

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: Marian Ragac
Evening Receptionist: Gideon Boyle



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2019

“One came back praising God in a loud voice.”



What must be said, first of all, is that all ten lepers were remarkable people. They came to Jesus for healing, exhibiting two of the spiritual gifts: faith and hope. And when Jesus told them to report to a priest, they revealed a third gift, obedience, hastening off to do what He had commanded.

In the Books of the Law a cleansed leper had to be officially inspected by a priest in order to be pronounced clean. Without touching them, Jesus ordered them to act as though the healing had already taken place. And these remarkable ten were prepared to claim the healing even before they could see it.

But one of the ten was even more exemplary than the rest: the one who returned to give thanks.

It was to that one alone that Jesus imparted something better than a healing: the assurance of salvation.

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.*

Formed.org

We have recently celebrated two feasts of the angels, the Archangels and the Guardian Angels. Our suggestion for you this week is *Bishop Sheen's Angels*. Bishop Sheen provides insight and explanation to the existence of angels. In this very entertaining and thought-provoking message, Bishop Sheen tells us that there really are angels, and that in our modern world only our materialism prevents us from acknowledging their presence. He explains that their main function, as messengers of God, is to illuminate and protect us. He gives us numerous examples of their presence and tells us why we all have a personal guardian angel.

Our parish access code is TBQYW9.

✠ <i>Mass Intentions</i> ✠		
Mon. Oct. 14	6:00pm	Jose Plathottam † Stéphane Erickson (Birthday)
Tues. Oct. 15 <i>St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila)</i>	6:00pm	Jozef Gajewski † Thanksgiving for new baby Max Dietmar Vaeth
Wed. Oct. 16 <i>St. Marguerite d'Youville</i>	9:00am	Alice Fluet † Brad Anderson †
Thurs. Oct. 17	9:00am	Koshy Philips † Pat Horrigan †
Fri. Oct. 18	9:00am	Lucille Dendwick † Delores Mitchell
Sat. Oct. 19	9:00am	Lydia Plando (Death Anniversary†) Mr. & Mrs. Castillo - Thanksgiving Caroline Linitzki †
	5:00pm	Celestino Manalo (Death Remembrance†) Liam Joseph Manalo †
Sun. Oct. 20 <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	8:00am	Axel Larson †
	10:00am	Lucio Yu † & Tan Ta-A †
	12:00pm	Augusto Mendita (Death Anniversary†)
	5:00pm	Rosalinda † & Linda (Death Remembrance†)

Please note: October 14th is *Thanksgiving Day*
and the office will be closed.

Next Sunday Readings:

Exodus 17:8-13, Psalm 121,

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2, Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday Hymns:

BB 546 *Glory and Praise to Our God*, BB 601 *Rain Down*,

BB 593 *Your Words are Spirit and Life*,

BB 629 *Blest are They*, BB 394 *Jesus, Come to Us*,

BB 381 *Take the Word of God with You*

Our Offerings: October 6

Regular Sunday Collection: \$17,911.00

Together We Serve: \$11,252.00



Ministry Blessing

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10

A blessing for all liturgical ministers will be held at all weekend masses on October 19 and 20. We thank this dedicated group of volunteers for their ongoing commitment to enriching our parish’s liturgical celebrations and helping us grow in our faith.

We ask you to keep all of them in your prayers.



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

3rd Annual Candlelight Rosary & Movie Event

St. Thomas More Parish

Friday, October 25th, 7 - 9pm

Special Guests: *Archbishop Richard Smith*, soloist, *Ariana Whitlow* and the



St. Thomas More Choir

Bring a battery operated candle of any size.

Custodial Staffing

We welcome Marian Ragac as the new custodian. Marian is a parishioner of St. Thomas More Parish and brings his gifts to the service of the maintenance and upkeep of the church and property to which we are very thankful!

Let us all welcome Marian in his new role.

Parish Directories

For anyone who had their picture taken for our Parish Directory, please stop by the office to pick up your copy.

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

MEET THE EXCEPTION

Featuring: Rebecca Kiessling



Many who are otherwise against abortion still believe it is acceptable in cases of sexual abuse. Rebecca Kiessling, who was conceived during a violent assault, disagrees completely. Come hear Rebecca’s powerful story of healing and discovering her identity.

Thursday, October 24

Chateau Louis 11727 Kingsway NW Edmonton

Door Open at 6:00pm| Presentation at 7:00pm

Dessert Buffet to Follow

Tickets - \$20

For tickets visit: www.alies.ca/event

For more information: call 780.421.9941 or email admin@alies.ca



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*.

Come join us!

If anyone is still interested in volunteering for this CWL 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

Celebrating Anniversaries:

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

Johanna and Murray Dietrich’s 20th Wedding Anniversary

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

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.



Mother Margaret Mary High School

"We scare hunger"

OCTOBER 21-31, 2019



Baby Formula



Peanut Butter



Cheerios

Donations from the community will be accepted at the main office from October 21-31, 2019

Baby formula and peanut butter will be donated to the Edmonton Food Bank. Cheerios will be shared among Edmonton Catholic elementary schools with breakfast programs.

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.

Blessed boomers!

A suggestion has been received to create a group for single parishioners of the "baby boomer" era.

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.

Calling all Men of St. Thomas More Parish...

Would you like to deepen your spirituality to combat the crisis of faith in our world?

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.

STM Catholic Moms' Group

Hi Mamas, the STM Catholic Moms' Group is reconvening this year with a study on the Theological Virtues. Other topics we're looking to explore this year include the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy, and the mysteries of the Rosary. ***All are welcome!***

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.

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

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/>

