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 pastoral.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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020

"Look there! The Lamb of God!"

John, before he was a baptizer, was the cousin of Jesus. And though the two of them grew up in separate towns, they must have had some knowledge of each other: family news, annual reunions at the Temple in Jerusalem, gossip, if nothing else. Yet John is emphatic in this Gospel that he did not know who Jesus really was until the day of His baptism at the river.

Now John, we can suppose, was a pretty spiritual savvy guy. As a prophet, his job was to be attentive to the One who sent him, and he was very good at what he did. Although baptisms were not unknown practices in the first century, only John is known as "the Baptist."

But all of this did not make Jesus' identity clear to him until the day the Spirit descended before his eyes. Once he knew, he did not keep it to himself. The mere sight of Jesus had him leaping and shouting: "Look there! The Lamb of God."

It does not matter how long it takes us to know who Jesus is.
What matters is that, once we know, we've got to testify.

You are invited to attend the
Celebration of the Eucharist
and
Rite of Profession Ceremony
for
Theresa Seraphim
who will make her profession into the
Secular Franciscan Order
as a member of the
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity
on
Tuesday, January 21, 2020
at
St. Thomas More Parish
210 Haddow Close NW,
Edmonton, Alberta
at the 6:00 pm Mass
Reception to follow the mass – All are welcome!

During ordinary time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

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St. Paul is one of the most important figures in Church history. As Saul of Tarsus he persecuted Christianity, even collaborating on the martyrdom of Stephen. His encounter on the road to Damascus with the risen Jesus changed Paul's life, the Christian church and history. January 25 is the feast of the Conversion of St Paul; we suggest that you view the short video *St. Paul by Pope Benedict XVI* on formed.org.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Jan. 20	6pm	Wilson Figueroa Peter † and Laura † Seng
Tues. Jan. 21 *St. Agnes*	6pm	Manavalan Family (Thanksgiving for blessings) Paz S. Dasmarinas †
Wed. Jan. 22	9am	Eileen Kirkoff Favour obtained, Souls of Purgatory through the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua
Thurs. Jan. 23	9am	Agnes McAllister Apolinar Coleto Uriate Sr.
Fri. Jan. 24	9am	Pam De Luca Gearard Wright †
Sat. Jan. 25	9am	Bibin Joseph (birthday) Tere Rubio
	5pm	Fred Kofin † Wilhelm † Luzviminda Oligario †
Sun. Jan. 26 *The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle*	8am	Len Douziech
	10am	Therese LaBrie †
	12pm	Ethel Foncha †
	5pm	Mary-Anne Lee & Diane Balatcka (birthdays)

Next Sunday Readings

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, Psalm 40,
1 Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34

Next Sunday Hymns:

CBW 569 ***Sing to the Lord***, BB 383 ***The Summons***,
BB 502 ***Lord, You Have Come***, BB 327 ***I am the Bread of Life***,
BB 667 ***The Lord is My Light***,
BB 381 ***Take the Word of God with You***

Our Offerings

Regular Sunday Collection: $14,274.00
Together We Serve: $1,165.00

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

The 2020 theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. As an island nation, boats are an important part of Maltese life. The Scripture reading describes a perilous sea voyage by the Apostle Paul. A boat is also symbolic of the sometimes tempestuous journey Christians make together towards unity.

Forgiving God,
set us free from the painful memories of the past,
that wound our shared Christian life.
Lead us to reconciliation
so that, through the Holy Spirit we may overcome
hatred with love,
anger with gentleness,
and suspicion with trust.
We ask this in the name of your beloved Son, our brother Jesus.
Amen.

https://www.catholicfamilyministries.com/register-online-2

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

The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) is an organization of Catholic women who come together to foster and celebrate their faith. The CWL is rooted in gospel values and calls you and all members to grow in faith and to witness the love of God through ministry and service to all God's people.

The annual membership drive for the CWL will take place in February. Brochures about the league are available at the back of the church.

Have you considered becoming a member?
We need you! Come join us!

All parishioners are invited to attend the first pancake breakfast of the New Year on **Sunday, January 26 after the 8am and 10am Masses** in the parish hall. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus in support of our parish community.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

One of our recent home visits was to woman whose 11 month old son was taken from her by Children's Services in November, due to a call from a relative. The Mom is a high-functioning individual with a disability. The baby has health issues and is treated regularly at the Stollery. Mom has continued to visit her son and through legal assistance, will be going to court in January to try and regain custody of him. A donation of a Pack'n Play was given to her for a safe place for her baby to sleep.

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**

ALIES 2020: Year of Prayer

Join us by committing to a week of intentional prayer. We're covering The Back Porch & the pro-life movement in prayer every day for the whole year. Let us unite to ask God to change our culture and bring about the end of abortion.

Sign up at: https://www.alies.ca/2020-year-of-prayer

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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, January 26, ***Archbishop Joseph MacNeil***

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

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

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

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

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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.

Pilgrimage and Heritage Tour to Incredible India!

Fr. Jaya Rajan SAC, St. Anthony's Parish - Drayton Valley is organizing a 16-day Christian Pilgrimage and Heritage tour to India from **October 14 to October 29, 2020**. The itinerary includes: the House of Missionaries of Charity (St. Mother Theresa of Kolkata), Bom Jesus Basilica – Goa (enshrines the uncorrupt body of St. Francis Xavier), St. Thomas Mount – Chennai (places of martyrdom, ministry and tomb of St. Thomas, the Disciple of Jesus), Our Lady of Velankanni Church – the Lourdes of the East (place of the three apparitions of our Blessed Mother). It is also a cultural heritage tour.

For full itinerary please contact Diane at the parish office. There will be an information session on:

February 23 at 7 p.m. in the Our Lady of Rosary room.

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.

Holy Land with Father Paul Moret

Is 2020 the year you will make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land?

Father Paul Moret is leading one on **November 9-18**. Includes daily Mass and visits to holy sites such as Mount of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Bethlehem, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Wailing Wall and more. For more information, contact Tour Coordinator Lyle Thorne at 780-915-6091 or ourhope@telus.net. An information session will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove on **Saturday, January 25**, after the 5 pm Mass.

Our first planning meeting will be
Monday, January 27th @ 7pm
in Our Lady of the Rosary Rm
Everyone who is interested in being on the planning committee and finding out more information is invited to come!
You must be 16 by July 1st, 2020.

For more questions contact Sara Dmitri
Youthfamily.stm@caedm.ca

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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