

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 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 5:30-6:30 PM
First Friday 9:30 AM—3:00 PM

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT:

Baptism

- Baptism for infants and children under 7 are celebrated at liturgies throughout the year, twice a month on Sunday afternoons (except during Advent and Lent)
- Parents & godparents are required to take preparation classes (unless previously completed in the last 4 years)
- Email baptism.stm@caedm.ca for forms and schedules.

First Reconciliation and First Communion

- For baptized children 7 years of age and older
- Preparation classes are required (Julie.Lee@caedm.ca)
- See Reconciliation/First Communion brochure for details

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.

Confirmation

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

Marriages

- Contact the office to schedule an appointment as an important first step
- An approved pre-marriage course is required (stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com)
- A minimum of 4 months of notice is required

Pastoral Care

- Sacrament of the Sick: any day at any hour
- Regular pastoral visits can be arranged for the homebound

Parish Staff:

Pastoral Assistant: Julie Lee
Pastoral Assistant: Tracy Lam
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich

Business Coordinator: Paul Givens
Maintenance/Custodial: Mark Whaley
Office support: Emilie Spak

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CLERGY
CORNER

Jesus Will Come Again! (Luke 21:5-19)

This is the first half of Jesus' final address at the close of his public ministry. He is talking about the 'end things', the 'end times'.

Initially, Jesus speaks of the destruction of Jerusalem, which would be fulfilled within the lifetime of some of the Apostles. In 70 AD, the Roman armies set siege to Jerusalem, totally destroying it, killing over a million people and taking a hundred thousand away in slavery. Jesus was not only talking about the destruction of Jerusalem, but the end of the world. He prophesied suffering and persecution of all his followers. The persecution we are asked to endure may not be death, but it is real. A job or promotion may be rewarded to another because of our faith or you may be denied membership in a club or organization.

Jesus consoles us by saying that though all will hate us because of him, our suffering is a test of our true discipleship and the reward of those who suffer persecution for his sake will be great in heaven. Paul offers his own way of life as a model to be imitated. We are to work hard in our earthly tasks and commitments, awaiting Jesus' glorious return. Whatever persecution Jesus sends us, let us endure it willingly for his sake. He tells us, "By patient endurance you will save your lives". The 'lives' he is speaking of are the lives of our souls and the promise of eternal happiness to those who endure.

Deacon Tom

The Carmelite Sale is back after three years! The Carmelites are a cloistered order of sisters living and praying within our Archdiocese. They offer an array of beautiful handicrafts: handmade cards, knitted goods and religious articles. Come out and support them after the Masses on November 19-20 with a purchase or a donation.

*Our very own Father Jozef celebrates his
75th birthday on November 14.
Please wish him a happy birthday!*



Infant baptisms continue to be celebrated year long except Advent and Lent. Dates are Nov. 20 @ 3pm, and in 2023 at 1:30 pm: Jan. 15 & 29, Feb 12, April 23, May 7 & 28, and June 11 & 25. Spaces are limited and please plan at least 4 weeks in advance. Preparation programs are required for both parents and godparents.

Email Baptism.STM@caedm.ca for details, or visit our website.

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



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

Arthur A., Indie F., Gibson F., Arianna B.,
Calli R., Dominic C., Maxe D., Mary E.,
Myla J., Sierra R., Sofia N., Xavier G.,
Carter N., Michael P., Lucas P., Johan A.,
Kylie C., Liam H., Clara M., Jeremiah O.
and Ethan T.

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

DEACON CHRIS ASSIGNED TO ST. JOSEPH'S BASILICA

Over 10 years ago Deacon Chris began his journey to become a permanent Deacon. At that time Deacon Chris mentioned that he was in his third year of formation, instituted as Lector, was reading more and at all mass times, and discerning towards becoming a permanent deacon.

His ordination, celebrated on August 11, 2018 has been an immeasurable gift for St. Thomas More. This gift has been in direct service at the parish as well as so many ways that are not always visible our parishioners.

What does this mean? Deacon Chris prolifically and publicly represents the Catholic Church through his uniquely gifted diakonia, that is, service. Deacon Chris presents himself in public forums as clergy of the Catholic Church, publicly representing our Catholic social teachings and values.

Deacon Chris, and his wife Jean (who deserves a bulletin devoted to her service to our parish!), have been long-time advocates for Catholic teaching on natural family planning for over 40 years, an area in which they have provided spiritual and faith based leadership at the Canadian national level, as well as via Deacon Chris's and Jean's witness to married life since they were married on 29th of August, 1981.

For Deacon Chris and Jean Ashdown's beacon of light in the faith, we pray to their continued joy. May God bless Deacon Chris and Jean Ashdown as they continue to serve as an example of service in our wider Church community.

CALLED TO PROTECT TRAINING

Calling all current and prospective volunteers: There will be a "Called to Protect" training session on Monday November 21, 2022 starting at 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. The two and half hour session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. This is a virtual session by zoom. Please register using the link below: <https://forms.gle/JowXs1ZwCkByKZKM8>

CWL Membership Drive

St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League is continuing its membership drive after weekend masses. Come by the table at the entrance of the church to get more information, or download a registration form at <https://bit.ly/2023-CWL-Registration-Form>. We invite all women to join CWL for friendship and growth in faith, service, and social justice.

Scripture & Song

Join St. Thomas More Music Ministry (adult choir, children's choir and instrumentalists) for an afternoon of music, scripture readings and prayer to help you prepare for Christmas. Sunday Dec. 4 at 2:30 pm.

A free will offering will be collected. Everyone is invited to attend



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Edmonton Family Catechism Program

Starting this
November 26, 2022,
at St. Thomas More



once a month
Saturday from
10am to 12pm

The family is the original cell of social life. (CCC 2207)

Contact Alma Vistro @ 780-233-2214 or at
edm.familycatechism@gmail.com

Family Foundation Institute (FFI) is a Registered Canadian Charity working to strengthen families.

FFI promotes the values and doctrines taught by the Catholic Church and encourages participants to be faithful in living their faith and be respectful to church authorities. The purpose of this initiative is to see families work together in their common task of faith formation.

One of the programs of FFI is the Family Catechism where participants get to learn the doctrine of the faith together with other families and become friends along the journey. The program tackles two of the most important aspects ingrained in the catholic values that are being challenged right now like never before: acknowledgement of the traditional family and doctrinal formation for the kids.

Featured Ministries for November

The Hospitality Ministries are the featured ministries for the month of November. Please stop by the Featured Ministries table at the back of the church across from the library to learn more. Commitment times vary but are generally before, after and during weekend masses. The roles of **Greeter and Coffee Ministry, Usher and Welcome Coordinator** are wonderful ways for youth to be involved in parish life and for families to serve together.



Caring for our Own
Protecting people from Euthanasia
An Edmonton ProLife Event

A presentation by
**Alex Schadenberg of
the Euthanasia
Prevention Coalition**
Wednesday, Nov 23,
7-9 pm in our Parish Hall

RSVP by Nov 18.

Call 780-425-1637 or
email-
info@edmontonprolife.org



The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast is an integral part of our parish social community. The Knights need your help to be able to continue to run these events. Please consider volunteering to help with Pancake Breakfasts.

Contact the office for more details.

Memorial Book of Remembrance

During the month of November we remember and pray for the repose of the souls of our loved ones that have died. All are invited to write down the names of deceased family members, relatives and friends in our Book of Remembrance, located at the entrance of the church (in the narthex).

November 13, the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, is the **World Day of the Poor**. Your Society of Saint Vincent de Paul invites you to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters, especially at this uncertain time. We encourage you to lend a hand by making a financial gift. In this very busy period, we also welcome volunteers who are willing to serve the poor in our community. Please read our **letter of appeal** in the online bulletin or via handout at the church.

You may donate online at www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/The-Society-of-Saint-Vincent-de-Paul-Divine-Mercy-Conference/ or by using the envelopes that will be available at the church on the weekend of November 12-13. Cheques can be made out to "SSVP Divine Mercy Conference" and dropped off in the collection container or mailed to the parish office. This year, we need your help more than ever. For more information, contact Maria at mariakssvp@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT DANCE

Saturday, November 19th

The World Youth Day pilgrims are hosting a dance for those over the age of 18. There will be a swing dance lesson starting at **7 pm**, with the dance going from **8 pm** until **mid-night**. There will be drinks, snacks, a photo booth and lots of dancing. We hope to see you there!



Over the next three Sundays, [Salt + Light TV](#) will broadcast a series of interviews with Archbishop Richard Smith, general coordinator of the Papal Visit to Canada 2022.

Under the title *Pope Francis in Canada*, it's a three-part series beginning Sunday, Nov. 13 with the episode "Coming Together". Part two, "Being Together", will be broadcast on Nov. 20 and part three, "Working Together" on Nov. 27. All episodes will be broadcast at 5 p.m. (7 p.m. EST).

There will be also be link on the Salt + Light website to watch the series on demand.

Catholic Social Services has been a Together We Serve recipient since 2015. Through its Sign of Hope campaign, CSS delivers at least 14 programs that are not eligible for government funding but which serve an essential role in our community. Some of these programs include **Welcome Home, Lurana Shelter and Gianna Centre**. This year, 20% of funds distributed by Together We Serve will go to Catholic Social Services. Please see the video message from CSS and TWS here: <https://youtu.be/vOGt0BBjFI8>

JOB POSTING: ST. THOMAS MORE IS HIRING!

Looking to improve access to the church for evening groups and to the office, our parish is looking to hire a **full time administrative assistant** and **two people for part time** evening admin/parish access. Please contact the office for details or to apply.



Join St. Thomas More on Flocknote!

There are 2 options for joining:

1. Go to this URL: stmedmonton.flocknote.com

2. Scan this QR code:



Then add your info to sign up and receive bulletins and other notices from the parish. If you are having difficulties signing up, please contact the parish office for assistance.

Spiritual Life & Worship Ministries

Upcoming Events (All are welcome)

Growth in the Spirit/Catholic Renewal Services

Gifts of the Holy Spirit Seminar (via Zoom), November 15, 22, 29 at 7pm

Monthly Charismatic Mass with Healing Service, November 19 at St. Emeric, 6:30pm

(Registration required for the workshop and seminar; contact Mary Ann Sosa 780-686-8886/maryann.sosa@shaw.ca)

Hungarian Catholic Church (to register, email tell.us@ccredmonton.info)

Missionary Families of Christ:

Christian Life Seminar at St. Edmund Parish, 2:00-4:00 PM November 6 & 20.

Opus Dei

Nov. 20: 7pm meditation and confessions for men and women 18 and up

Nov. 22: 10am-12pm Confessions and spiritual direction for women, 4pm confessions and meditation for girls under 18, 7pm recollection for men

Nov. 23: 9:30am-12pm confessions and spiritual direction for women, 1:30pm recollection for priests, 7pm recollection for women

THANK YOU

Christina Faitakis served in several capacities in the parish office over the past two years and during the challenging time of Covid. On behalf of the parish, thank you Christina, for your dedication and service.



Permanent Diaconate Information Session
Nov 26, 10 am - noon,

Corpus Christi Parish, 2707 34 Street NW, Edmonton

To register, email Dcn. Gem Mella (gem.mella@caedm.ca) by Friday, November 18.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Advent Giving Tree is a St. Thomas More Advent tradition. The support of our parish is needed for the women and children of Lurana Shelter, a refuge for those fleeing from family violence. We will again be able to have you take stars and angels from the Giving Tree with a needed item and will also have a list of needed items beside the tree and on the parish website. All items must be **new, not promoting violence, and unwrapped**. Drop off your gifts by the Giving Tree located in the gathering space of the church during the weeks of Advent (Nov. 26 to Dec. 18). Giving gift cards is strongly encouraged (suggested maximum amount per card is \$50) and, if purchased from the Knights of Columbus, results in double giving. The Catholic Women's League is coordinating this project once again - thanks all for their support.