St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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Temporary Administrator: Fr. Paul Kavanagh

Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Chris Ashdown, Tom Sudsbear

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm



Website: https://stm.caedm.ca

Email: communications.stm@caedm.ca

WEEKEND	Mass Times	Weekday 1	MASS TIMES
*Saturday	5:00 pm	Monday	6:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am	Tuesday	6:00 pm
	10:00 am	Wednesday	9:00 am
	12:00 pm	Thursday	9:00 am
	5:00 pm	*Friday	9:00 am
		Saturday	9:00 am

^{*} These Masses are also live-streamed

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

One hour before all morning and evening weekday Masses

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 5:00 pm

First Friday 9:30 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 (pastoral1.stm@caedm.ca)

Baptism

- See Baptismal brochure in stand or look on website
- Parents & godparents are required to take preparation classes (baptism.stm@caedm.ca)

Marriages

- Schedule an appointment before you book any other facilities (pastoral1.stm@caedm.ca)
- An approved pre-marriage course is required (stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com)
- 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 (pastoral1.stm@caedm.ca)
- See Reconciliation/First Communion brochure for details

Confirmation

- For those in grades 7-12, 11 years (& older) by Confirmation date
- Registrations for Confirmation 2022 Program (Julie.Lee@caedm.ca)

RCIA and RCIC (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 (rciacoordinator.stm@caedm.ca)

Parish Staff:

Pastoral Assistant: Christina Faitakis Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich Pastoral Assistant: Julie Lee Business Coordinator: Paul Givens

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 10, 2022

The Passion of Our Lord!



For all of us, professed followers of Christ, who during this Holy Week will be reminded daily of what God has done and is continuing to do for us, our only answer is to beat our breasts in humble contrition, like some of the crowds returning from Calvary on that first Good Friday.

But while we have reason, all of us, to repent of our past faults during this Holy Week, we have also every reason not to despair but to hope. In the very height of his agony on the cross, our loving Savior uttered a fervent plea to his heavenly Father, asking for forgiveness for all those who had brought his death-agony on him.

The words, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do," hold for all time, we too were included there, and God's merciful answer to his dying Christ is for us too if we avail of it.

Holy Week will be truly a holy week and a turning point in our lives if we repent on our part and turn to our loving God. Through the life, sufferings and resurrection of his beloved Servant and Son, He has made us his adopted sons and heirs of heaven. He will not fail us now.

Welcome Fr. Mark!



We are happy to announce that Archbishop Smith has appointed Fr. Mark McGee as the Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish. Fr. Mark presently serves as Pastor of St. Edmond's on the north side of Edmonton. The effective start date will be Saturday, April 30, 2022.

Our <u>formed.org</u> suggestion for Holy Week is *The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death & Resurrection*. Through Jesus's Death on the Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is love. Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness. We are made to live like Christ: in total, self-giving love.

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.

Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Psalm 118, 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8, John 20:1-18

NO GUM IN THE CHURCH

Dispose of gum in the garbage before entering the sanctuary

Thank-you for your courtesy!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK					
Monday April 11		no mass scheduled today			
Tuesday April 12	6pm	†Marie Edna Blanchette †Estelita Gan			
Wednesday April 13	9am	9am Veronica Kastrukoff Agnes McAllister			
*Thursday April 14 HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	*7pm	For Priests of the Archdiocese			
*Friday April 15 GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE	9am 12pm	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord			
Lord	*3pm				
*Saturday April 16 EASTER VIGIL RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	*9pm	RCIA candidates			
*Sunday	8am	Laura Humen			
April 17	*10am	Nkwete family and friends			
EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION	12pm	Benjamin Reimer			
OF THE LORD	5pm	Fr. Mitch Fidyka			
* These Masses are <u>also</u> live-streamed					

The office will be closed Easter weekend, from Good Friday, April 15th, up to, and including, Easter Monday, April 18th.



Our Offerings: April 3

Regular Sunday Collection: \$44,850 Together We Serve: \$3,457 Other: \$1,279

Liturgical Schedule for Lent & Easter

Confession: one hour before all weekday Masses up to

and including Wednesday, April 13

HOLY WEEK:

No Mass Monday, April 11

Holy Thursday Mass: April 14, 7pm* Good Friday: April 15, 9am, 12pm, 3pm* Holy Saturday Basket Blessing: April 16, 12pm

Easter Vigil: April 16, 9pm*

All are welcome to join our newly initiated members of the Catholic Church for a reception afterwards in

the parish hall.

Easter Sunday: April 17, 8am, 10am*, 12pm and 5pm * These celebrations will also be live-streamed



Special considerations during Holy Week

Fasting on Good Friday: Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from eating meat.

Ringing the Bells: Please bring bells from home to ring during Gloria at Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday.

No photographs or videos during the Easter Vigil as we will have a professional photographer on site. Thank-you.

Spring 2022 STM Scripture Study begins Thursday, April 28, 2022 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. There will be 9 weekly sessions. The sessions will be virtual meetings on Zoom so one would need to have this free app. We will be studying the scriptural basis for the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - the source of divine love. Discover how devotion to the Sacred Heart can be revitalized in our day through a spirituality that is biblical, ecumenical, and contemporary. The workbooks are \$12 per book. Once I have your contact information (email and phone number), I can make arrangements to get the booklets to you. Join to learn, pray, and share your faith. The time commitment is 90 minutes each week. For registration or information call Deacon Randy Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or email: randy.abele@caedm.ca

Congratulations to the following children who entered into the community of the Church in March through the

Sacrament of Baptism:

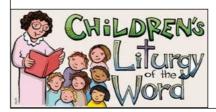


Ciera Paulette Marie A., Hazel Amaka A., Avery Marshall L., and Elizabeth Almabella C.

Please remember our new little brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Children's Liturgy

Would you like to assist with Children's Liturgy from April 23 until the end of June? You will always be paired up with another person to lead the children. Lesson plans and activities are provided.



Please email Chervl at shinkarukc@shaw.ca to volunteer.

We appreciate you volunteering your time to work with our children.

Called to Protect

Our next Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention training session, "Called to Protect", is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7pm. The workshop will take place over Zoom. It will be approximately 2.5 hours long. This is a requirement for all volunteers and employees in the Archdiocese 18 years and older.



For registration, please follow the Archdiocese link or contact Lucy Kaakyo by of Edmonton email at lkaakyo@caedm.ca and include the name of your parish.

Helpful instructions, training material and the link to the Zoom session will be sent close to the date. We appreciate vour time and talent in the service of the Church.

St. Thomas More Parish Cookbook

Just in time for Easter dinner – we still have a few copies of the parish cookbook, Gather Together Again, featuring over 300 tried and true favourite recipes submitted by STM parishioners. Pay by cash or cheque, \$15 each or two books for \$25. Or to arrange payment by e-transfer, send an email to cookbookstm@gmail.com.

Journeying Together: Have you completed your online submission yet? Deadline Friday, April 29th

The Holy Father has asked ALL OF US to find "the path that God expects of the Church in the third millennium."

The path to a Church that listens and walks together starts with each one of us.

We are all called to share our voices!

Pray, Discern, then Submit Online - Access the Archdiocese online platform Here. For more information go to St Thomas More's and the Archdiocese' Synodal Journey websites

Or contact us at STMSynod@gmail.com



Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2022!



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the People and Planet First campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$564. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not had a chance to donate,

there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.





The *Culture of Life ministry* at St. Thomas More invites you to participate in 40 Days for Life by praying, fasting, and keeping vigil for an end to abortion. Participation is encouraged throughout Lent from March 2nd - April 10th.

Join us Tuesdays during Lent for the Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5 to 6pm.

Lord, we pray for the courage to stand up for life by witnessing to those who advocate that we should destroy life. But, like Jesus, let us not cast stones. Instead, give us wisdom to help those who go astray so they find and stay on a better path, the one that leads to Life.

Study for a bachelor's degree in Catholic Studies



Enrolment is now open for fall for the *BA in Catholic Studies* courses at Newman Theological College. Earn your fully accredited Bachelor of Arts degree in three years. To learn more and apply for courses please visit their website:

https://newman.edu/bacath https://www.newman.edu/

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stthomasmoreyeg/

Youtube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/

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Marriage Preparation

Holy Trinity parish in Spruce Grove is hosting this course May 7, 14 and 15. Cost is \$200 including lunches and workbooks. To register call 780-960-0135 or email holytrinity.sg@caedm.ca Space is limited so register early.



Did you know there's a youth group at St. Thomas More Parish? If you are in grade 9 - 12 you are invited to join ANCHOR which meets from 6 - 8 pm on the 2nd Sunday of every month (this month: April 10). We will have time for adoration and worship, as well as snacks and community building! If you're in grade 9 - 12, you should come to Anchor this Sunday from 6 - 8 pm & bring a friend!

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	Patrick Lema
Monsignor William Irwin	K-6	780-430-1121	Azza Ghali
Mother Margaret Mary	10-12	780-988-2279	Dean Rootsaert
St. Boniface	K-6	780-434-0294	Thomas Rees
St. John XXIII	K-9	780-469-2451	Michael Kovacs
St. Mary	K-6	780-988-6577	Christine Vince
St. Monica	Pre-school	780-436-7888	Michele Wedemire
St. Stanislaus	K-6	780-434-0295	Nella Funaro
St. Teresa	K-6	780-437-6022	Julieta Zelada
St. Thomas Aquinas	K-9	780 409-2604	Danita Power



To support the Knights of Columbus and purchase grocery cards contact:

Ken Shivak at kshivak@shaw.ca or phone: 780-434-0632

Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish

Are you new to the Parish?

Are you registered at St. Thomas More?

Being a registered member of the parish makes it easier for us to serve you. To register, please fill out a registration form and drop off at the office.

Help keep our Parish database up to date!

Let us know if:

-you moved or you are planning a move

-you cancelled your landline phone

-you changed your email

-you have a new addition to your family

-sign up for PAD (pre-authorized deductions) and no

longer need donation envelopes