: to profess love often and to demonstrate authority through our service and loving actions for others. Only then are we fit to tend the lambs.

The Catholic Funeral

The Catholic funeral is a time of prayer; it is not a memorial or a celebration of life. We gather to pray for the deceased and for ourselves. Our Christian faith is the only thing that makes sense of the event we call death.

With this in mind the eulogy, that lately has seemed to become a necessary part of the funeral rite, is discouraged. It is not in the spirit of focusing on the Pascal Mystery. It should never be part of the Mass of Christian Burial. At a funeral we Catholics should concentrate not on what has passed but what is to come. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the funeral should lead us beyond the perspective of “this world” into a perspective of faith in the risen Christ. We look to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

The Church discourages eulogies of any sort; even other parishioners wonder why we have them. If your family feels it must have a eulogy, the time and place for this is at any reception that is held. Our parish is well equipped with a hall that has a quality sound system and DVD projector.

Our Catholic funeral liturgy is rich and full. Be assured that the only thing your loved one truly wants from you at this time is prayer. No words or praise or remembrance can replace this prayer.

Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 13:14, 43-52, Psalm 100,
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17, John 10:27-30

Next Sunday Hymns:

BB 315 *The God of All Grace*,
BB 164 *Christ the Good Shepherd*,
CBW 490 *Like a Shepherd*, BB 323 *Gift of Finest Wheat*,
BB 566 *Join in the Dance*,
CBW 398 *We Know that Christ is Raised*



Mass Intentions



Mon. May 6	7:00pm	Phoebe Abure	Bose Ashegbu-Abure +Veronica Williamson
Tues. May 7	7:00pm	+Colleen Cackett	Jeannette Liber
Wed. May 8	9:00am	+Camilin Moorthie	+Daniel Snaith
Thurs. May 9	9:00am	+Helen Forest	+Gearard Wright
Fri. May 10	9:00am	+Ronald Sutherland	+Stella Kasha Thanksgiving from the Joseph Family
Sat. May 11	9:00am	+Richard Theroux	+Sumangala John
	5:00pm	+Elba Rosa Pineda	+Epifanio Urena
Sun. May 12	8:00am	Kim Mitchell	
	10:00am	+Ruth Calder +Emilio A. Brana	
	12:00pm	+Olga George	
	5:00pm	+Mary Brisebois	

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

Our Offerings: Apr. 28

Regular Sunday Collection: \$15,370.00
Together We Serve: \$450.00 Other Donations: \$440.00

St. Thomas More Parish

Quarterly Financial Report as at March 31, 2019

Collections	275,458.60
Donations	33,249.97
Other Income	23,392.36
Total Income	332,100.93
Cathedraticum	66,647.33
Salaries	145,331.44
Other Expenses	115,544.87
Total Expenses	327,523.64
Net Income (Loss)	4,577.24



For over 200 years, the Catholic Church has dedicated May to be a month devoted to Mary, Mother of God. In this spirit, all parishioners are invited to participate in a special

Marian Mass on

Monday May 6th, 7:00 pm

The *Legion of Mary* will lead us in the rosary beginning at **6:30 pm**.

A reception will follow in the parish hall. You are welcome and encouraged to bring a single rose to present to Our Lady during the mass. Please consider joining us to celebrate Mary the Queen of May.

Formed.org

Soon our parish will experience several hundred children receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. The video *The Eucharist for Little Children* is a wonderful way to prepare your children for their first Holy Communion, as well as give them a better understanding of the Mass. They'll see and hear such things as how the bread and wine become the Eucharist, why the Mass takes the form that it does, and how to behave as an example for other children. Our parish code is **TBQYW9**.



Catholic Education Week

May 6th to 10th, 2019 is Catholic Education Week.

Let us pray for our 12 schools, their teachers, support staff, and students.

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:



Garnet McKee, Roger Desfosses, Lolita Espinoza, Karem Castillo, Louise Schurman, Edward James, and Janice & Kerry Brown

May they receive the peace & healing of the Lord

STM Catholic Women's League

invites you to

Celebrate Mother's Day

at a

SPRING TEA & FASHION SHOW

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

May 11, 2019

2:00 - 4:30pm (Doors open at 1:30pm)

Cost \$10 per person



Evangelization and Mission Society

The Church calls all members to celebrate its central work: **Evangelization**. By our Baptism we are sent to bring the Gospel to all peoples.

Our ministry has a three-fold purpose: Our own personal development of a mission sense, prayerful and material support of those doing missionary work, and creating in the parish an interest in all things missionary. It is a dynamic way of participating in the mission work of the Church. If this activity appeals to you, please attend our next meeting

on **Tuesday, May 7th in the Youth Room, after the 7pm Mass**. We are looking for more volunteers and anyone who is interested to join us. Thank-you to everyone who came out to our first meeting!



Celebrating Anniversaries:

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

Dennis & Joyce Mallett's 52nd Anniversary

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



This Novena was composed by St. John Bosco, 'Father and Teacher of Youth'. He prayed it often for youth with astounding results.

HOW TO PROCEED

1. Choose a young person (child, teen or young adult) who is in need of prayer.
2. Fill out a prayer intention slip (found in foyer). Place intention in the large box provided.
3. Pick up the postcard with the *Novena to Mary Help of Christians* and begin praying on May 16.
4. If you can, make a Holy Hour for this person (even outside these dates). Remember, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays 6-7pm.

All prayer intentions will be blessed during the 9am Mass on Friday, May 24, the Feast of Mary Help of Christians.

Available on our website at <https://stm.caedm.ca>

Baptism - Infants & children to 7 years of age.

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized: In April, the following children entered into the community of the Trinity through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ivette G. Melissa B. Oliver C. Teresa R. Frederique R-D.
Maya C. Kalia D. Damian G. Kadence G.
Avery L. and Aria N.

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.



May 26th, 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.

Contact - Diane 780-434-6313 ext. 233

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 9**
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



MARCH FOR LIFE

For those interested in attending the Rally and March please add your name to the sign up sheet at the entrance of the church or email ProlifeSTM@gmail.com

Canticle Youth Theatre presents Gilbert & Sullivan's Ruddigore

This musical comedy is brought to life by a talented young cast aged 12 to 22 who have rehearsed at St. Thomas More since last fall. Following last year's tremendously successful production of *The Mask of God*, we are pleased to present this classic Victorian tale.

**Friday May 3, Saturday May 4, and Sunday May 5
at 7:00 p.m. in the STM Parish Hall**

Individual tickets \$10 or \$35 per family.

Reserve at mrstherese@gmail.com. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the parish.

A Note to Parents: At CYT we believe in creating uncompromising theatre appropriate for the entire family.

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, attended meetings and retreats in order to better understand these two special sacraments.



First Reconciliation for these children was celebrated on May 1st.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at select Masses in May and June.

Please keep these young parishioners in your prayers!

Congratulations and Blessings on our newest Catholics – our Neophytes or “new sprouts”—who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter season:

Kylie, Jessica, Sara, Joy, Atinuke, Bryan, Joshua, Shawn, Alexander, John, Ethan, Lorraine, Uchenna, Jade, William, Jirong, Keir, Cherry, Danny, Greg, Jerica, Nelly & Divina

In turn, our **Neophytes wish to express their deepest gratitude to the whole parish** for the incredible journey, the outpouring of prayers and support and the beautiful Vigil service!



Missing Easter Basket: After the **Easter Basket Blessing** on **Holy Saturday**, an Easter Basket was mistakenly taken containing a special Anniversary cross and an embroidered tablecloth. Please kindly call the office or drop off these items as they are greatly missed. Thank you.

The *St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary* will hold its annual **STRAWBERRY TEA AND BAKE,**

FINE CHINA AND CRYSTAL SALE

Hospital auditorium, 10707 – 29 Avenue NW

Friday, May 10, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Everyone is welcome!

All proceeds from this event are used to support hospital programs for the residents; especially the dementia program.

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

The *Catholic Women's League of Canada* calls all people of faith to join in **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care** during *National Hospice Palliative Care Week* as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join St. Thomas More CWL in prayer and solidarity on

Friday, May 10th from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm.

We will be showing the documentary “*Fatal Flaws*” several times throughout the day.

Please contact Jean Ashdown (780) 435-1861 for more information. Those unable to attend are encouraged to join in prayerful support.