

# St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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## *Holy Family & Mary, Mother of God*

December 31 & January 1st, 2024

Pastor: Fr. Mark McGee

Supply Priest: Fr. Jozef Wroblewski

Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Tom Sudsbear, Gordon Taylor

### **Feast of the Holy Family**

Sat. Dec. 30: 4 pm / 7 pm

Sun. Dec. 31: 9 am / 11 am

### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Sun. Dec. 31: 5 pm

Mon. Jan. 1: 9 am / 11 am

*This holiday is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind.*



*The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.*

**Luke 2:16-21**

## Reflection by Deacon Tom

### Our New Year! (Luke 2:16-21)

This New Year's Day, the Octave of Christmas, and the beginning of a new calendar year, is an excellent time for a spiritual resolution! As we take stock of our lives and spiritual development over the last year let us not look for flaws but for potential. How can we improve our faith and knowledge of God? Is this the year that we are going to regularly do some "Catholic" reading, increase our charity and other virtues and improve the frequency with which we receive

the sacraments (the ordinary means Jesus has given us to gain grace). Let this be the year we look for

Jesus in our neighbour, share acts of charity and increase our acts of kindness, receiving Jesus in the Eucharist and obtaining absolution for our sins. Regardless of our past performance we can make this our best year by showing love to our family, friends and co-workers, helping those in need, forgiving those who have hurt us, as we grow in charity and the love of God. In the beginning of this new calendar year, let us look at ourselves and our spiritual life, comparing ourselves to Jesus, our Redeemer, stand up against the cross and see how our charity and virtues compare to his. Let us resolve to make this our most successful year, praying for the guidance of Jesus to help us grow in the spirit, so that at the end of this year we will be giants in the grace of God!

## Mark Your Calendars

January 5th & 6th	Hearts United First Friday and First Saturday
January 7th	January 7th is the new parishioner welcome starting at 1:30 in the parish hall.
January 8th	January 8th is a special Mass for the Baptism of our Lord at 7:00PM in the Church nave.
January 11th	Game Zone begins January 11th (12-4PM)
January 14th	Verso L'alto (To the heights!) begins January 14th (6-8PM)
January 30th	The Source begins January 30th - Last Tuesday of every month (6-8PM)
February 2nd	On February 2nd the Archdiocese of Edmonton is hosting a Vocations Rally at St. Joseph's Basilica
Confessions	Weekday Masses during the Christmas season are all at 9:30AM!
Weekday Mass	Regular confession times end Dec. 23rd and resume Jan. 9th.

All bulletin items  
and announcements should be directed to  
**elizabeth.connelly@caedm.ca**  
Deadline: **Wednesday @ 2:00**

Registration for the Winter/  
Spring Cycle of First  
Reconciliation & First  
Eucharist at STM parish is  
now open. Please visit the  
parish website for dates and  
registration information. The family orientation  
is on **Wednesday, Jan 24, 2024** from 6 - 7 PM  
in the parish hall.



### Marriage Preparation:

The next Marriage Preparation program at St. Thomas More will take place on March 15-17, 2024. For information and to register, go to <https://bit.ly/MarriagePrep2024> and complete the form. The registration deadline is on February 16, 2024.

**Other Marriage Preparation programs available:**

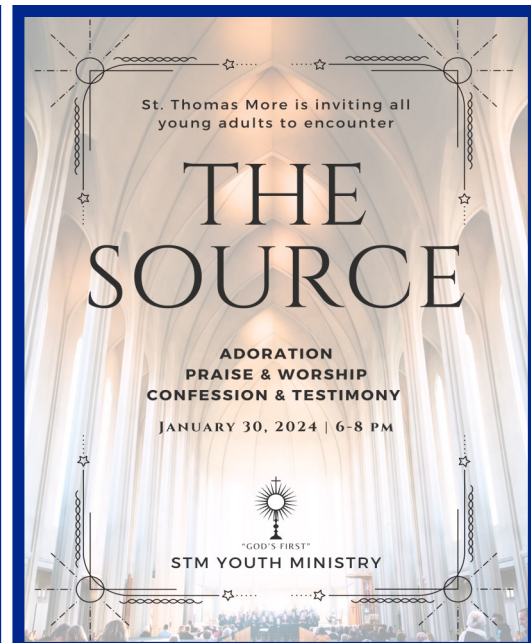
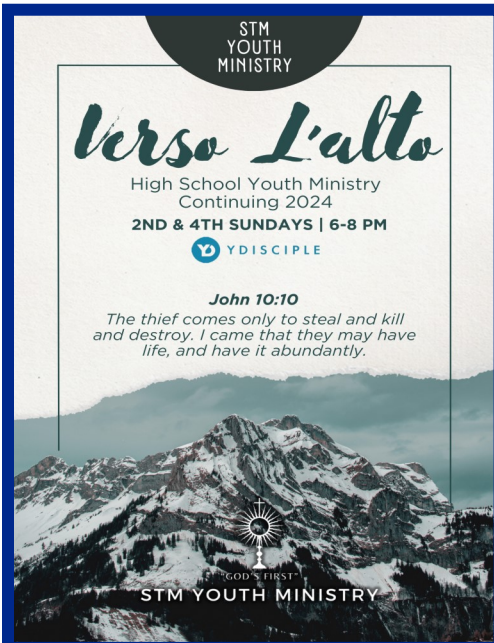
Catholic Engaged Encounter: <http://ceewest.com/communities/edmonton/>

Catholic Marriage Prep.com: <https://catholicmarriageprep.com/>

For **later Marriage Preparation** information, please contact the parish office at 780-434-6313 or visit during office hours.







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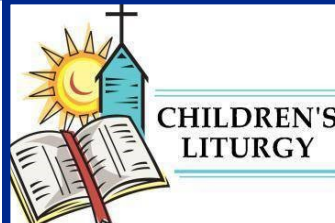
2. Scan this QR code:



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.

## Children's Liturgy

Would you like to assist with Children's Liturgy this year? We need leaders for Saturday at 5:00PM, and Sunday at 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:00PM. You will always be paired up with another person to lead the children and training will be provided. Lesson plans and activities are provided. The children in our parish look forward to Children's Liturgy, so we need volunteers to help out. Please email Cheryl at [shinkarukc@shaw.ca](mailto:shinkarukc@shaw.ca) to volunteer.



## Prayer for Vocations

*Lord Jesus, you asked your apostles to "go out to the entire world and tell the Good News." Today we are the bearers of that same message of faith. Strengthen us to spread the Gospel and call forth among us priests, brothers, sisters, and consecrated laity to teach the Good News in word and deed. Amen.*

## PRAYER CORNER

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

For those struggling with sickness, facing surgery, or in recovery, especially Lucy Longo, Darren Day, Anna Rayar, Rebecca Ramos, John McAuley, Juanita Smith, Linda Luczak, Greg Hayward, Andy Hull, Edith Borle, Earl Brown, Clare Forton, Manuel Cruz, Adolfo Cruz, Felix Moya, Mary Kutty Matthew, Lillian Laforge, Jacinta Dias, Diego Rosales, Alwin Miguel and his mother Jennifer, Victor Brown, Joshua Bernardo, Corazon Abalajon and Raymond Sanscratier, that they may be given the strength and guidance they seek.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

For those who have gone into the presence of our Father, and for those whose names are recorded in the parish Book of Remembrance, (especially Brad and Elizabeth Vetsch, Ava Howe, Cale Jackson Leabres, and Aida Bernardo that He will raise them up to live forever.

*\*If admitted to the hospital, please ensure your religion is on your medical record, or that you forward a request for pastoral care to the hospital staff and/or call the parish office. Also, the Sacrament of Sick may be administered prior to hospital admission.*

## No Children's Liturgy on Jan 7

## PROLIFE PRAYER

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Did you know that STM has a **Pro-Life Ministry**? Call 780-434-6313 to hear more about it!

For those looking for help with a difficult pregnancy situation please contact the **Gianna Centre @** 780-482-5111

For those looking for help post-abortion please contact **Rachel's Vineyard @** 610-354-0555



**VOCATIONS RALLY**

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Friday, Feb 2, 2024 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
St. Joseph's Basilica, O'Leary Hall

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## ADOREMUS & CREDO

**Adoremus** ("Let us Adore") is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration held at St. Joseph Basilica from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM on the first Saturday of every month (next one is Jan. 6th). All ages are welcome!


**Credo** ("I Believe") is a coffee-house style evening of Catholic Apologetics. It is held from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM at Newman Theological College on Thursday evenings once a month (next one is Dec. 14th). All ages are welcome!

*Want to learn more  
about your Faith  
through social media?*

 Check out Ascension Presents with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

 Listen to Pints With Aquinas with Matt Fradd!

 Follow a young adults group in Edmonton called C-YEG

 Check out STM's free FORMED account

 Check out Ascension Presents on Tiktok!

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C-YEG is a Catholic Young Adults Group created to build Catholic Community in the Edmonton Area.

Text C-YEG to 587-900-0130 to receive event reminders and the C-YEG monthly Newsletter.

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