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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
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Weekday Confession: 1 hour before all morning & evening weekday Masses

Weekend 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: Vacant
Evening Receptionist: Gideon Boyle
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 6, 2019

**“Increase our faith!”**

More is better. At least, that is what we are taught to believe, and it is no wonder that the disciples, seeing all that faith has accomplished in Jesus, would ask for more of that. But Jesus splits that desire wide open like an axe through wood.

Getting to be first on the spiritual charts defeats the whole notion of growth in faith. It is not about what we can do: it is all about what God can do in us.

Jesus says that the servant, after doing everything ably and well for the Master, has only done what a servant called to do. Christian discipleship is not the business of earning gold stars or meriting God’s grace.

*If we are invited to the Lord’s table, it is through God’s graciousness and not our righteousness that we will be seated.*

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### Something for Parents to Think About

Is the church losing its young people because parents never taught their children that it was important? That applies across the board. It applies to family worship, and it also applies to whether you are in church every Sunday and what priority you demonstrate to your children regarding Sunday Mass. If there is a hockey game, do you skip church or do you find a Mass at another time? If the sun shines and their friends are going to the beach, do you decide to skip church and go to the beach? You can easily send signals to your children that church is not important. Make Sunday Mass top priority in your family.

**Formed.org**

October has been proclaimed an extraordinary month of evangelization. We suggest you watch *How Jesus Makes an Evangelist*. Christ has commissioned each of us to be his missionary disciples, just as he has individually chosen each instrument of evangelization from the beginning of the Church. How do we put this into practice in our daily living? **Our free access code is TBQYW9.**

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### Mass Intentions

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**Celebrating Anniversaries**

Sharon & Jim Wilde’s 19th Wedding Anniversary

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

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**Next Sunday Readings:**

2 Kings 5:14-17, Psalm 98,
2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

**Next Sunday Hymns:**

BB 544 *Sing a New Song*, BB 308 *In This Place*,
BB 507 *Now We Remain*, BB 323 *Gift of Finest Wheat*,
BB 381 *Take the Word of God with You*

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**Our Offerings: September 29**

Regular Sunday Collection: $19258.00
PAD Regular Sunday: $23,890.00
PAD TWS: $3602.00

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**Formed.org**

The *Culture of Life Ministry* at St. Thomas More invites you to participate in the fall campaign of 40 Days for Life by praying, fasting, and keeping vigil for an end to abortion. Come join us for an hour or more in prayer. Participation is encouraged throughout the 40 day period from Sept. 25 - Nov. 3.

**Vigil location:** Outside the MLA office of Edmonton-Glenora (10996 - 124 Street) and Woman’s Health Options abortion facility (12409 109A Ave., outside the 50 meter access zone).

**Vigil hours:** Friday, October 18, 8am to 5pm

**Contact:** Sign up at the church entrance, parish office, or email prolifeSTM@gmail.com
National Catholic Health Care Week

October 6 – 12, 2019

From October 6 to 12, we will celebrate the very first National Catholic Health Care Week in Canada. This week organized by the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada provides the opportunity to highlight the inspiring work of Catholic health care organizations—such as Covenant Health, Covenant Care, Covenant Living and other organizations that support health and well-being—both in our diocese and across Canada. At the heart of Catholic health care is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and an unwavering commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths – especially society’s most vulnerable.

During National Catholic Health Care Week, we give thanks for the courageous gift of Catholic health care. Whether it be in hospitals, community health centers, or seniors care homes, Catholic health care provides purpose-driven care with compassion and innovation. Each year, Catholic health care providers serve more than five million people in need in Canada. Every person who contributes to working in Catholic health care is living out the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by helping those who are most marginalized by society. We give thanks for the thousands of physicians, nurses, employees, and volunteers who give of themselves to care for all in need.

For more information about Catholic health care in Canada or the week, please visit www.chac.ca or www.passiontoheal.ca.

Friendly Reminder

Please, food/beverages are not allowed in the nave of the church. Thank-you for helping us keep the Church clean!

Parish Staffing

Our custodian Arthur Connick has decided not to continue and will be leaving his position at St Thomas More. We appreciate his dedicated work over the past eight years and wish him well in his future endeavours. Thank you Arthur!

Our interim Business Administrator, Christopher Snaith, has completed his contract with St. Thomas More. We wish him all God’s Blessings.

We are looking for a replacement for Arthur. The custodial position is part time. One of the main tasks of vacuuming the church is performed by volunteer Dust Angels each Monday morning. Custodial tasks are normal caretaker and cleaning chores; the job involves some weekend and holiday work. Responsibilities include cleaning, simple maintenance, setup and take down for various functions as well as other parish service needs. If you are interested, please submit a résumé to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Wages are set by archdiocesan standards.

Catholic Women’s League (CWL) Fundraiser

Parish Family Ukrainian Dinner is on October 19th at 6:30 pm following the 5 pm Saturday Mass. Come enjoy the food and fellowship. There will be entertainment by Panache, a band who provides music for entertainment and dancing. Come join us!

Tickets will be available for purchase after mass today.

Ukrainian Dinner Ticket pricing – Adults-$25.00; Children 6 to 12- $15.00; Children under 6 are free.

Are you interested in helping at this CWL fundraiser by volunteering for this event? Please contact Donna Molloy at 780-803-0121 or email donnamolloy@live.ca

OR Donna McLean at 780-988-9839 or email d.dmclean@shaw.ca

The Knights of Columbus Father Bonner Council would like to remind all members of our upcoming council meeting on Tuesday, October 8th. Members are encouraged to attend Mass at 6 pm and then join us after Mass for social time prior to the meeting, which will begin at 7 pm. Please consider attending.

Celebrating Our Schools

St. Thomas More Parish serves 11 schools. On Sunday, November 3 we will celebrate Catholic Education Sunday with families from all schools at the 10 am Sunday mass. We want to include our schools in parish life on an ongoing basis. This year we will be asking each of our 11 schools to be featured once or twice at our regular Sunday 12 noon Mass. Teachers, parents and students will be asked to take responsibility for liturgical ministries – readers, music, altar servers, greeters.

By welcoming these students and families to actively participate in our Sunday liturgies, we hope to encourage them to attend our parish on a regular basis. Our regular ministry volunteers will need to adapt as this program continues in the coming months, but we believe that families and youth are the future of our Church and that this is a wonderful opportunity for us to reach out to them.

As a parish we will benefit from the schools’ enthusiasm and zest for life. Let us welcome these families and teachers with Christian openness and love.

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.
Baptism

Infants & children to 7 years of age.

Preparation Class is next available on Monday, October 7 from 7 - 9pm, for parents and godparents.

Registration by appointment.

Brochure available in brochure stand or on parish website under Sacraments. Brochure contains information on process, documents required and upcoming dates.

Contact Shannon 780-434-6313 for any inquiries regarding baptism.

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We meet from 9:30am - 11:30am on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (except Christmas!) in the parish hall. We know life is challenging with small children sometimes, so know that you are welcome to show up when you are able and leave when you need. It is an informal, casual group. We'll have the coffee on, and a snack to share (feel free to bring something if you can and want to).

Let's grow together in our faith in Jesus, and as a community of women in the throes of motherhood. If you know a mama who could use some fellowship, invite her along.

Can't wait to meet you all!

Become Catholic!

Be a Sponsor!

R.C.I.A.

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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.coordinator@stmparish.com

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office

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A new movement, suggested by Bishop T. J. Olmstead of Phoenix exhorts Catholic men to take up the challenges facing our Church today. Guided by the Holy Spirit we will endeavor to unite in prayer, formation and discussion. The vision will be achieved by fostering Fellowship, Conversion, Faith, Leadership, and Accompaniment, so that all parish men are more fully Christ-led, Christ-fed, and hope filled. The goal is to become better husbands, fathers, leaders and friends.

If you are interested or would like more information on the possibility of forming a parish group contact Wayne Limming via email at limming.wayne@shaw.ca.

Blessed boomers!

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The group would have a social dimension but, as a parish group, would be spiritual in nature. It would be a chance for people to meet, socialize and pray together. If there is enough interest, we will form a group; please leave your name with the parish office.

The St. Joseph’s Hospital Auxiliary

is seeking donations of gently used Christmas decorations and jewelry for our annual Christmas Fair.

Please leave your clearly marked donations in the cloakroom of the church. Donations should be dropped off by October 27.

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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 4:30pm, 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 stmrcgl@gmail.com stating your interest and the name and age of the girl you wish to register.