

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Chris Ashdown

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Website: <https://stm.caedm.ca> Email: webmaster.stm@caedm.ca

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





Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

"Let your light shine ... and give glory to your Father in Heaven."

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just, as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavouring, as a preservative and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Jesus' call for us to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel.

When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and perform other works of mercy, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as a "city on the mountain" that cannot be hidden!



The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

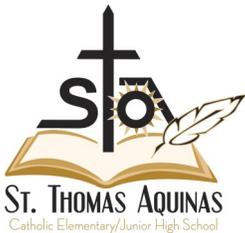
We will celebrate this special day by providing the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at 6 pm Mass.

Collection of Old Palms

Please bring in palms from previous years and drop them off at the entrance of the church in the containers provided. They will be burned and used during the Ash Wednesday Masses.

Celebrating Our Schools

St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary/Junior High Catholic School



Our mission is to inspire our students to grow academically, socially and spiritually, so as to reach their full potential as Catholic citizens. Our vision is that every day is a new beginning as we strive together to make a difference and live our lives with a purpose guided by the teachings of Christ. The school, opened in Fall 2017, is located in the south of Edmonton in the Heritage Valley area in the neighbourhood of Desrochers.

The school is named after St. Thomas Aquinas, a 13th century Italian Dominican friar, philosopher, Catholic priest, and Doctor of the Church. He is the patron saint of academics, schools, and students.

†		<i>Mass Intentions</i>	†
Mon. Feb. 10	6pm	Souls in Purgatory Donna McLean	
Tues. Feb. 11	6pm	Jose Mathew † Zachary Alexander Connolly †	
Wed. Feb. 12	9am	Viola Bottomley Donna Malloy	
Thurs. Feb. 13	9am	Jeannette Liber Theresa Imlah	
Fri. Feb. 14	9am	Delores Mitchell Alice Zilney †	
Sat. Feb. 15	9am	Alice Zilney † Doreen Schmidt	
	5pm	Faustino & Cecilia Espino † Linda Sorenson	
Sun. Feb. 16	8am	Helen Vander Elst	
	10am	Ernest Reimer	
	12pm	Jozef Gajewski †	
	5pm	Olga Wachowicz †	

Next Sunday Readings

Sirach 15:15-20, Psalm 119,
1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Mathew 5:17-37

Next Sunday Hymns:

CBW 569 *Sing to the Lord*, BB 600 *Rain Down*,
BB 729 *O How Blessed*, BB 479 *Ubi Caritas*,
BB 592 *Your Words are Spirit and Life*,
BB 539 *Sing a Joyful Song*

✦ World Day of Prayer for the Sick 2020 ✦

Tender and merciful God, you watch over your creatures with unflinching care, keep us in the safe embrace of your love. With your strong right hand, make whole all who are suffering. Give them the strength of your power and the stillness of your peace. Minister to them through the compassionate service of others and heal their every affliction. Fill those who serve the sick with new hope and joy for the good they do in your name. Amen

✦ Prayer ✦

Culture of Life Ministry

General Meeting - St. Marguerite D'Youville Library
Monday, February 11, 6:45pm after
6pm Holy Mass (6:40pm Holy Rosary)



Our special guest that evening is **Ann Wilson** (Lifelines bulletin, posters, and brochures) and we will also have a reflection and discussion on the recent Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Richard Smith on euthanasia and assisted suicide.

All parishioners welcome to join us!

For further information please email prolifestm@gmail.com

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

Last chance for tickets after Masses this weekend.

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.

How Can I Enrich my Faith?



Join the Catholic Women's League. The League is rooted in gospel values and calls you and all members to holiness through service to all people of God. You are invited to join League sisters at St. Thomas More as we pray for one another and walk the gospel road together.

We encourage you to pray on becoming one of 77,000 members across Canada, who are continually growing in their faith, and serving in their parishes and communities through ministry and service.

Today members of the Catholic Women's League are available in the west hall to assist you in registration or to answer questions. Brochures are also available at the entrance.

If you would like further information or wish to speak to a member, please contact Linda Sorenson at 780-988-0229 or Pam De Luca at 780-434-1034. You may also make inquiries at stmewl@gmail.com

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.

Our Offerings - Feb.2

Regular Sunday Collection: \$7,169.00

Together We Serve: \$14,894.00

Donation receipts for 2019 are now available for pickup at the entrance of the Church

The Father Bonner Council of the Knights of Columbus

is inviting boys and girls aged 9 - 14 to participate in the



Basketball Free Throw Competition

Saturday February 22nd at St. John XIII Catholic School (365 Windermere Rd SW). Registration will begin at 9am, with the competition to begin at 10 AM. Certificates and refreshments will be provided.

Registration forms are available in front of the Parish Family and Youth Coordinator's office.

For more information, please contact

Dennis Bourgeault (freethrow@kofc7599.org | 780-909-5025) or **Tony Joseph** (family@kofc7599.org | 780-977-4921).

There is no cost to participate and all skill levels are welcome - this event is about having FUN!

Attention all Knights of Columbus members - this is a gentle reminder that 2020 membership fees are now due. Dues can be paid by credit card through the PayPal link on our website (www.kofc7599.org) or by cash/cheque in person at the grocery card kiosk or our February council meeting. Members who have paid their memberships are invited to pick up their membership cards from the grocery card kiosk at their earliest convenience. Thanks!



Valentine's Day is coming so we suggest "*Beloved: Does Marriage Matter.*" God placed on the human heart a longing for the unique, lifelong commitment, and total self-giving love found in the Sacrament of Matrimony. What does God's design mean for us in our daily lives together? An assembly of theological experts shows us the answer. Access is free to all parishioners.

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 Rootsart
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	Julietta Zelada

Upcoming schools leading the liturgy at the 12pm* Mass:

Sunday, February 23 *(10am Mass), **St. Teresa**

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

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



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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.

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



SAVE-THE-DATE
Summer 2020 @ STM Parish

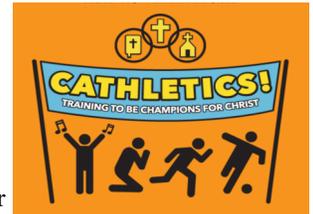
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

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

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.



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.



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.