

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

210 Haddow Close, Edmonton, AB, T6R 2P3

Office: 780-434-6313

3rd Sunday of Lent March 12, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Mark McGee

Supply Priest: Fr. Jozef Wroblewski

Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Tom Sudsbear, Gordon Taylor

Office Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 9 AM-9 PM, Fri. 8 AM-4 PM, Sat. 8:30AM-2 PM, Sun. 1 PM-4:30PM



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 PM
5:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 9:00 AM
Tuesday 5:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM
Thursday 5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM
Saturday 9 AM on 1st Saturdays of the month only

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mon after 9AM Mass during Adoration; 1 hour before Mass Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri; Sat 3:30-4:30PM (*Confessions end 10 minutes before Mass*)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 9:30 AM -12:30 PM and First Fridays 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
- Registration for the second cycle for the 2022-2023 school year is now closed. Please check back in the fall for the 2023-2024 dates.

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
- Please inquire at the parish office for more information

Confirmation

- For those in grades 6-12, 11 years (& older) by Confirmation date
- Information about the 2023 program will be available in August

Marriages

- Contact the office to schedule an appointment as an important first step
- An approved Catholic pre-marriage course is required (stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com)
- A minimum of 6 months of notice is required
- Married civilly: Complete the Sacrament of Marriage through convalidation

Pastoral Care

- Sacrament of the Sick: by appointment
- Regular pastoral visits can be arranged for the home-bound

PARISH STAFF:

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

Business Coordinator: Paul Givens
Maintenance/Custodial: Mark Whaley
Admin Assistants: Emilie Spak, Lorraine Kasha, Elaine Ho

Reflection by Deacon Tom
To Drink of the Living Water (John 4:5-42)

When Jesus, who was tired and thirsty, stopped at the well in Sychar which was drilled by Jacob, a holy man of the Old Testament, and a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water, it astounded the woman that a Jewish man should speak to her and ask her for a drink of water. When the woman realized that Jesus to whom she was speaking was a great prophet, she went to spread the news to the rest of the city, who flocked to hear him.

When Jesus' disciples returned, they were astonished that Jesus had broken with Jewish tradition in speaking to an unescorted woman in public, and a Samaritan, their enemy. Jesus was abandoning the customs and traditions of the Old Testament and establishing the new. When Jesus was leaving the city, the people admitted that "we know that this is really the Saviour of the world". Jesus had offered the gift of faith to the people of Sychar. Jesus was offering salvation to men and women alike, to all peoples of all nations. Following his resurrection, Jesus would commission his Apostles to go forth and teach all nations. He would make his Church truly Catholic (universal) and open to all.

This is the same faith that he is offering to us. Let us receive it as did the Samaritan woman at the well and the people of Sychar, for a strong and living faith is the first step towards the salvation of our souls. Many of us are like the Samaritan woman, and are taken aback when Jesus confronts us. He interrupts our business, our coming and going, and the routines of our day. Imagine this encounter, imagine Jesus probing our desires, showing he knows all that is in our heart.

And after this encounter, like the Samaritan woman, we are moved with such joy at meeting Jesus that we cannot keep it to ourselves. The thought of Jesus sitting alone by the well is an invitation to be with him. As he looks at the woman, he looks at us: he longs to offer us life; he invites us to see the deeper meaning in what we do and asks us to do what we can for him.

The Silver Rose Program

Wednesday, March 15th

*Pray the Rosary on March 15 for
victims of Abortion*

Parishioners are invited to participate in
Rosary prayer services before the weekday
Mass, **Wednesday, March 15th at**



8:20 AM. A Silver Rose, on a nine-month pilgrimage, will be the centerpiece of special prayer services.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, we honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and express international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life. The journey of the Silver Rose begins each year in March, and travels throughout North America, ending its pilgrimage at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Through the Silver Rose Program, we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe, but also reaffirm our dedication to the sanctity of human life, as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. The Icons will remain on display until later in the day.

We invite different communities and groups to sign up at the office to recite the Rosary in their first languages.

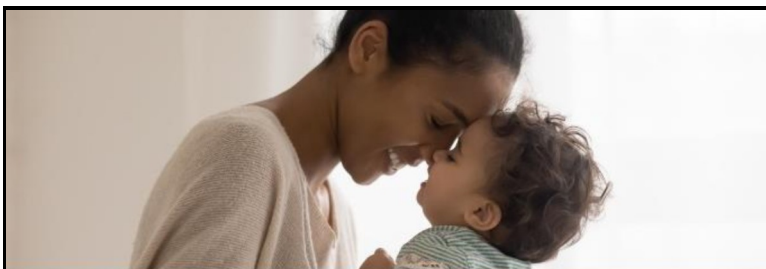
Time Start	Language
10:00 AM	Korean
10:30 AM	Spanish
11:00 AM	French
11:30 AM	Cantonese
12:00 PM	Polish
12:30 PM	Malayalam
1:00 PM	Tagalog
1:30 PM	
2:00 PM	Arabic
2:30 PM	
3:00 PM	



The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Pantry** in our parish **is running low** and in particular, is in need of the following items:

**canned fruit, canned vegetables,
canned meats, rice**

Please drop off your donations at the church. Thank you for your continued support to ensure that our friends in need continue to get the help they require.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

The *Culture of Life* ministry at St. Thomas More invites you to participate in 40 Days for Life this lent by praying, fasting, and keeping vigil for an end to abortion. Participation is encouraged throughout lent from Feb. 22 - April 2. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way near: Woman's Health Options abortion centre, 12409 109A Ave., Edmonton.

**St. Thomas More day of prayer is:
Monday, March 20, the Feast of St. Joseph**

For more information email: prolifestm@gmail.com or visit:

<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/edmonton/>

<https://www.facebook.com/40DaysForLifeEdmonton/>

If you'd like more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

**Edmonton Prolife: info@edmontonprolife.org
or call 780-425-1637**

HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 3
No Mass at STM
Chrism Mass (Basilica)

Tues & Wed, April 4 & 5
9:30 AM

Holy Thursday, April 6
7 PM

Good Friday April 7,
9 AM, 12 noon, 3 PM

Holy Saturday Basket
Blessing, April 8
12 noon

Easter Vigil, April 8
9 PM

Easter Sunday, April 9
8 AM, 10 AM,
12 noon, and 5 PM

****Regularly scheduled confession will be suspended during Holy Week.****

EASTER OCTAVE MASS TIMES

Easter Monday, April 10 9:30 AM; Adoration until 12:30 PM

Tuesday, April 11 9:30 AM

Wednesday, April 12 9:30 AM (School Mass)

Thursday, April 13 9:30 AM (School Mass)

Friday, April 14 9:30 AM (School Mass)

Saturday, April 15 No 9:00 AM Mass

****Regularly scheduled confession will be suspended during the week of Easter Octave.****



Way of the Cross
(except for Good Friday)
All Fridays of Lent
at 7:00 PM

Friday 17 March Legion of Mary
Friday 24 March Catholic Women's League
Friday 31 March World Youth Day Pilgrims

Confirmation for Baptized Catechized Adults

The adult confirmation process is an opportunity for baptized, catechized Catholics who have not had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confirmation to complete their **full initiation into the Catholic Church**. This process provides adult candidates a moment to deepen their faith, ask questions about our faith, and further enter into the graces God offers to us through the sacraments. Two special catechesis workshops are being planned for **April 18th & 25th**. Please call the office for more information.

Please submit your requests for bulletin announcements by **Thursdays at 12 PM** so that there is enough time to process and be added to both the printed bulletin and Flocknote email. Thank you!



Lent

PENITENTIAL SERVICES



St. Albert, St. Albert	Tues, March 14	7:00 PM
St. Charles	Wed, March 15	7:00 PM
St. Andrew	Wed, March 15	7:00 PM
Assumption	Wed, March 22	7:00 PM
St. Vital, Beaumont	Wed, March 22	6:30 PM
Corpus Christi	Thurs, March 23	7:00 PM
St. Matthew	Wed, March 29	7:00 PM
St. Agnes	Thurs, March 30	6:30 PM
St. Theresa	Thurs, March 30	7:00 PM

Grief as a Journey: Our Walk to Emmaus

A weekly seminar/
support group for
those who are trying
to cope with the
troubling effects of
grief.



Begins Tuesday,
March 14 at 7:00 PM.

Contact: Deacon Randy at
780-435-5070 for more info.



Marriage Preparation

Suitable for couples who have convalidations, second marriages, later marriages, or common-law. If you are seeking to receive the Sacrament of Marriage, please call the office (780-434-6313) for eligibility. We're here to support you on a case-by-case basis to help complete what is already begun.

Usher Training & Meeting

Sunday, March 19 at 1:30 PM
For all ushers, both new and experienced

We will be preparing for our busy times during Holy Week and Easter. If you are interested in being an usher, please contact Jean at stmhospitalitylead@gmail.com or 780-435-1861.

+++ Called to Protect +++

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on **Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM**. The two and half hour session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. The virtual session will be by zoom. To register, please use the link: <https://caedm.ca/calledtoprotect/>



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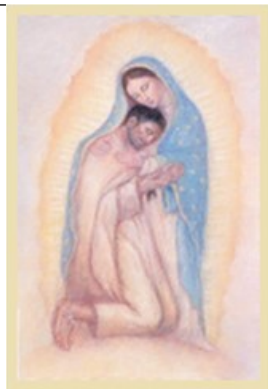
Families of Nazareth Retreat

Saturday, March 25

St Andrew's Catholic Church, 12810
111 Ave., Edmonton

11:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament, followed by Holy Mass and
Conference given by Fr. Andrew
Bogdanowicz

For more info: contact Heather Reimer
(780-430-9745)



The next Charismatic Mass and
Healing Service is on **March 18,**
@6:30 PM at St. Emeric's Hungarian
Catholic Church 12960 112 St.,
Edmonton.



Catholic Renewal
Services of Edmonton



**Due to Good Friday, April 7, & Holy Saturday, April 8,
First Friday and First Saturday for April 2023 is cancelled.**



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**Join St. Thomas More on
Flocknote!**

You will receive weekly bulletins and other timely communica-
tions from the parish electronically. There are 3
options for joining:

1. Go to this URL: stmedmonton.flocknote.com
2. Scan this QR code:
3. Or contact the office so we can add you as a
member.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

For all those waiting for the healing
embrace of Jesus, especially Jenny
Harris, Joycelyn Ah Sheng, and Lucy
Longo, that they feel His comforting
hands.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

For all those who have left us in death, especially Margaret
Kastrukoff, Charlotte Isabane, and Riem Nguyen Tri, that God
will share with them the joys of the Kingdom.



Legion of Mary – Our Lady of Good Counsel Praesidium

The Legion of Mary meets
every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the St.
Marguerite Room (Library). The next
meeting will take place on **Thursday,
March 16 at 6:30 p.m.** Legion prayers
and Rosary will begin at 6:30
p.m. Come and see what the Legion of
Mary is all about – all are welcome! For
more information contact: Blanche

Taylor (780-436-2704).

ACIES (Legion of Mary Annual Consecration to Our
Lady) will take place at Mary Help of Christians Chinese
Parish, 10140 – 119 Street, Edmonton on Sunday, March
26 starting at 2:00 p.m. Fr. Paul Moret will lead the prayers,
rosary and Benediction. A social will follow. All active and
auxiliaries members are welcome and encouraged to attend this
important annual function.

Refugee Relief Fund



Hope!



Catholic Social Services

(CSS) is making an urgent
appeal to Albertans for help.

With hundreds of Ukrainians

arriving in central and northern Alberta each week, alongside an
influx of refugees from other countries, the agency needs to
raise at least \$100,000 to help meet the increased demand for
services. **To donate,** visit the CSS website or call **780-439-
HOPE(4673)**

Featured Ministries for March

The Featured Ministries for March are ministries that require
volunteers to assist parishioners who are receiving certain
sacraments.

Please stop by the Featured Ministries table at the back of the
church to learn about the Wedding Rehearsal Team or how to
assist with families whose children are receiving their First
Eucharist, being baptized or confirmed.



Youth Altar Servers Needed

We are recruiting boys and girls who
have had their First Holy Communion to
serve at the altar.

We are in need of servers for **Sunday
8am, 12 noon, and 5pm Masses.**

Please contact the altar server coordinator Greg Nelson
(altarservers@live.ca or 780-231-7129) for more information.

Coffee, Kids, and Catholic Moms

We meet the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** of the
month at **9:15-11:00 am** in the **St. John Paul
II Room**. We are currently reflecting on the
Beatitudes. If you have any questions, contact
Steph at sunshine.schulte@gmail.com

