

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Chris Ashdown

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Website: <https://stm.caedm.ca> Email: webmaster@stmparish.com

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday	6:00 pm
Tuesday	6:00 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 5:00 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.
- Classes start each fall.

PARISH STAFF:

Pastoral Assistants: Monica Bober & Shannon Van Soest
Youth & Family Evangelization Coordinator: Sara Dmitri
Administrative Assistant: Diane Middleton
Music Coordinator : Johanna Dietrich

Business & Volunteer Administrator: Olivia Dias
Interim Bookkeeper: Joey Kolinsky
Custodian: Arthur Connick
Evening Receptionist: Gideon Boyle





23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019

“Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is calling us to understand the true meaning of **“Come, follow me.”** To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is an all-consuming vocation; it is a never-ending commitment. There is no other priority that can take precedence over a decision to follow and to imitate the life of Christ. It is a difficult path to follow and some may even reject the invitation.

People would follow Jesus but without a cross, without personal cost, without sacrifice. Yet, the cross is the proving ground of our discipleship. It is where we show our fidelity, our loyalty to Christ.

We are walking with Jesus either as a crowd of fans or as committed disciples. It is one or the other. The fans will hear and sing about new life in Christ. Only the disciple will know the power and peace and glory of the new life that comes from carrying our cross with Christ, whatever that cross may be.

Staffing at St. Thomas More

In an effort to simplify operations and have administration run more smoothly, the office, with the assistance of Archdiocese Human Resources, has reorganized various positions, effective October 1st.

The positions are now:

- Pastoral Assistants - *Monica Bober & Shannon Van Soest*;
- Administrative Assistant - *Diane Middleton*;
- Youth & Family Evangelization Coordinator - *Sara Dmitri*;
- Business & Volunteer Administrator - *Olivia Dias*;
- Music Coordinator - *Johanna Dietrich*;
- Bookkeeper - *Joseph Kolinsky*; Custodian - *Arthur Connick*;
- Evening Receptionist - *Gideon Boyle*.

By calling the office you will be directed to the correct staff member. We pray for these people as they face new challenges and we pray for the entire parish, that we know we work for the greater glory of God.

We would especially like to thank Kathleen Eistetter, for her many years of service to the parish, and Christopher Snaith, for his service, as they will no longer be working in the parish office. Their past service to St Thomas More Parish is appreciated. We hope that the restructuring will make for both a Christian and businesslike environment. As is fitting in a strong Catholic parish, many roles will be taken on by volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Father Mitch.

The Culture of Life Ministry

at St. Thomas More

invites all new and returning members to our monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month.

Join us this:

Monday, September 9th, 6:45 pm

(meeting in the coat room)

Mass at 6pm

All are welcome to attend!

	†	<i>Mass Intentions</i>	†
Mon. Sept. 9	6:00pm	Maria Tran † Brian & Melanie Lema (24th Wedding Anniversary)	
Tues. Sept. 10	6:00pm	Victoria Rodriguez (Birthday) Jose Mathew †	
Wed. Sept. 11	9:00am	Zachary Alexander Connolly † Eric Chan †	
Thurs. Sept. 12	9:00am	Jackie Kelly † Louise & Sean Kruszewski	
Fri. Sept. 13	9:00am	Margaret and Katie O'Connor Linda Sorenson & Family	
Sat. Sept. 14	9:00am	Mathew Halbauer † (5th Death Anniversary) Rem Pontrias	
	5:00pm	Noel Day † Thelma Leung †	
Sun. Sept. 15	8:00am	Myrna Callan	
	10:00am	Paul Lema †	
	12:00pm	Terry Blanchette † Jozef Gajewski † (2nd Death Anniversary)	
	5:00pm	Andrew & Adela Tarnowski (52nd Wedding Anniversary)	

WEDNESDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE STUDY

You are welcome to join this group as we begin our study

Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism

on Wednesday, September 11th,

in the Chapter Room following morning Mass.



For more information contact Annette 780-437-4044

Next Sunday Readings:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, Psalm 51,
1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32

Next Sunday Hymns:

BB 531 *Sing to the Mountains*,
BB 550 *God of Might and God of Mercy*,
CBW 600 *Our Daily Bread*, BB 583 *We are Many Parts*,
BB 321 *Bread of Life*, CBW 345 *City of God*

Our Offerings: September 1

Regular Sunday Collection: \$16,126.70

Together We Serve: \$2,998.30



The **Catholic Women's league** will commence their monthly meetings on **September 17th at 7pm**. The meetings occur on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, in the *Chapter Room* from September to June.

Save the Date – The Parish **Ukrainian Dinner** organized by the CWL will be held on **October 19th from 6 to 11:30pm** following Saturday 5pm Mass. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning September 21st.

Celebrating Anniversaries:

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

Brian & Melanie Lema's 24th Wedding Anniversary

Paul & Jeannette Liber's 59th Wedding Anniversary

Rudy & Jackie De Bruin's 55th Wedding Anniversary

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

Darlene's Retirement Appreciation

It is with both joy and sadness to announce the **retirement of our dear friend and beloved staff member, Darlene Smigelski, RCIA Coordinator.**



Darlene has been an outstanding employee here at STM Parish for over 20 years. Help us to recognize her unconditional dedication, commitment and grace by joining staff, parishioners and RCIA Alumni to thank her on **Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Come and share this special evening with us.

I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow (Jeremiah 31:13)



At St. Thomas More we are beginning the Fall session of "Grief as a Journey: Our Walk to Emmaus". This program is from the Family and Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Edmonton and is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. The format is a special weekly seminar/support group for those who are trying to cope with the troubling effects of grief. In this faith-based program you can be with people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. You will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. We are commencing the meetings here at St. Thomas More Parish on Tuesday, Oct. 1st, 2019 at 7pm. Please note the signage for the location of the room when you arrive. If you cannot make the first session of the 9-week program you may join when you feel ready but we encourage you to come out for the first session.

Please contact Deacon Randy or Roseanne Abele at 780-435-5070 or 780-493-1972 or by email: Randy.abele@caedm.ca for more information or to register.

ATTENTION

Knight of Columbus members!

Our first meeting for the 2019-20 Columbian Year will be on **Tuesday, September 10th** after Tuesday evening Mass, which has been moved back to 6pm. We encourage you to attend Mass and then warmly invite you to enjoy some snacks and fellowship in the *Chapter Room* prior to our meeting, which will begin promptly at 7pm. This month's agenda includes a review of our budget for the upcoming year and a motion on proposed changes to the Grocery Card program.



Please consider joining us this Tuesday to renew some friendships and hopefully make some new ones (and remember to bring your membership card!)

Thank you

A huge thank-you to the 15 volunteers who answered the call for help to clean the big kitchen on August 29th!

Bev C, Blaine B, Patrick M, Maureen L, Veronica K, Annette P, Lucille L, John V, Dan L, John P, Terry P, Shirley W, Nancy Y, Nelson C, and Pat C.

A fantastic group who did a fantastic job!



Coffee Fellowship

Share of your time, talent and treasure by joining the Coffee after Mass servers! If this type of fellowship and service ministry appeals to you please leave your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet available after Mass at the coffee counter. We are looking for more volunteers to serve after all the Masses.

Children's Liturgy

We are in need of volunteer leaders for the 2019/2020 year for **Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8am/10am/12pm Masses!** The commitment is about once every 4 - 6 weeks and easy to follow lesson plans are provided for you.

If interested, please contact Cheryl at shinkarukk@shaw.ca.

Thanks for giving your time to enrich the lives of the children in our parish.

SSVP 15th Anniversary Celebration

On Tuesday, October 1st, the St. Teresa of Calcutta Conference will celebrate with rosary and a Mass at 6:30pm at Annunciation Parish. All Vincentians, parish members and others who have helped and supported the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul over the past 15 years are welcome.

Coffee and social will follow the Mass

Please contact Marlie Correlje at 780-619-3010 of Annunciation SSVP for details and to confirm attendance.



Pope Francis urges us to "Care for our Common Home"

Edmonton Council of Development and Peace is inviting you to join them to learn more about how each of us can help take care of our planet:



Saturday, September 21

Newman Theological College (10012 84 St NW)

Annual General Meeting (9:30-10:20am)

Fall Action Workshop (10:30-3pm)

There will be a *Soup and Sandwich Lunch by Donation.*

Please RSVP to Sylvianne Perry 780-462-2529

nsperry@telus.net

Baptism - Infants & children to 7 years of age.

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized: In August, the following children entered into the community of the Trinity through the Sacrament of Baptism: Chibudom O. Nikki-Scarlet P. Nathaniel S. Chloé W. Zion W. Mirabelle A. Avery B. Modebare Francis F. Catrina F. William G. Becka G. Valentina L-M. Adela O. Mason P. and Carina S.

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



MUSIC MINISTRY

Do your children like to sing? Are you looking for ways to involve them in Sunday Mass? Consider enrolling your children in the St. Thomas More Children's Choir for children in Grade 4 through 9. There is no cost to participate. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for 45 minutes and sing regularly at Sunday Masses and special occasions in the parish.

Attention High School Students and Young Adults - Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Would you like to share your musical talents with our parish? STM Music Ministry is inviting you to join us in leading the music at the **5pm Sunday Mass**. We rehearse at 4:15pm on Sundays (just before Mass).

STM Music Ministry - Are you looking for a way to develop and share your musical talents with our parish? Do you like to sing? STM Music Ministry is looking for voices to help the choir lead the congregation in worship through sung prayer. The Massed Choir sings at all parish special events (including Christmas and Triduum) and smaller groups sing at all Sunday Masses. Combined rehearsals are Thursday evenings September to June.

STM Sound Ministry - We are looking for volunteers to assist with the operation of the sound board during parish liturgies and celebrations. No technical experience is necessary; training and mentoring is provided.

Please contact Johanna Dietrich, Music Ministry Coordinator, at johanna.dietrich@caedm.ca or 780-919-3747.

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- 8:30pm beginning October 2019 to May 2020.



For more information or to register, email family@stmprish.com or call Monica Bober at 780-434-6313 ext. 227.

Become Catholic!

Be a Sponsor!

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of 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@stmprish.com Registration forms are available at the Parish Office

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

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

Walk-in Registrations are welcome!

For registration & more info: please call the Parish office or Monica at 780-434-6313
email: formedstmprish@gmail.com