

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

210 Haddow Close, Edmonton, AB, T6R 2P3

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Mark McGee

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

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
On the Mountain of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9)

Though Jesus had already prepared the disciples for His approaching death, He transfigured himself to give His Apostles encouragement and hope when they would see him later nailed on the cross. He wanted to show them that He had first to suffer and come to the glory of His resurrection.

As Jesus' face became as dazzling as the sun and his clothes as radiant as light, it was proof of His claim to be the Son of God. This was also to show us that at the end of the world our bodies will be glorified at the General Judgement, and He will call the good to His right hand and reward them with eternal happiness.

His Transfiguration is a promise of our own resurrection, and is a ray of hope to sustain us in our times of trial and tribulation. As Paul tells us, we can join "in the suffering for the Gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us". This may be why every Lenten journey with Jesus includes a stop at the Mount of Transfiguration.

Jesus, by his Transfiguration, shows us the great glory that awaits us in the kingdom of Heaven and the Transfiguration is a promise of our future glory.

Let it be an inspiration for us as it was for Saint Peter and the other Apostles. Let us resolve to live in God's grace and do all things well so that one day we too may see God face to face.

+++ Called to Protect +++

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on **Friday, March 10, 2023, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM**. The two and half hour session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. The virtual session will be by zoom.



The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton To register, please use the link: <https://caedm.ca/calledtoprotect/>

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. If you are interested, please contact the altar server coordinator Greg Nelson ([altarservers@live.ca](mailto:altarservers@live.ca) or 780-231-7129) for more information. There will be a retreat for altar servers on Saturday, March 4.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. We respond to calls for help and assistance. Volunteers are needed in various areas. To volunteer or learn more, call Maria at 780 893 8419 or email: [mariakssvp@gmail.com](mailto:mariakssvp@gmail.com)



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:

**Cheez Whiz, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, 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.

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.

Mother Teresa - No Greater Love 2022 Movie

March 11th at 6:00 PM

Produced by Knights of Columbus and provided by St. Thomas More World Youth Day Pilgrims

To enter deeper into Lent, watch a movie about St. Teresa and practice love! The movie is **free** for all parishioners. Popcorn & drinks will be available for donations.



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 in 30-minute time slots starting at 10 AM with the last one at 3 PM.

## Ash Wednesday and Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues for forty days, recalling Jesus' forty days fasting and praying in the desert. During Lent, we are invited to pay special attention to our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we may renew our baptismal vows at Easter with great fervor:

+ *Create a new heart in me, O Lord.*

### We encourage your participation in:

- + Eucharistic Adoration
- + Praying the Stations of the Cross
- + The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- + Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving



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

Friday 10 March  
Friday 17 March  
Friday 24 March  
Friday 31 March

Knights of Columbus  
Legion of Mary  
Catholic Women's League  
World Youth Day Pilgrims

## Lenten Penitential Service St. Thomas More

Wednesday, March 8th  
7:00 PM

Several priests will be available to hear confessions. No confessions will be available during Holy Week.



## "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 at St. Thomas More parish, in the St. Marguerite Room (Library) on **Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 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](mailto:Randy.abele@caedm.ca) 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](mailto:sunshine.schulte@gmail.com)

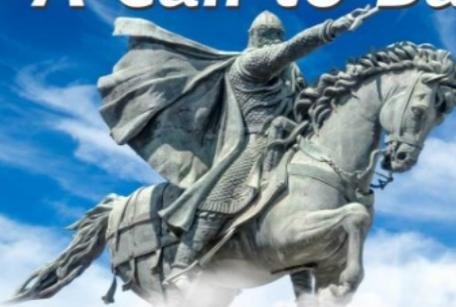


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# A Call to Battle



## Strengthening the Family Through the Sacred Heart



March 24-25, 2023 ✚ Holy Family Parish

75 Poirier Avenue, St. Albert, Alberta

Registration Opens: 5:00 pm • Parish Stations of the Cross: 6:30 pm • Mass: 7:00 pm

*"The need in the world is of men among men, who can rise higher, who can see further, who can strive more nobly than others. They need not be many, they never were many, but though the few, they will rise and bring with them all of humanity."*

Archbishop John Ireland

Conference Registration includes Mass on Friday and Saturday, Reconciliation, Talks, Light Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks and Beverages.

Please register early, prior to March 20, for planning purposes and to ensure there is still space.

**NO refunds after March 20.**

Vendors will be at the conference. Hotels are available in St. Albert and also nearby in Edmonton.

REGISTER ONLINE OR BY MAIL

\$60/Man • \$40/Student

Online Registration closes at

5:00 pm, Thursday, March 23.

Print Registration (website) and

mail payment before March 15

to: Catholic Family Ministries.



Registration: [www.catholicfamilyministries.com](http://www.catholicfamilyministries.com) | Information: 780.934.2202



### CONFERENCE PROGRAM CHANGE:

AB Richard Smith will be in Toronto, March 24-25, for the installation of the new Bishop.

Fr. Jim Corrigan, Vicar General, will celebrate the Saturday am Mass in his stead.

## 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 and 25th**. Please call the office for details.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

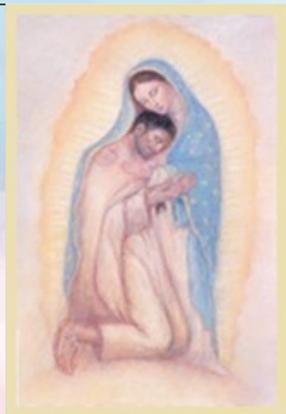
**Mondays**  
**9:30 AM to 12:30 PM**



# SPIRITUAL LIFE AND WORSHIP MINISTRIES

**Families of Nazareth Retreat**  
**Saturday, March 25 at 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)



## OPUS DEI

Sunday, March 5, 2023: 6:15 pm Pizza at the back of the church for university students and young professionals (men) / 7:00 pm Meditation for university students and young professionals (men) / 7:30pm Confessions. It will end at 8pm.

Monday, March 6, 2023: 10:00 am Spiritual direction and confessions. Ends at noon / 1:30 pm Class for priests. Ends 2:45pm / 4:00pm Class for high school students (boys) / 4:30 pm Confessions for high school students (boys). Ends at 5 pm.



## Growth in the Spirit Prayer Group

The next Growth in the Spirit Prayer Group Meeting is on **Wednesday, March 8, at 6:30 PM**, St. John Paul II Room.

## 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](mailto:stmhospitalitylead@gmail.com) or 780-435-1861.

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St. Charles	Wed, March 15	7:00 PM
Assumption	Wed, March 22	7:00 PM
St. Vital, Beaumont	Wed, March 22	6:30 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

## Women's Lenten Retreat

**On Christ's Encounter with the Samaritan Woman**

**Saturday, March 11 in the Rosary Room**  
**10:00 AM – Noon**

Retreat materials and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Brenda (780-490-8692)



## REGNUM CHRISTI

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



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

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



## Refugee Relief Fund



## 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)**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY DIED

For all those we love who have come to the end of their earthly journey, especially Margaret Kastrukoff, that Christ give them a place at the banquet of the kingdom of heaven.