

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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Second Sunday of Lent

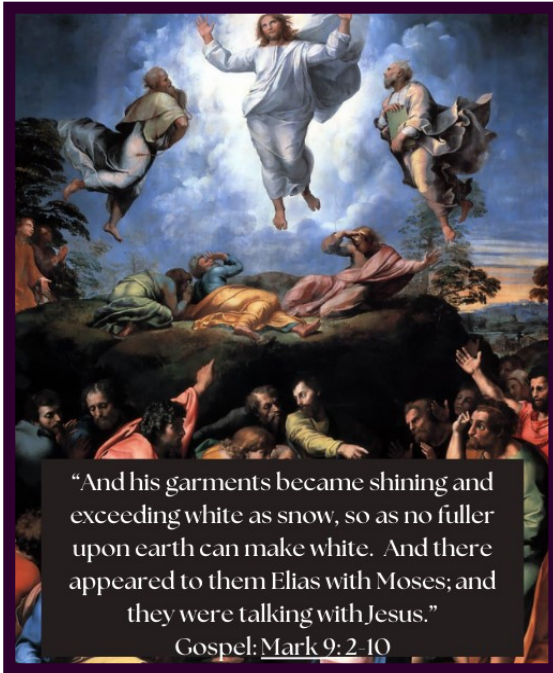
February 24th & 25th

Pastor: Fr. Mark McGee

Associate Pastor: Fr. Avinash Francis

Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Tom Sudsbear, Gordon Taylor

Office Hours: Tues. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM | Mon. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Sat. 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Sun. 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM | **Closed Stat Holidays**



"And his garments became shining and exceeding white as snow, so as no fuller upon earth can make white. And there appeared to them Elias with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus."

Gospel: [Mark 9: 2-10](#)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES (FEB. 26TH—MAR. 1ST)

Monday 9:00 AM **Exp. F.F.**

Tuesday 5:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM

Thursday 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM

Saturday **1st Saturday follows First Friday, next is Mar. 2nd**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

(MAR. 2ND-3RD)

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

5:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

45 minutes before Mass Tuesday-Friday; Saturday 3:30PM - 4:30PM

(Confessions end 10 minutes before Mass)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday **9:30 AM - 12:00 PM with confession during adoration**

First Fridays **9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, next is Mar. 1st**

Sunday Gospel Reflection

BY DEACON TOM

A journey to the mountaintop indicates an encounter with God and the Old Testament Prophets message to Jesus is also for us. Our way to glory, to eternal life, is through the Cross, through suffering that when accepted by us without resentment or bitterness, as Jesus did, places us within the kingdom of God. This encounter gave the Apostles strength to face the upcoming suffering of Jesus, and to begin to understand the role of suffering in the life of the early church, as well as to give us hope, strength and consolation when our lives get difficult. The bright cloud and voice from heaven is the blessing the Father gives to Jesus and is a reminder of the importance of blessings in our own lives, especially the blessing of parents over their children. When parents affirm, praise and speak well of their children, they give them powerful inner strength, self-confidence and self-worth to face all the challenges that life will throw at them. The Transfiguration is a pledge of our own future resurrection. On the day of General Judgment, when our bodies and souls are reunited, Jesus (who died for us and intercedes for us) will give the joys of eternal happiness in heaven to the just. As we descend the mountain let us ask Jesus for the spiritual strength to preserve his grace in our souls throughout our life, grace that will endure until we see him transfigured in all his glory in the world to come.



Growth in the Spirit Prayer Group

The next Growth in the Spirit Prayer Meeting is on
Wednesday February 28 at the St. John Paul II Room.
We will be praying the rosary at 6:15 PM to ask for the
Blessed Mother's protection and intercession.

Our prayer meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

For more information contact Mary Ann
maryann.sosa@shaw.ca

Congratulations!

In February, we welcomed 13 children becoming members of
our Catholic church through Baptism and Profession Of
Faith! Let us pray for God to be their guiding light: Elizabeth
& Marshall N., Valerie A., Novella T., Asher O., Carter A.,
Edwin K., Wilson S., Munachi O., Erioluwa P., Lucy R., Isa-
bella & Daniel Marin L.

Infants and Young Children Baptism

Baptisms (under the age of 7) are celebrated all year long at
STM except during the seasons of LENT and ADVENT while
baptism preparation programs are offered monthly. After Lent,
baptisms will resume on April 14 & 28, May 5 and June 9. An
updated schedule for the rest of the year will be available by
the end of the month. Please check out the Baptism Require-
ments document available on our website under Sacraments
and Baptism for details or call the office for further assis-
tance. You are encouraged to plan much in advance as it could
take time for all the requirements to be completed.



St. Vincent de Paul Pantry!

The St. Vincent De Paul pantry is needing some
items including juice, meals in a can, cookies,
crackers, cheez whiz, coffee, rice, pancake mix,
syrup, canned ham, canned chicken, pasta sauce and
canned fruit. If you would like to donate please put
the items in the St. Vincent de Paul
box in the foyer.

Thank you!

World Day of Prayer— March 1

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tians from over 170 countries coming together in spirit, uniting
on a common day to pray for relevant issues affecting women
and children. Each year, a different country writes the service
materials. The writing committee for this year is
from Palestine, and the theme is "I Beg You... Bear With One
Another in Love" (Ephesians 4:1-3). All women of STM Par-
ish are invited to join our Lutheran and Presbyterian sisters for
WDP prayer service on **Friday, March 1, at 1:30pm, at Risen
Lord Lutheran church, 10709-32A Ave** (in the Ermineskin
Community League building). The prayer service will be fol-
lowed by fellowship and refreshments.

Mark Your Calendars

February 27th

**The Source - A young adult
adoration night that runs from 6 - 8
PM at St. Thomas More**

March 1st

**Stations of the Cross every Friday at
7PM during Lent**

March 2nd-6th

**STM is having a Lenten Mission led
by the Queenship of Mary**

Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will
be held at St. Thomas
More every Friday in Lent
at 7PM

Feb. 16, Feb. 23, Mar. 1,
Mar 8, Mar. 15, Mar. 22



Come, Holy Spirit!

Life in the Spirit Seminar : March 22 & 23
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Sherwood Park
 For more info call (587) 988-0483
<https://www.ccedmonton.info/events>

Prolife Prayer

We pray that just as God made a covenant with all the living, so may we His people grow in our sense of responsibility and respect for the gift of life in every person, and actively nurture and protect it.



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pro-life movie night in the hall on March 17th after 5PM Mass! The movie will be Fr. Stu!



Pancake Breakfast
 hosted by
 the Knights
 of Columbus

Only after
 8am and
 10am mass
 on Feb. 25th



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 Spring 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 you about the questions and the pain of your loss. We are commencing the meetings at St. Thomas More parish, in the St. Marguerite Room (Library) on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 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.

All bulletin items and announcements should be directed to Bernardine Zuzarte at

communications.stm@caedm.ca

Deadline: **Wednesday @ 2:00**

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, Andy Hull, Edith Borle, Earl Brown, Clare Forton, Manuel Cruz, Adolfo Cruz, Felix Moya, Lillian Laforge, Diego Rosales, Alwin Miguel and his mother Jennifer, Victor Brown, Charlotte Henderson, Maria Longo, Marion Coderre, Joshua Bernardo, Mary Kutty Matthew, Kristen Raworth, Terry Witiw, Stelios Kiliaris, Corazon Abalajon and Raymond Sanscartier, 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 Frances Voyce, Roman Wozniak Lydia D'Almeida, Anthony Mackenzie, Judy Grashuk & Macrina Kan that He will raise them up to live forever.



LENTEN MISSION



Led by: The Queenship of Mary

Subject: The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Schedule:

Begins at all Sunday Masses of March 2 and 3

Mar. 4 at 6:30 pm: Mission Mass followed by
Adoration

Mar. 5 at 6:30 pm: Communal Examination of
Conscience followed by Individual
Confessions

Wed. Mar. 6 at 6:30 pm: Mission Mass followed
by Light Refreshments



We are excited to welcome the Queenship of Mary to
St. Thomas More!

Please pray for the upcoming Parish Mission with this prayer:
May this parish mission strengthen our faith and help us in our
desire to serve you until "your kingdom come and your will be
done." We ask you through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and
ever. Amen.

Lenten Retreat for Women—March 16

St. Thomas More Catholic Women's
League invites all women of the
parish to join us for a Lenten Retreat
on the seven principles of Catholic
Social Teaching. Retreat leader is
Lynne De Zaeyer, a retired Catholic
educator who currently serves as
Social Justice Coordinator for the Society of Saint
Vincent de Paul. The retreat will be held at Provi-
dence Renewal Centre on **Saturday, March 16**, from
930am-3pm. Cost is \$25, which includes lunch and
snacks. Register by email to stmcwl@gmail.com,
listing any diet restrictions. Payment may be made
through e-transfer to stmcwl@gmail.com or by
cheque delivered to the church **by March 6**.



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All parents and their young adults 14+ are welcome to attend
the **Western Canadian Catholic Homeschool Confer-
ence, March 7-9, 2024**, at the Providence Renewal Centre,
Edmonton. **Theme: Steadfast. Keynote speaker: Fr. Stefano
Penna.** The weekend includes daily Mass, Adoration, Bene-
diction, talks and vendors. Early bird pricing until February
16, 2024. For more information and to register, please go to
WCCHSC.com or email wcchscereg@gmail.com.