

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
Friday
Saturday 9:00 am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
5:00 pm

CONFESSION

1 hour before all
ing & evening weekday Masses

ADORATION

Tuesday 5:00 pm
1st Fridays 9 am - 3 pm

Cancelled, see p.2

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
Pastoral Associate: Christina Faitakis
Administrative Assistant: Diane Middleton

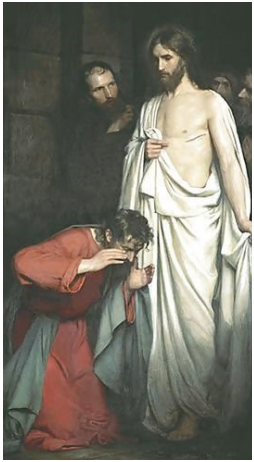
Youth & Family Evangelization Coordinator: Sara Dmitri
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich
Business Administrator and Bookkeeper: Olivia Dias
Custodian: Marian Ragac



Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”



Today’s reading, from the Gospel of John combines two scenes: Jesus’ appearance to His disciples after His Resurrection and Jesus’ dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus’ Resurrection is that He appeared to His disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. In Luke’s Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until He broke bread with them. In today’s Gospel, Jesus commissions His disciples to continue the work that He has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send His disciples. As disciples, we are also called to carry out His mission.

Thomas, the disciples who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that came after the first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to His disciples. It is the part of our human nature to seek hard evidence. However, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed ... *for we have not seen and yet have believed.*

Office Staff Reductions

At the end of March our archdiocese announced necessary personnel cuts. Both the Chancery Office and all parishes were expected to make cuts. These are necessitated by two factors: the reduced work load and the reduced amount of donations. The archdiocese office has laid off several staff members and our parish was required to lay off three employees. Priests were asked to take a 15% salary cut and remaining staff a 10% cut. All staffing decisions were made, not by performance, but by parish needs in this unique and difficult time. After careful consideration and consultation, we have been required to cut the following positions: Sara Dmitri (Youth & Family Evangelization), Monica Bober (Pastoral Assistant) and Diane Middleton (Administrative Assistant). We are grateful for the staff understanding and cooperation in this matter and thank them for their service to the parish. We hope to continue to serve the people of the St. Thomas More in a caring and helpful manner.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Mon. April 20		Bill Smiley
Tues. April 21		† Angelita Bustamante † Luzvimda Oligariot
Wed. April 22		† Doreen Romero † Edwin Luna
Thurs. April 23		Donna deBruin Jennifer Knox
Fri. April 24		Shannon deBruin † Josée Mukarulinda & † Twagirazu Vianney
Sat. April 25 St. Mark	5pm online	† Julieta and † Rodrigo Serofia † Dorothy Whaley † Debbie S.
Sun. April 26		Jean & Deacon Chris Ashdown † Helen Forest † Pearl Chyz † Prudence and † Maximino Bernaldez

Next Sunday Readings

Acts 2:14, 22b-28, Psalm 16,
1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

Pilgrimage Cancellations

The pandemic has forced the Archdiocese to cancel this year's Skaro Pilgrimage and the St. Albert Pilgrimage, which usually take place around the feast of the Assumption of Mary in August. We will look forward in hope to next year!

Our Offerings - April 5 & 12

Regular Sunday Collection: \$26,615
Together We Serve: \$2037

Please consider on-line giving if you are not able to drop off donation envelopes:



The second Sunday of Easter is called Divine Mercy Sunday so our recommendation is *Ocean of Mercy*. At the beginning of

the twentieth century, three voices rose up from Poland to proclaim a message powerful enough to alter the course of an age plunging into spiritual darkness. Filmed on location in more than twenty cities across Poland and the United States, this true story examines and chronicles the lives and spiritual legacy of St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II, modern day "Apostles of Mercy." This story journeys across a visual landscape to document their heroic struggles and herald the message of Divine Mercy to all mankind. Online access available here: formed.org.

New South West Catholic Parish

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you..." (John 20:21)

We, the parish of St Thomas More, have been blessed with the mission of spreading the Good News to the people of southwest Edmonton. Yes! This means you too are to be involved and are needed on this journey.

Our Archdiocese needs a church in growing southwest Edmonton. Archbishop Richard Smith launched a plan for a church, which will be paired with an adjacent Covenant Care Facility and Covenant Living Facility, to form a single Catholic campus. Our parish has been tasked by Archbishop Smith to raise funds for the project. A committee has been established with parish cross-representation. At this time, our focus is communication and information. We will officially launch our fundraising after we are through the COVID-19 situation.

A 10-acre parcel of land in Glenriding has been purchased with a mortgage. The cost of the land is \$9.5 million and additional funds will be needed for construction. This is a difficult and challenging time, but it does not stop the need to grow our faith and the faith opportunities for others. In the words of Father Mitch,

*"The main work of the Church is Mission. Not all mission work is in far off places.
We need to take part in building the physical and spiritual local Church."*

For more information, to participate with your time, your talent, your prayers, and/or to donate money towards the land and construction of the new church, please visit our website. You can also contact our committee by email or cell phone:

<https://new-parish-stthomasmore.ca>

newSWparish.stm@caedm.ca

Paul Givens, co-chair 403-971-7284; **Heather-Jane Au**, co-chair 780-993-0792

STM New SW Parish Committee

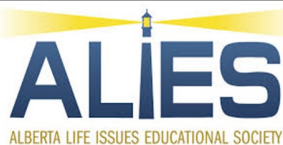
Parishioners are encouraged to participate remotely in the celebration of the Eucharist:

- + On TV: Salt+Light TV, Vision TV, Shaw Channel 51 (1pm, daily Mass from Toronto)
- + Online: [Daily TV Mass](#) , [EWTN](#)
- + The Archdiocese will livestream Sunday mass at 10:30am from St. Joseph's Basilica (grandinmedia.ca/livestream)

An Act of Spiritual Communion

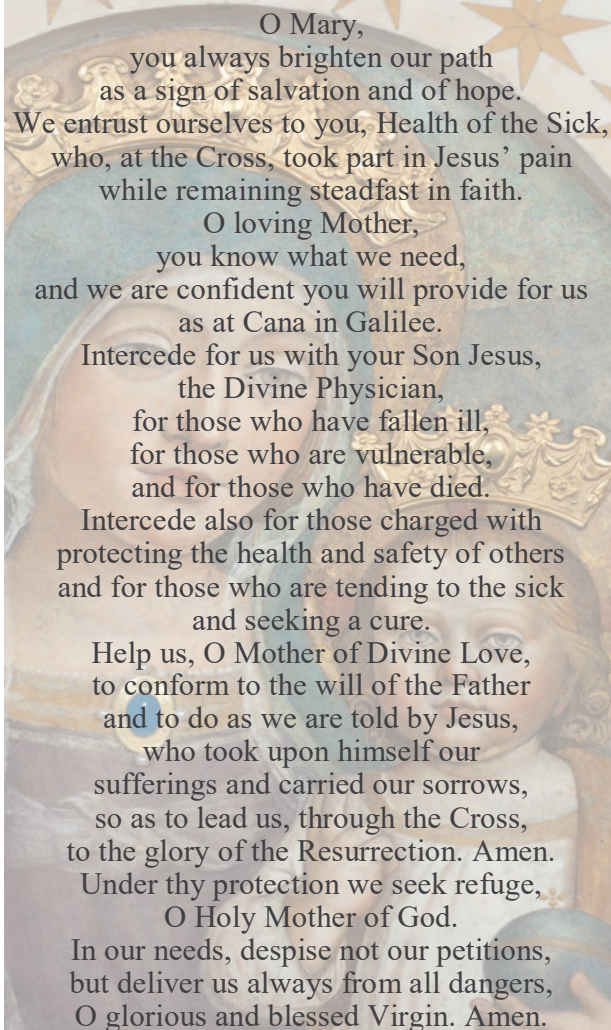
My Jesus,
I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

St. Alphonsus Liguori(A.D. 1696-1787)



ALIES is seeking passionate pro-life candidates to join their life-saving ministry at the Back Porch, an 11th-hour ministry in defence of women and their preborn children. See the full job postings at: <https://www.alies.ca/career-opportunities>

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC
Adapted from the prayer of Pope Frances



O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.
Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.