

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022

Pastor: Fr. Mark McGee

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 5:00 pm
Tuesday 5:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 5:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

One hour before all morning and evening weekday Masses

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 5:30 pm - 6:30pm
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 (pastoral.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 (pastoral.stm@caedm.ca)
- An approved pre-marriage course is required (stm.marriagereparation@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 (pastoral.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 7-15 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

Pastoral Assistant: Tracy Lam

Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich

Business Coordinator: Paul Givens

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CLERGY CORNER

We are all members of the flock of Christ. When we decide not to follow the teachings of Christ, or follow the path of temptation, we stray from His fold and become lost sheep. Yet, He will not give up on us but follows us through those treacherous paths of life with His graces.

The underlying message of these parables is the joy at being found! That is what links the parables of the lost sheep, the lost silver coin and the father and his sons. The shepherd who found his sheep and the woman who found her silver coin, after diligently searching, shared their joy with their friends and neighbours. When a sinner returns to God, heaven feels a party is in order. ("there is joy in the presence of the Angels of God over one sinner who repents")

Christ came to this earth for one purpose - to save sinners. He told the Pharisees that sinners needed a physician, but they failed to understand. Christ came to redeem mankind and reopen the gates of the kingdom of heaven to all of us. Christ, the good shepherd, is determined to find and bring the lost sheep back to the true fold. Sometimes those lost sheep that are reclaimed by Christ become great saints in his Church and display great virtue.

Let us always remember that whatever sins we may be guilty of in the past or how often we have fallen, we not reject the grace that Christ is offering us.

The Joy of Being Found



Have YOU Thought About BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process is the way adults come into "Full Communion" with the Catholic Church (*i.e. those baptised in another Christian church*); or those never Baptised prepare for the Sacraments of full Initiation (*Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist*) at Easter. For more information call the office at 780-434-6313.

RCIA is also an opportunity for personal renewal for Catholics who would like to learn or relearn their Catholic faith. Would you like to journey with those enrolled in our RCIA process?

NICODEMUS NIGHT

"Nicodemus Night" is an information session regarding the RCIA process. It is called "Nicodemus Night" after the Pharisee, Nicodemus, came to meet Jesus, discreetly and privately, at night (*see John 3:1-21*). This information session is meant for individuals wanting to understand the RCIA process either for themselves or on behalf of someone else. The meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 1:30 pm**.

Called to Protect Abuse Prevention Training

Friday, September 16 | 1:00 pm

Virtual training session via Zoom

This two and a half hour training session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

Please register using the link below:

Registration: <https://forms.gle/WNtT1M21vUpnHKdg9>

Deacon Tom

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK		
Monday September 12	5pm	†Rolando Santos Father Mitch
Tuesday September 13	5pm	†Joe Scharfenberger †Berta and †Earnest Mikula
Wednesday September 14 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	9am	Hilary Scharfenberger †Olga Wachowicz
Thursday September 15	5pm	Joanne Thompson (birthday blessings) †Giuseppina Del Mastro
Friday September 16	9:30am	†John MacDonald †Jim Henderson
Saturday September 17	9am	Iligan family Valerie McKay
	5pm	Pro populo
Sunday September 18	8am	†Lawrence and Janine Smith †Helen Rutkowski
	10am	†Paul Francis Lema Sanche family
	12pm	Annette Kennedy †Noel Day (death anniversary)
	5pm	†Lionel Gagnon (1st death anniversary) †Molly Siby (death anniversary)

We welcome all **Archbishop Joseph MacNeil** students, staff, and their families as they celebrate morning Mass on **Friday, September 16th at 9:30am.**
All are welcome!



Our Offerings: August

Regular Sunday Collection:	\$ 92,423
Together We Serve:	\$ 7,722
Other:	\$ 2,935

Fall 2022 STM Scripture Study

The scripture study begins Monday, September 26, 2022 from 7:00pm. to 9:00pm in the Marguerite d'Youville room (library). There will be 9 weekly sessions – the last one on November 28, 2022. We will be studying: "Questions Jesus Asks". Each chapter invites us to new ways of encountering Jesus in the gospels. Workbooks are \$12/book and will be distributed at the first session. Join to learn, pray, and share your faith. For registration or information call Deacon Randy Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or email: randy.abele@caedm.ca

Prayers for the Deceased

+ Jeannette Prefontaine

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.*



Our [formed.org](#) suggestion this week is *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*, an educational presentation by the Augustine Institute. Wednesday, September 14 we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Tune in to Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss the history of this important feast and gain some insight and a better understanding of our call to pick up and carry our cross.

**I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow
(Jeremiah 31:13)**

At St. Thomas More we are beginning the Fall session of "Grief as a Journey: Our Walk to Emmaus". This program is from the Archdiocese of Edmonton and is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. The format is a weekly seminar/support group for those who are trying to cope with the troubling effects of grief. In this faith-based program, you will learn valuable information that will help you heal in this difficult time in your life. You will be together with others who are able to empathize with how you feel in the pain of your loss. We are commencing the meetings here at St. Thomas More parish, in the St. Marguerite Room (Library) on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Please contact Deacon Randy or Roseanne Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or by email: Randy.abele@caedm.ca for more information or to register.

Mass and Fellowship - Ladies, young and old are invited to come each Tuesday to celebrate the 5pm Mass then join in fellowship, in St. Joseph's room from 5:45-7:30pm. Come for a chat and join in making items for charity and sacrament gifts for those celebrating sacraments in our parish. Bring a sandwich or snack; water and coffee will be supplied. Stay 5-10 min or the whole time, whatever meets your needs.

NEW PARISHIONERS – Welcome! We value your friendship and your dedication to the life of this parish. Please consider attending a new parishioner welcome gathering on **Sunday, September 18th following the 12 pm Mass**. We would love to see you there and meet and greet you. Also, new parishioners are invited to please complete a registration form to be found at the entrance of the church or on the table, just outside the main office. Please drop it into the collection basket or in the office "drop off" box. Registration clearly announces your arrival in the parish and enables us to communicate with you as soon as possible. Opening the lines of communication between parish and family is very important. Parish membership is essential before some sacraments may be administered. This is particularly true of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage. Registration is an effective initiation tool into the life of the parish and helps us to best serve your interests and that of your family.



Stewardship

Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care: it is the act of putting God's priorities before our own. Good stewards give the first portion of their gifts of time, talent and treasure to the Lord's work in gratitude for his many blessings. This practice of giving our "first fruits" incorporates the aspect of sacrificial giving.

This weekend the parish is hosting a Ministry Fair after all Masses. There is something for everyone! Please stop by and speak with Ministry Coordinators at the tables at the entrance of the church to learn how you can become more involved in parish life.

Pick up a stewardship reflection form along with an orange **Call to Ministry** form and discern ways you can become involved in living your Baptismal promise through service within your faith community.



Altar Server Ministry

Would you like the opportunity to draw near to Jesus as He becomes truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, on the Altar? Serving at the altar is a way to participate more deeply in the celebration of the Mass. We are currently recruiting volunteers to be youth altar servers (boys and girls, who have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion) for all Masses except the 10am Mass. If you are interested, please contact Greg Nelson (greg.m.nelson@gmail.com) our altar server coordinator, and attend our next training session on **Saturday, September 24 at 9:30 am** (right after Mass).

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation

Please see parish website for dates and information on registration.



The Edmonton Archdiocesan Council for Development and Peace - Caritas Canada invites you to attend the **VIRTUAL Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, September 14th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm**. This virtual meeting will be through ZOOM and you can also join the meeting by telephone call. Come and find out the Development and Peace priorities for the next five years and the collaboration with the Canadian Catholic Bishops. It would also be wonderful to have some new people on council to provide ideas on moving ahead and revitalizing the organization, so if you are interested please let me know when you RSVP to **Sylvianne Perry at 780 462-2529 | nsperry@telus.net** or the regional animator Carmen Michaud at cmichaud@devp.org by **September 11**.



The link to join the meeting will be sent to you.

Coffee, Kids, and Catholic Moms

This group meets from 9:15am to 11:00am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in the Our Lady of the Rosary room. Each session will start off with a prayer or devotional and follow up with some social time. This is a great place to meet new Catholic mom friends, while your child can make some friends of their own. Enjoy a coffee (or tea) while we watch our kids burn off some energy. All are welcome, invite your friends! This group is run on a casual, drop-in basis. Start up date is anticipated in October.

Congratulations to the following children who entered into the community of the Church in August through the **Sacrament of Baptism**:



I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit

Nicole Immaculate A., Shanelle B.,
Mary Bratti O., Karl Caleb D.,
Xander Duncan D., Ivy Nelly Mdoe F.,
Audrey Iyafedomi Ogochukwu I.,
Emma Wing Kay K., Devin Jorge Convento L.,
Reid Romeo N., Joshua Randy S.,
and Marco James S.

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

World Youth Day September Fundraisers

Bottle Drive

Save your bottles and bring them to STM parish parking lot any time on:

Sunday, September 11 from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM!



Golf With A Priest

Golf with one of the five priests from the Archdiocese of Edmonton (Fr. Mark, Fr. Jim, Fr. Dean, Fr. Curtis, Fr. Chad) on Sept 26 at the Edmonton Petroleum Club with a BBQ supper at the rectory! Format will be best ball. It is a silent auction and we will take the top 15 bids!

Please support the 50 pilgrims to get to Portugal to participate in WYD next year!

St. Thomas More Parish: Family of Schools Contact Information

School Name	Grades	Phone #	Principal
Archbishop Joseph MacNeil	K-9	780-471-4218	George Antonakis
Joan Carr	K-7	780-670-2944	Darrin Deforge
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	Julieta Zelada
St. Thomas Aquinas	K-9	780 409-2604	Danita Power

Lost & Found

black sunglasses, children's book bag, etc.

The plastic bin in the coat room is reserved for lost and found items; please do not leave donation items in the bin.

Please check for lost items in the coat room or office.