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**ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH**

**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
"Make friends through your use of worldly goods."

Most of the parables seem like child’s play. At least, their meaning is apparent to children, though harder for adults to put into practice. But the story of the devious steward leaves many people scratching their heads. What is Jesus saying here? Is He congratulating the cheat for being good at what he does? The point of the story is that the steward knows how to make the kinds of friends he will need to survive beyond his present situation. He uses material goods to plot his course towards salvation.

Jesus regrets that we religious folks are not as adept at using this world’s goods for our spiritual survival. We don’t know how to make friends with the people who will really count in our favor in the end. After all, the last will be first and the first will be last. We who find ourselves at the front of the line, therefore, better make lots of friends at the back of the line. The only sensible use of our power and resources is for the sake of the poor. If we neglect them, when the center of authority changes from the world to the kingdom, we may find ourselves on the bottom with no friends in high places to speak for us.

Formed.org

Our suggestion for this week is for parents of young families. *Me & My House* is a practical plan for Catholic parents who are struggling with all the things that parents struggle with. It challenges you to do little things that will make a huge impact on your family. You will learn the habits that make parenting easier as well as the habits that you want and need to avoid. By the end of the program you will have a very clear idea of how to build your own family culture with the children God has given you.

Our access code is TBQYW9.

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.

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| 6:00pm | Rose & Arnold Lorenz  
Connie Edwards & Cori |
| **Tues. Sept. 24** |
| 6:00pm | Irene Abele †  
Eva Grace (Birthday) |
| **Wed. Sept. 25** |
| 9:00am | Thanksgiving for Kachi Ugochukwu (Birthday)  
Jacqueline Atkin † |
| **Thurs. Sept. 26** |
| 9:00am | Ken & Leslie Cadien  
Casa Laurel Kitchen ~ Thanksgiving Mass  
Eduardo Manuel † |
| **Fri. Sept. 27** |
| 9:00am | Thanksgiving Mass  
Maria Pham (Death Anniversary) † |
| **Sat. Sept. 28** |
| 9:00am | Artemio Rodrigo †  
Alissa Jones & Family  
5:00pm | Aurora B. Cruz †  
Aisling O’Driscoll † |
| **Sun. Sept. 29** |
| 8:00am | Dominko Josipovic † and  
Mato Josipovic †  
10:00am | Mateo Yu †  
12:00pm | Josephine Budac †  
5:00pm | Cesar Angeles Zumel † |

Next Sunday Readings:
Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146,  
1 Timothy 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31

Next Sunday Hymns:
BB 156 *Glory in the Cross*, BB 620 *The Cry of the Poor*,  
BB 344 *Bread for the World*, BB 479 *Ubi Caritas*,  
BB 629 *Blest are They*, BB 388 *Tell the Good News*

Our Offerings: September 15
Regular Sunday Collection: $14,547.00
Celebrating Anniversaries:
As requested by Pope Francis, we celebrate the commitment to Marriage by celebrating Kasper & MaryAnn Szott’s 59th Wedding Anniversary.
May God bless you and deepen your love for each other.

Catholic Women’s League (CWL) Fundraiser
St. Thomas More Parish Family Ukrainian Dinner
Saturday, October 19, 2019 @ 6:30pm (after 5pm Mass)
Enjoy fellowship, good food and entertainment by Panache
Purchase your Tickets after Mass today!
Ukrainian Dinner Ticket pricing: Adults - $25.00; Children 6 to 12 - $15.00; Children under 6 are free.

Our PARISH NATIVITY PLAY
Is looking for parishioners aged 3-19 for a performance at a theatre on Saturday, November 30th. No registration fees, and costumes are provided. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings in October and November in the parish hall.
Contact Mena at 780-431-2606 or contact@onecandleproductions.com to register.

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If you wish to make a donation to help one of our needy families, or if you have furniture or household items that you no longer need, please call 780-471-5577. If you know of someone who needs help or want to learn more about SSVP please visit our website at www.ssvpedmonton.ca
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The next Marriage Preparation program at STM will take place March 13, 14, and 15, 2020. For information and to register, email stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com.

Please indicate your names, and anticipated wedding date and location when emailing for information.

Couples may also complete Marriage Preparation through Catholic Engaged Encounter:
http://ceewest.com/communities/edmonton/

Catholic Girls’ League – is a youth group for girls ages 10-15. Meetings are held Saturday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 pm usually twice each month. Girls have lots of fun doing a variety of activities, crafts and service work. Friendships are developed and faith is strengthened. There is no registration fee but the number of spaces is limited so register ASAP. Send an email to stmorecgl@gmail.com stating your interest and the name and age of the girl you wish to register.

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 7-8:30 pm beginning October 2019 to May 2020.

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

K4J KIDS FOR JESUS PROGRAM – ages 4-9
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 at the office until September 29, 2019
For more information, see our brochures at the entrance of the church or check out our website at https://stm.caedm.ca/

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@stmparish.com

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office

First Holy Communion: The First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion sacrament program begins when children are in grade 2. Brochures are available at your Catholic school, on the STM website or at the entrance of our Parish (brochure stand). Space is limited. Please register early to ensure the dates you want are available.

1st Registration: Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 9 - 11am

Baptism - Infants & children to 7 years of age.

Preparation Class is next available on Monday, October 7 from 7 - 9pm, for parents and godparents. Please call Diane 780-434-6313 ext. 233 to sign up.

Brochure is available in the brochure stand or on the parish website under Sacraments. Best first step for process, documents required and all upcoming dates for baptism & preparation.

Godparents? Parents are encouraged to prayerfully, and carefully consider who their child’s godparent(s) will be, as being a godparent is more than a social honour. At the baptism, the godparents make promises to God, the child and the community to support the parents in raising the child within the Catholic faith, which comes to us directly from Jesus Christ through Apostolic succession. This is why the godparent(s) needs to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, be actively practicing their faith by attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, regular reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist & Reconciliation and is leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith (including Marriage). As it is not necessary for a godparent to be a relative, a parishioner, friend, neighbour or work colleague from another parish may be chosen to be a godparent.