

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.
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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.*



Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday

May 12, 2019



“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.”



The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. The image of the Good Shepherd and the community of followers as His sheep has endured over the century as a primary image of our tradition. The image speaks to us about protection, security and care that shepherds represent.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and His disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. The Gospel also speaks to the intimate relationship between Jesus and the Father. Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that He tells us that they are one – not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus not only brings us closer to the Father, to know Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us.

“For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Happy Mother's Day

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers, grandmothers and godmothers.

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.



Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 14:21b-27, Psalm 145,
Revelation 21:1-5a, John 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35

Next Sunday Hymns:

BB 551 *Sing, O Sing*, BB 479 *Ubi Caritas*,
BB 497 *We Have Been Told*,
BB 550 *God of Might and God of Mercy*,
BB 323 *Gift of Finest Wheat*,
BB 678 *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*



Mass Intentions



Priest's Assembly

*Monday, May 13th
to
Friday, May 17th*

No Masses

*Mass Intentions
will be offered at
Our Lady of Lourdes
Parish in Jasper*

+Xarya Mikelle Abesamis

Rick Hoeg

Lawrence Brisebois

+Andrew Fung

Thanksgiving Prayer to Rudy Aguirre
RCIA Neophytes (New Catholics!)

+Mrs. Zora Kightley

Thanksgiving for Fr. Don Flumerfelt

Shirley Hoger-Jankuta

+Lucy Yeo Gwek Chung & Joseph Kua

Sat.

May 18

9:00am

Thanksgiving from the Joseph Family

+George Yatscoff

5:00pm

Thanksgiving to St. Anne for favours received

+Stephanie Sprysak

Sun. May 19

8:00am

Arthur Connick

10:00am

All Parishioners

12:00pm

+Levarado Go

5:00pm

+Charles Sequeira

Fr. Mitch and Fr. Joy will be attending the

Annual Assembly of Priests in Jasper

from Monday, May 13 to Friday, May 17, 2019.

There will be no weekday Masses during this time.

Please keep them in your prayers this week.

Our Offerings: May 5

Regular Sunday Collection: \$18,185.00

Other Donations: \$1,290.00



Together We Serve 2019

May 5, 2019 Collection:	\$ 12,696.60
2019 Collections to Date:	\$ 76,864.80
2019 Annual Target:	\$ 180,000.00

World Day of Prayer for Vocations - Sunday, May 12



On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead His people through His Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all consecrated women and men.

Formed.org

The Feast of our Lady of Fatima is May 13. In a time of lost innocence, the faith of three children inspired thousands and made the world believe in miracles. Mary's messages at Fatima have been promoted by Popes, approved by the Church, and validated by over 70,000 witnesses. Fatima is regarded by many as the most important spiritual event of the past 100 years. Our pick for this week is *Fatima for Today*. The parish code is **TBQYW9**.

There will be a **Culture of Life** meeting on **Monday, May 13**

Please join us for the last meeting before the summer!

There will be a special FREE screening of the movie:

UNPLANNED

Tuesday, May 14th

Edmonton Expo Centre, 7515 118 Ave NW

Doors open at 5:30pm (starts at 6:30pm)

No tickets/reservations: First come, first-serve

Unplanned is the story of Abby Johnson, a former volunteer, then clinic director at Planned Parenthood in Bryan, Texas.

The movie is based on her best-selling 2014 memoir of conversion.

See battleforcanada.com/unplanned for details

Do you know a young person who is need of prayer?



Join in the Novena to
*Mary Help of
Christians*
May 16 -24

From May 16 - 24, you are invited to pray the *Novena to Mary Help of Christians* for this person.

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

"Entrust everything to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are."
St. John Bosco

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

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



"Whatever you do for your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife, you do for God. All we do, our prayers, our work, our suffering, is for Jesus."

- Blessed Mother Teresa



Celebrating Anniversaries:

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

Jose & Eleanor Tolentino's 50th Anniversary

Fr. Don & Julia Flumerfelt's 47th Anniversary

Lena & Arnold McNeil's 58th Anniversary

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

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE



The parish directory will go into print soon. We expect them to be available in the summer of 2019. Parish families who participated in the program will get one free parish directory. Each parish group which participated in the program will also get one free parish directory.

If you need additional copies, the price is \$12.50 per copy. **Please contact Mary Ann Sosa at (780) 686-8886 if you would like to order extra copies.**

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

May they receive the peace & healing of the Lord

Are you a **CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOLING FAMILY?** We



are looking for families to join the **Catholic Schoolhouse homeschooling program**. In this program families come together once a week and we help teach Classical Memory Work for English, math, history, religion, do experiments in science, as well as art and music. We are having an information session on May 17th at millennium Place Recreation Center at 7pm near the ice rink. Please see the bulletin boards for further information. If you have questions please contact Renata Bacso at 780-438-0516.

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



Registrations preferred/drop-ins accepted

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

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 **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** wishes to express a **Big Thank You** to all the parishioners who gave generously to the recent request for food for the North of 60 project, specifically for the **Fort Good Hope Project**. The container is now about 1/3 full of food and clothing; there is an estimate of 4,600 lbs of food and 700 lbs of clothing; cash donations were also appreciated to cover some of the non-food costs.

When the parish Youth group have completed the paintings on the container, it will be shipped to Manitoulin transport which will truck the container to Hay River and then GNWT marine services will barge it to Fort Good Hope NWT. Roger Plouffe, the lay minister, will build shelves in the container with the wood we are sending him; it is expected that the container will become the food bank for Fort Good Hope. The clothing will replenish the clothing bank that is located in the attic of the mission house of Fort Good Hope. The food sent is to help with the homeless, the unemployed and those on social assistance; we do not want to disrupt regular store business; the food is for the families that are hungry.



*May the Good Lord shower His Blessings
on you and your families.*

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!



The St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated silver ware, fine china and crystal to our **Strawberry Tea**. Your generosity makes our work possible.

Are you a committed Catholic youth Icon??

Are you a leader on your team??

If yes, then here is an opportunity for you to win a scholarship and citation and more importantly, to make a difference

The **Knights of Columbus, Youth Leadership Scholarships** are open to students in junior high school (grade 7-9) and senior high school (grade 10-12). This scholarship seeks to recognize youth who act as role models of Catholic faith living for their friends and families. There is one scholarship of **\$250** available in each category.

The process is simple and consists of 2 steps:

1. Filling out the application form
2. Shortlisted applicants will be invited for a discussion to determine the winners

Application forms and more information are available from the youth coordinator's office SaraDmitri@stmeparish.com, the K of C grocery card counter, the parish office, or by emailing family@kofc7599.org

The last day for submitting applications is June 2, 2019.