St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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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

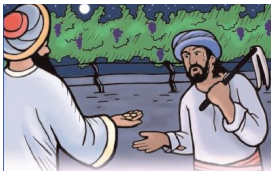
Business & Volunteer Administrator: Olivia Dias
Interim Bookkeeper: Joey Kolinsky
Custodian: Arthur Connick
Evening Receptionist: Gideon Boyle

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2019

"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.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Sept. 23	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

Sunday, October 6
Special Guest: Rev. Fr. Sylvain Casavant

Fr. Sylvain ***will preach*** at the 12pm Mass. Following Mass, there will be time for coffee.

At 1:30pm, Fr. Sylvain will give a ***Guided Tour*** of the stained glass windows in the church. It was Fr. Sylvain who commissioned these windows when he was the pastor at St. Thomas More from August 2004 to August 2010.

The tour will conclude in the Chapter Room at which time the ***New Name*** of this room will be introduced.

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.

Our Thanks to Kathleen Eistetter

Over the past 19 years, Kathleen Eistetter has helped prepare many of our youth for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. Her term at St. Thomas More ends September 30. In recognition of this dedication and long service, we are preparing a ***Book of Thanksgiving*** for her. We invite you to add your words of thanks and best wishes. The book will be available for signing at the entrance of the church on September 28 and 29 as well as October 5 and 6. We thank Kathleen for her service over the years, her help with various children's ministries and her dedication to evangelization of our young people.

May God bless you Kathleen.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

A recent call for assistance was from a large immigrant family of 2 parents & 5 children. The father received his engineering degree from the U of A, and has a job driving a shuttle for airport parking. The remainder of the family just arrived in Canada. They need household items & furniture including beds.

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**

You are welcome to attend our monthly meetings at St. Thomas More Parish – Chapter Room on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm (after 6pm Mass).

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*.

The **Knights of Columbus** are excited to report that Parish Pancake Breakfasts have returned!

The first **Pancake Breakfast** of the season is:

Sunday, September 29 after the 8am and 10am Masses.

Please come to the hall after Mass and enjoy both pancakes and fellowship at this monthly family friendly event!

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.

May they receive the peace & healing of the Lord

40 DAYS FOR LIFE. The ***Culture of Life Ministry*** at STM invites you to participate in the fall campaign of 40 Days for Life taking place from Wednesday, September 25 - Sunday, November 3rd by praying, fasting, and keeping vigil for an end to abortion. Participation is encouraged throughout the 40 day period.

You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way: outside the MLA office of Edmonton-Glenora (10996-124th Street) and Woman's Health Options abortion facility (12409-109A Ave., outside the 50 meter access zone).

For more information and a map of the 50 meter access zone visit:

https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/edmonton/

If you'd like more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:
Edmonton Prolife: info@edmontonprolife.org
or call 780-425-1637

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 7-8:30pm 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.