

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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**Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Chris Ashdown**

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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

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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 (by November 2019) and older
- Registrations for Confirmation 2019 Program start in May. Contact [youth@stmparish.com](mailto: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.
- 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.*



# Our August Bulletin

August 4, 2019

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, Aug. 4**

***“All these things you have prepared, whose will they be?”***

The wealth resulting from his abundant harvest will be enjoyed by him alone. We may not be rich farmers ourselves, but we have all been blessed with a variety of gifts, an abundant crop. We need to be willing to share with others the benefits of that crop.

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, Aug. 11**

***“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”***

Today's readings encourage us to make faith in Jesus a priority in our lives. If our faith is strong we will practice letting go. By living simply and using our talents in loving others, we help to build God's Kingdom.

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, Aug. 18**

***“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.”***

Choosing the Way of Jesus has never been easy. We cannot make a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord without it affecting the way we relate to friends, family and material possessions. But the Cross of Jesus is the way to new life.

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, Aug. 25**

***“Strive to enter through the narrow door.”***

Jesus is the door, the way, the truth, the life. We are called to loving, faithful service, not to fret about who will get to heaven. The narrow way is humble and may involve suffering, but it leads to peace and joy.

## Change in Mass Times

Effective the **first week of September**, our daily Mass time for **Mondays will change to 6:00 pm.**

On **Tuesdays, Adoration will begin at 5:00 pm**  
**and Mass at 6:00 pm.**

This change is necessitated by the large number of meetings that take place on Mondays and Tuesdays. If the meetings do not start until after Mass, they tend to run late into the evening. In order to allow meeting attendees the option to participate in the Eucharist, no parish meetings should be scheduled during Mass times. We encourage all those coming to meetings to first attend Mass - what better way to begin any parish activity than by praying together. We are very pleased with the number of people attending daily Mass and hope that this change will allow even more to take part.

**Skaro Shrine Annual Pilgrimage ~ Wednesday, Aug. 14**



***Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

The Skaro Shrine is 72 km north-east of Edmonton at the intersection of Highway 45 and Secondary 831. The schedule is as follows: 6:30 - 7:30 pm ~ Reconciliation  
7 pm ~ Rosary 7:30 pm ~ Vespers (in Polish)  
8:00 pm ~ Mass at Grotto,  
followed by a candlelight procession of the Blessed Sacrament.



## Mass Intentions:



**7:00 pm - Monday - August 5th**  
Special Intentions & for favours received  
Thanking God for His mercies for Ugochukwu Family

**7:00 pm - Tuesday - August 6th**  
Grace Oryschak (Birthday)  
Jan & Dick Dunnigan & Family

**9:00am - Wednesday - August 7th**  
Seamus Cunningham †  
Jackie & Carl Blansjaar & Family

**9:00 am - Thursday - August 8th**  
Melecio de Castro † and Lolita Salazar (Birthday)  
Daniel Gau †

**9:00 am - Friday - August 9th**  
Elmar Abele †  
Irene Mary Wood † (nee Dunnigan)

**Saturday - August 10th**  
**9:00 am** - Al Girard  
Deepak Mathew, Anjelina & Andrea Deepak  
**5:00 pm** - Mathai & Mary Chittetu †  
Kathleen Berger †

**Sunday - August 11th**  
**8:00am** - Deacon Chris Ashdown  
**10:00am** - Anne Lema †  
Rose & Arnold Lorenz (50th Wedding Anniversary)  
**12:00 pm** - Robert Free †  
**5:00 pm** - Deacon Chris

**7:00 pm - Monday - August 12th**  
Dan Engel †  
K. Thomas †  
Milan Heck-Hay

**7:00 pm - Tuesday - August 13th**  
Kathleen Berger †  
Frank & Rosemarie Pichard

**9:00 am - Wednesday - August 14th**  
Paul Lema †  
Blessy Joseph (Birthday)  
Frank Sharma (Birthday)

**9:00 am - Thursday - August 15th**  
Lucie Ray  
Maria Pham

**9:00 am - Friday - August 16th**  
Nikhil & Babitha (1st Wedding Anniversary)  
Andrew Ilnicki †

**Saturday - August 17th**  
**9:00 am** - Anne Lema †  
Reece James Antony (Gratitude for complete recovery post-op)  
**5:00 pm** - Jack Murray †  
Aiden Min

**Sunday - August 18th**  
**8:00am** - Suzanne Abele †  
**10:00am** - Anne Lema †  
**12:00 pm** - Cherrie & Watson Muir  
**5:00 pm** - Jose † Ariston † and Eufrocina † Caluma

## Important Feast Days in August

***Tues. Aug. 6th ~ Transfiguration of the Lord***

***Thurs. Aug. 15th ~ Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

**Please note:** the office will be closed on Monday, August 5th, but **Mass will be celebrated at 7pm.**

***Our next bulletin will be in September.***

## Our Offerings: July 28th

Week of July 28th ~ Regular Sunday \$15,726.00  
Together We Serve \$690.00

Special Donation: \$14,000.00

PAD for August 1st ~ \$23,981.87

PAD for August 1st ~ Together We Serve \$3,506.60

## Attendance at Mass

Attendance at Mass is more than being present for the Consecration and Communion. Each Mass begins with asking God's forgiveness for our sins and transgressions; we listen to God's word through the readings from the Old and New Testament and receive instruction in our faith. If you are habitually coming late for Mass, you are missing these important segments. To constantly have people still arriving 15 minutes after the start of Mass is an insult to God and the community. Plan to arrive on time. Plan to arrive a few minutes early to say a private prayer and to put your mind and soul in a position ready to celebrate the Mass. If you are constantly late for Mass, now is the time to change that habit. You are not continually late for work, school or appointments; be on time for Mass.

## Celebrating Anniversaries:

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

*Matt & Clover Oryschak's 16th Wedding Anniversary*  
*Hugh & Anne-Marie Stacey's 50th Wedding Anniversary*  
*Nimi & Philip Taranger's 30th Wedding Anniversary*  
*Rose & Arnold Lorenz's 50th Wedding Anniversary*  
*Aime & Lucille Magnan's 52nd Wedding Anniversary*  
*Cheryl & Shawn Jordan's 25th Wedding Anniversary*  
 May God bless you and deepen your love for each other.



## Mass Intentions:



### 7:00 pm - Monday - August 19th

Diane Gagnon  
Tai Yam Ching Yee †

### 7:00 pm - Tuesday - August 20th

Pierrette Bouchard  
Baby Linda Hoffman †

### 9:00 am - Wednesday - August 21st

Zachary Alexander Connolly †  
Sherry Stewart

### 9:00 am - Thursday - August 22nd

Lina A. Ella † & Ely D. Ella †  
Maureen Devlin

### 9:00 am - Friday - August 23rd

Laj George Payikaran †  
For deceased members of Gaitan  
and Torres' Families †

### Saturday - August 24th

9:00 am - Paul Rodriguez  
Ho Tong Khuong †

5:00 pm - Nikhil (Birthday)  
Aurora Virata †

### Sunday - August 25th

8:00am - Hugh & Anne-Marie  
Stacey  
(50th Wedding Anniversary)

10:00am - Buante Tan †

12:00 pm - Cherrie & Watson  
Muir

5:00 pm - Edward Coody †

### 7:00 pm - Monday - August 26th

Irene Wood †  
Michelle Deck †

### 7:00 pm - Tuesday - August 27th

Kunjamma George †  
(2nd Anniversary of Death)  
Gregorio Ramos †

### 9:00 am - Wednesday - August 28th

Joan O'Donnell †  
Matthew Bogda †

### 9:00 am - Thursday - August 29th

Richard Leung †  
The Moreno Family

### 9:00 am - Friday - August 30th

Dingri Menica †  
Mary Molloy

### Saturday - August 31st

9:00 am - Rafael Gallego Jr. †  
(1st year Death Anniversary)

Pepito Jaso Ambas †  
5:00 pm - George Vincent Trainor †

Matt & Clover Oryschak  
(16th Wedding Anniversary)

### Sunday - September 1st

8:00 am - Kathy Gust

10:00 am - Carmen MacLean †  
12:00 pm - Al & Isabel Werner  
(60th Wedding Anniversary)

5:00 pm - Alex G. Viola †

## St. Thomas More Parish presents Two Great Faith Formation Programs

### Do you Want to be a Better Person?

DARING TO WALK THE WALK

### An Eight-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins

Chapter Room  
Mondays 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Sept. 9th & 23rd  
Oct. 7th & 28th  
Nov. 4th & 25th

Jan. 13th & 27th

Cost - \$20.00

Deadline for Registration  
September 5, 2019

### Consoling the Heart of Jesus

Join us for a  
*10-week Small Group Retreat*  
that delves into the simplicity and  
grandeur of Consoling spirituality.


Chapter Room  
Fridays 9:30 - 11:30 am

Sept. 13th & 27th  
Oct. 11th & 25th  
Nov. 8th & 22nd

Jan. 10th & 24th  
Feb. 14th & 28th

Cost - \$20.00

Deadline for Registration  
September 5, 2019

Featured on FORMED 

For registration & more info: please call the Parish office  
or Monica at 780-434-6313  
email: [formedstmparish@gmail.com](mailto:formedstmparish@gmail.com)

## 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:



*Sherry Stewart, Milan Heck-Hay*

May they receive the peace & healing of the Lord

*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's* next meeting will be on Tuesday August 6th in the Chapter Room after the 7:00pm Mass.



The *Garden Party Potluck Dinner* hosted on June 18<sup>th</sup> by the CWL was a great success. Thank you to all who brought their favourite dish to share. This year our annual potluck helped to support the Gianna Centre whose goal is to promote the sanctity of all human life as a gift from God through service, education and care for the Family. A big **thank you** for all the women who donated items to the Centre. The potluck dinner was the CWL final wrap up for this exciting year. We will reconvene in the Fall.



The CWL is where "Women of Faith" come together –  
**"Uniting Catholic women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the church, Canada and the world."** We invite all women ages 16 years and up to join us. Interested? Contact Pam DeLuca or Linda Sorenson at [stmcwlc@gmail.com](mailto:stmcwlc@gmail.com) for more information.  
 Happy Summer!

**Become Catholic!**

**Be a Sponsor!**

**R.C.I.A.**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**



**For Adults wishing to be initiated into the Catholic Church, RCIA will run from September 2019 to May 2020**

For those wishing to **become Catholic** and for practicing Catholics who wish to be a **Sponsor for those entering the Church**, this is a richly rewarding faith journey as we all get to know the **God Who is Love Itself**. A handout depicting the four-phase RCIA Process is located at the entrance to the Church.

For more information call the Parish Office at 780-434-6313 or email [stm.rcia.coord@stmparish.com](mailto:stm.rcia.coord@stmparish.com)

**K4J KIDS FOR JESUS PROGRAM – ages 5 - 9**



**Parents! Are you looking for a great program that teaches your child the tools they need to know and live the Catholic faith?** Then sign them up for our Kids for Jesus (K4J) Virtue Program, beginning October 2, 2019. Cost is \$50 per child. Family (3 or more children) rate available!

**Drop-In Registration Dates will be as follows:**

Saturday, September 7, 2019 – 10:30 am to 12 pm  
Saturday and Sunday, September 7 & 8, 2019  
before and after all masses  
Thursday, September 19, 2019 – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**For more information, brochures are available at the back of the church or check out our website at [stm.caedm.ca](http://stm.caedm.ca).**

**Do you have or know a child between the ages of 8 and 14 who would like to become a Catholic?**

St. Thomas More Parish R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ADAPTED for CHILDREN is a faith formation process designed for children and youth who are inquiring and seeking initiation into the Catholic Church. Children who have either not been baptized OR have been baptized as members of another Christian community will prepare to receive the sacraments of baptism, communion, confirmation. Sessions run on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30pm beginning October 2019 to May 2020.



For more information or to register, email [family@stmparish.com](mailto:family@stmparish.com) or call Monica Bober at 780-434-6313 ext. 227.

***Baptism - Infants & children to 7 years of age.***

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

Isabelle B. Charlotte M. Leon M. Melissa M.  
Alain P. Giorgia B. Jacob C. Kamsi E. Kaiden L-E.  
Kane L-E. Gregory L. Olivia M. Jaxen M.  
Alistair N. Akilah O. Neriah O. Arlo P. Elon T.  
and Nicolas B.

***Please remember our new little brothers and sisters in your prayers.***

**Brochure** for the 2019/2020 year is now available in the brochure stand and on the parish website under Sacraments. Please refer to the brochure for requirements to registration and the upcoming baptism & prep. class dates.

**Prep. Class** is next available on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 1 to 3pm. This class is for parents and godparents.

**Registration** for baptism and/or prep. class - please contact Diane at 780-434-6313 ext. 233. Baptism dates fill up quickly so if you are hoping to baptize your child on a particular date listed in the brochure please call 2 months in advance.



**Grapevine Photos** are still being collected for the 2019 year. If you baptized your child this year and have not brought in a photo yet, now is your chance. Please put the first & last name and date of baptism on the back of the photo and bring it to the parish. Photos will be going up on the mural this month.

**Marriage Preparation Program for Convalidation on Saturday, August 17th 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, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, facilitated by Deacon Christopher & Jean Ashdown.***

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 Deacon Christopher 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 the office at 780-434-6313 for more information or to sign up.***