

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

210 Haddow Close, Edmonton, AB, T6R 2P3
Office: 780-434-6313; Fax: 780-438-2088

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

*Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm
5:00 pm

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

* 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
Pastoral Assistant: Julie Lee

Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich
Business Coordinator: Paul Givens

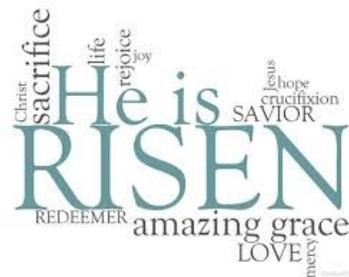


Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

April 24, 2022

Christ has given us the keys

It is often said that death is the one and only future event in our lives of which we can be absolutely certain. For those of us who are trying to live each day in the love of God, there is a second certainty. It is that death will open the door into the glory of heaven. Instead of being something to dread and fear, death is the necessary prelude to our perfect joy and happiness.



For all of us who believe in God and life after death, death is rather the beginning of our real existence. This does not mean that we must not care for our health, or that we can afford to be reckless and foolish in our mode of living. Each one of us has a certain number of years allotted to him in which he is to carry out God's will on this earth.

Christ has the keys of death and of the underworld and he has given those keys to us in the sacraments and all the other aids he has left us in his Church. These inspired words of John, read to us today, are intended to inspire us with still greater love and gratitude to the Risen Savior, who has earned for us a new life of glory and happiness beyond the grave, if we remain faithful to our

Christian faith during the few short years of our earthly life.

Easter Blessings!

A great big thank-you to everyone who helped us during our preparations and celebrations leading up to the Easter Triduum. Thank-you for your work and effort to make our celebrations for Easter so rich and meaningful. Thank-you to the RCIA team, Musicians, Readers, Eucharistic ministers, Greeters, Servers, Decorators, those who prepared the reception, and all who played a special role. Thank you and keep up the very good work and involvement.

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen, indeed.

Alleluia!

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

FORMED

Since his election to the papacy, Pope Francis has inspired millions by urging us to embrace mercy, ultimately revealed in the face of Christ. *The Face of Mercy* explores the history and relevance of Divine Mercy in our turbulent times. Watch its story unfold, from an unpretentious Polish nun who experienced powerful visions of a merciful God, to her countryman Saint John Paul II who propelled the message of Divine Mercy onto the world stage, and the Year of Mercy bestowed upon the Church by Pope Francis. Narrated by Jim Caviezel, this stirring film creates a remarkable tapestry of what constitutes the face of mercy in our modern world. Watch it at formed.org.

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.

| Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK | | |
|--------------------------------|------|--|
| Monday April 25 St. Mark | 6pm | †Joseph V. K. †William MacCallum |
| Tuesday April 26 | 6pm | †Peter and †Laura Seng †Pablo and †Loreta Caranto |
| Wednesday April 27 | 9am | †James Williams †Maria Tran |
| Thursday April 28 | 9am | †Sharon Hills †Glenn Knutson |
| *Friday April 29 | *9am | Fr. Mitch Fidyka Margaret King (40 day death anniversary) |
| *Saturday April 30 | 9am | †Eddie Yakubow |
| | *5pm | †Mrs. Carmel Gaffney |
| *Sunday May 1 | 8am | †Nepomuceno and †Selvina Bura |
| | 10am | †Max Wan |
| | 12pm | †Maria Nguyen (death anniversary) |
| | 5pm | †Theresa Sudsbear |

* These Masses are **also** live-streamed

Next Sunday Readings
Acts 5:28-32, 40b-41, Psalm 30,
Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

Next Sunday Hymns:
CS p.142 *Join in the Dance*, CBW 495 *We Walk by Faith*,
CBW 611 *Take and Eat*, CBW 516 *Only This I Want*,
CBW 383 *Alleluia Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

Children's Liturgy

We invite children to join Children's Liturgy beginning on Sunday, April 24th. Children's Liturgy will occur at the 10:00 am Mass every Sunday until June 19th.



St. Thomas More Parish invites you to

our **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR**

April 24th from 3pm to 4pm

Join us in the Holy Hour of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Let us immerse ourselves in the ocean of His endless Mercy!

Prolife Prayer for the week: April 24 – Thomas Sunday

Lord, we pray that just as Thomas recognized Jesus by His wounds, we also recognize Jesus in the wounded and pray for them: those contemplating abortion, suicide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and all those who carry out life-ending procedures.

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

With the legalization of medical assistance in dying in 2016 and the gradual easing of restrictions on it since then, it is more important than ever to show our support for the alternative – good quality palliative care accessible by all. Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problems associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of physical, psychosocial and spiritual suffering. St. Thomas More Council of the Catholic Women’s League invites all parishioners to join us in praying for palliative care on **Friday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Please offer an hour of prayer, either at home or in the church. The CWL’s “12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care” runs simultaneously with the *Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association’s National Hospice Palliative Care Week, May 1–7, 2022.*

Alberta March for Life

Mark your calendars early and please join us at this year's **15th Annual Alberta March for Life.** Events include:

Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life, Monday, May 9

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral (starts at 7pm).

Mass for Life, Thursday, May 12

St. Joseph Basilica (Mass at 10am).

Rally and March for Life, Thursday, May 12

Alberta Legislature (starts at 12 noon).

For more information, please visit albertamarchforlife.com

For those interested in attending the rally and march please add your name to the sign up sheet at the entrance of the church or email ProlifeSTM@gmail.com

All Lives Matter: From Conception to Natural Death

North of 60° Project

The **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**, Divine Mercy Conference of St. Thomas More Parish is planning again this year to send a sea container of food to the small town of Fort Good Hope in the Northwest Territories. Thirteen NWT communities in northern Canada receive containers from parishes in Edmonton and Calgary. This food security program provides food hampers to families in need. The community of Fort Good Hope has no road access, so the Canadian Government provides food subsidies: last year this amounted to 25% of the cost of food on our shipment. Our plan this year is to ask for financial donations, so that we can take advantage of bulk purchasing to lower food costs. Unemployment is high in this community and families and children are in desperate need. If you are not able to donate financially, we simply ask for your prayers. If you can afford to donate, we appreciate your prayers and your financial donations.

To donate by cheque: Please make cheques payable to SSVP Divine Mercy Conference (note on memo line: “North of 60”). Drop off your cheque at the container in the parking lot after Masses on May 8th or drop in the St. Vincent de Paul donation box in the church or drop off or mail to the parish office. A donation receipt will be sent to you. Donations can also be made online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/The-Society-of-Saint-Vincent-de-Paul-Divine-Mercy-Conference/>



Please add a note in the comments: Donation to North of 60.

For more info call Lou Normand at 780-218-4952.

We thank you for your support.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

This annual multinational prayer event will be held on

May 6th – 8th 2022, and coordinated by the

Saint Michael the Archangel Organization



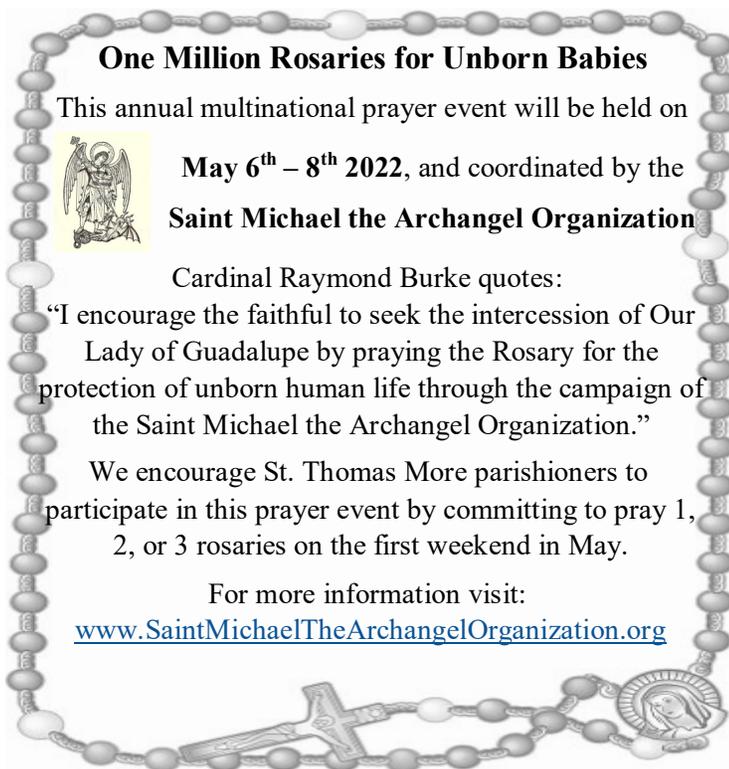
Cardinal Raymond Burke quotes:

“I encourage the faithful to seek the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe by praying the Rosary for the protection of unborn human life through the campaign of the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization.”

We encourage St. Thomas More parishioners to participate in this prayer event by committing to pray 1, 2, or 3 rosaries on the first weekend in May.

For more information visit:

www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org



Alberta March for Life

Pasta Supper Fundraiser and Sister Elizabeth's Bake Table

Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 5:30 PM

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Basilica
10044-113 Street NW, Edmonton

Tickets: \$25 per person. Children under ten, free.

Available through the Knights of Columbus,
CWL members or call 780-812-9340



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

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.



INTEGRITY • COURAGE • MANLINESS • COMMITMENT • FIDELITY

MEN of INTEGRITY Lead by Example! Into the Light!

*"The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it"*
John 1:5

AB Richard Smith

André Regnier

Fr. Paul Moret



April 29-30, 2022

Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, AB
200 Boundary Road, North of Highway 16A
(Between Spruce Grove and Stony Plain)

Early-Bird Registration: \$50/Man • \$40/Student

APRIL 25th Registration: \$60/Man • \$50/Student

Friday: 5:30 PM - 10 PM • Saturday: 7:30 AM - 4 PM

REGISTER ONLINE: www.catholicfamilyministries.com | 780.934.2202

+++ 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.



The Catholic
Archdiocese
of Edmonton

For registration, please follow the [link](#) or contact Lucy Kaakyo by 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 your time and talent in the service of the Church.

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

Participate in the final Archdiocese Listening Session:

Monday, April 25: 7 pm

Come prepared to join in a faith conversation that is rooted in prayerful discernment and inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Archdiocese of Edmonton welcomes your feedback on the Synod Questions.

Discern, then Submit Online - Access the Archdiocese online platform: <https://caedm.ca/synod>

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 Rootsart |
| 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 | Julietta Zelada |
| St. Thomas Aquinas | K-9 | 780 409-2604 | Danita Power |