St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Chris Ashdown
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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 (& older) by Confirmation date
- Registrations for Confirmation 2020 Program start in May
  Contact pastoral2.stm@caedm.ca 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

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

World Day for Consecrated Life

"My eyes have seen your salvation."

The old Simeon never had any doubts and always had trust in the word of the prophets. Now before his eyes, the ancient promises come true. He had seen the great Messiah in a totally unexpected way – as a baby. This is how the splendor of God would appear in the darkness – through a simple baby. The Messiah would come from and remain with the human family.

It took an old man, Simeon, to discern the new thing that was happening. And the old woman, Anna, is also aware. They are wonderful examples of the clarity that can be found in old people. Every night of life the Church's Night Prayer repeats Simeon's canticle: "Now, O Lord, you can dismiss your servant in peace....". It is deeply meaningful. Every day is like a short lifetime, and nightfall reminds us of approaching death.

The end is therefore not to be dreaded as something we have always excluded from our consciousness, but welcomed as a fulfillment – much as the body welcomes the prospect of rest and sleep.

World Day for Consecrated Life

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for the consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Saint John Paul II, 1997).

It's all about the Future...

As our area continues to grow and develop, **the archdiocese has purchased land south of Terwillegar** in the neighbourhood of Glenridding Ravine in Windermere (north of 41st Avenue SW and east of 170th Street) with a view to possibly building a future new church. Archbishop Smith has asked our parish to become involved in the financing of the project. It is a long-term project; spread over many years. As everyone realizes, this will be a big undertaking and will require input, planning and fund raising. The funds will not come from any surplus and a new account has been set up. The archdiocese envisions a possible ten-year timeline, depending on the growth rate and development speed. Your help is needed in all aspects. If you would like to contribute or become involved in any of the planning aspects, please talk to Father Mitch.

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As we celebrate the feast of the Presentation, we suggest **Mary: The Indispensible Mother of God**. It explains the impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines and dogmas safeguard what we believe about her Son. Using insights and humor, Tim Staples shows how knowledge of Mary reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say "Yes" to God!

Mass Intentions

Mon. Feb. 3	6pm	Valerie Rodriguez Dr. Irene Evans †
Tues. Feb. 4	6pm	Pam De Luca Erich Reimer
Wed. Feb. 5	9am	Terry Crosbie † Lope Salagubang †
Thurs. Feb. 6	9am	Bella Caouette † Romeo Alas †
Fri. Feb. 7	9am	Pat Coe Annette Patterson
Sat. Feb. 8	9am	Avelino Blanco † Leo Blackburn †
	5pm	Lucia Pimentel † Anna Turner
Sun. Feb. 9	8am	Modest Kowal †
	10am	Charles Sequeira †
	12pm	Stella Kasha †
	5pm	Maureen Maynard

Next Sunday Readings

Isaiah 58:6-10, Psalm 112,
1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Mathew 5:13-16

Next Sunday Hymns:

BB 560 ***O Bless the Lord***, BB 725 ***Blest are They***,
BB 343 ***Bread for the World***, BB 355 ***I am the Living Bread***,
BB 612 ***The Cry of the Poor***,
BB 381 ***Take the Word of God with You***

Our Offerings - Jan.26

Regular Sunday Collection: $17,863.00

Please remember to pick up your boxed offering envelopes from the tables at the back of the church!

First Friday February 7
~Console the Heart of Jesus with your presence~

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after 9am Mass until 3pm
Benediction

To commit to one hour,
see sign- up sheet in foyer.

First Saturday February 8

Note: Reflection in the Youth Room

Rosary: 8:40am
Mass: 9 am
Reflection after Mass: The 5th Luminous Mystery: the Institution of the Eucharist.
~ Coffee & fellowship. All are welcome! ~

African Heritage Parish Dinner

Saturday, February 15th, 2020
(Last great party before Lent!)
St. Thomas More Parish Hall
6:30 pm (after 5 pm Mass)
Tickets: $25/person, dinner and entertainment

Are you called to advocate for human rights and social justice? We all have the power to effect change.
Enrich your life by sharing your gifts and being a voice for the voiceless. Explore the blessings of membership with a sisterhood of Catholic women. All women (16yrs+) of our parish are invited to join St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League. Members will be available to answer your questions following all Masses next weekend - Feb. 8 & 9. If you would like further information, please contact Linda Sorenson at 780-988-0229 OR Pam De Luca at 780-434-1034. You may also make inquiries at stmcwl@gmail.com

Come and See the Life of the Franciscans

If you are a single man aged 18-40 and interested in the life of the Franciscans,we invite you to join us for a **Come and See** at St. Francis friary in Edmonton, from Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon, **February 20-23**. For more information, please contact Brother Carlos Ona OFM at 780-476-2338 or ***carlos_ona.ofm08@yahoo.ca***.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

Archbishop's Blog: 'The Reason for Our Hope'

This blog can be accessed in two ways:
1) Visit caedm.ca and view Archbishop's blog under ARCHBISHOP heading, or
2) Receive the blog in your inbox by subscribing to Grandin Media's weekly newsletter at grandinmedia.ca

Email/Text Scam Warning

An email/text scam is going around the Archdiocese. The scam text or email purports to be from your parish priest, who is asking for money or gift cards because of some urgent need; for example, to help someone in hospital. Please be assured that no priest of the Archdiocese would ever legitimately ask for money in this way. We encourage you to report such incidents to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

The **World Day of the Sick** is an observance in the Catholic Church initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1992 and is celebrated every year on February 11, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. It seeks to be "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering". Pope John Paul II had written a great deal on the topic of suffering and believed that it was very much a salvific and redeeming process through Christ, as he indicated in his apostolic letter ***Salvifici Doloris***. It gives us pause to think of how our own suffering is redemptive in Christ and what we can do to help others in and through their own suffering.

On Tuesday, February 11 during 6pm Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing will be offered to all those who need it.

Women's Retreat – all women are invited to attend a one day retreat on **Saturday, March 21st** at our parish. Live this Lent through the life and experience of Mary. Registration will be $20 (includes lunch) and will be taken starting Feb. 29/Mar. 1. Contact stmcwl@gmail.com for more details.

Lost and Found

Two different hearing aids have been turned into the parish office in the past week: please inquire at the office.

If you are missing hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves, please speak to the ushers before/after Mass or ask at the office for items such as keys, glasses, and other valuable items.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Society helps people in need on an emergency basis. They could be anyone falling on hard times that might need help to get by until their next paycheque, or to get started in a home with no furniture or food or means to travel to access these services. They may not know where to turn or how to continue. Some families speak no English and need someone to translate for them to understand their needs. Most have children and some of these are on their own after leaving an abusive relationship. Some have lost their jobs or have an illness that makes it difficult to provide for their families, or they are new immigrants or refugees. Our members visit them in their homes to assess their needs and provide support and help.

If you would like 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 – Our Lady of the Rosary Room (Chapter Room) on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm (after the 6pm Mass).

St. Thomas More Parish: Family of Schools Contact Information

School Name	Grades	Phone #	Principal
Archbishop Joseph MacNeil	K-9	780-471-4218	George Antonakis
Monsignor Fee Otterson	K-9	780-430-8015	Marie Whelan
Monsignor William Irwin	K-6	780-430-1121	Lynnette Anderson
Mother Margaret Mary	10-12	780-988-2279	Dean Rootsaert
St. Boniface	K-6	780-434-0294	Leana Perri
St. John XXIII	K-9	780-469-2451	Michael Kovacs
St. Mary	K-6	780-988-6577	Marcel Evaristo
St. Monica	Pre-school	780-436-7888	Chris Hodgins
St. Stanislaus	K-6	780-434-0295	Nella Funaro
St. Thomas Aquinas	K-9	780 409-2604	Danita Power
St. Teresa	K-6	780-437-6022	Julieta Zelada

Upcoming schools leading the liturgy at the 12pm Mass:

Sunday, February 9, ***St. Thomas Aquinas***

Sunday, February 23, ***St. Teresa***

Sunday, March 8, ***Monsignor William Irwin***

Sunday, April 19, ***St. John XXIII School***

EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations for the Newly Baptized: In January, the following children entered into the community of the Trinity through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Atticus Jack, Demi Sarah, Marco Ramos, Elijah Zion, Julien Valtteri, Nicholas Dwein, Aerith Atasha, Claire Grace, Tyler William, Avery Heather, Ella Eugenia, and Alyzarose

Please remember our new little brothers and sisters in your prayers

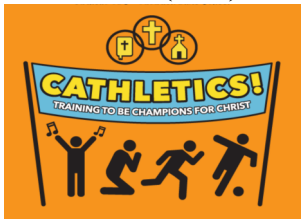
Our next Baptism preparation class is on
Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 1pm.

SAVE-THE-DATE
Summer 2020 @ STM Parish

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

July 6—10, 2020

Ages 5—10 years
(from 9:00 am—12:00 pm)
Ages 11—14 years
(from 8:30 am—3:00 pm)
15+ are invited to volunteer



ANCHOR—JASPER ROAD TRIP

July 19 - 22, 2020

Those going into Grade 9-12

Challenge and Conquest

We are always happy to have new faces at our Youth Groups (no matter that it is the middle of the school year!). Challenge and Conquest are our girls and boys youth groups for members ages 10 – 15. It is run through the help of High school Leaders who are 15 – 18 years old. The girls and boys grow in their Catholic faith through activities, faith formation, games, food and service projects!

We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at St. Thomas More Parish. If you are interested and looking for how to register: https://stm.caedm.ca/youth-ministry/

FOREVER FAITHFUL IN LOVE

The next **Marriage Preparation** program at St. Thomas More 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.

The registration deadline is February 19, 2020.

RETROUVAILLE
A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

There is a better way to communicate. Rediscover your commitment. Put your marriage back on track. Learn how to forgive and trust. Whatever your issues, *no marriage is beyond hope.* Consider a different kind of Christmas gift to each other this year. The next Retrouvaille program begins **March 13-15, 2020**. For more information: email info@helpourmarriage.ca, call 587-598-4357, or check the website retrouvaille.org.

Blessed Baby Boomers

(single divorced widowed)
new friendship circle
Every Sunday from 3 to 5pm
St. Marguerite D'Youville Library
Come and meet. We can plan activities together.

Marriage Enrichment Evenings

Catholic Engaged Encounter (Edmonton) invites all married couples to a series of Marriage Enrichment Evenings at Newman Theological College, 10012 - 84 Street, Edmonton. These will take place on Saturdays in the NTC atrium at 7-9 pm. Presentations will be based upon materials from ***Formed.org***. Subjects and dates include:

Does Marriage Matter, ***February 15***
Entering the Story of Marriage, ***April 25***
Love Revealed, ***June 20***
Total Gift of Self, ***October 3***
A Sacramental Bond, ***December 12***
Real Challenges, Real Love, ***February 13, 2021***

For more information and to RSVP please email ***ds.marchand@hotmail.com*** or call 780-986-9668.

BREAKTHROUGH IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER CONFERENCE

The Breakthrough in the Spirit's Power is a three-day conference from **Friday, February 7th to Sunday, February 9th**, taking place at **St. Theresa's Parish**. This program features praise and worship, preaching, testimonies and a Mass with healing service. This gives participants an opportunity to gather together to deepen their relationship with the Holy Spirit and to seek healing of the mind, body and soul. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Sosa at 780-686-8886 or see their website:

http://www.ccredmonton.info/events/conferences/2020-02feb-esc-conference

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