



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Pastor: Fr. Mark McGee

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Office Hours: Tue - Fri 9 am - 9pm | Mon 9 am - 4 pm | Sat 8:30am - 2 pm | Sun 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Closed on Stat Holidays



WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (MARCH 25 – 29)

Mon: NO MASS

Tue: Rosary 4:30pm/Mass 5 pm

Wed: Rosary 8:30am/Mass 9 am

Holy Thu: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm

Good Fri: The Lord's Passion at 9am, 12 noon, 3pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES (MARCH 30/31)

Holy Sat Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm

Easter Sunday Mass: 8am

10am

12pm

5 pm



No Mass Easter Monday (April 1), Office Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: No Regular Confessions during Holy week and the octave of Easter, confessions will resume on April 8

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to pre-register with Tracy Lam. The next in-person Baptismal class is scheduled for April 6, 20 & May 18. The course is scheduled for 10-11:30 am. The next online Baptismal Prep is Apr 13, 10-11am. Parents/Legal Guardians should be registered parishioners. Women who are nearing their expected delivery date may consider attending even before the child is born. Upcoming Sundays for Baptism celebrations will be celebrated on April 14, 28, May 5 and June 9. Please call Tracy at the office, (780) 434-6313 or check out our website under "Sacraments and Baptism" for details.

RCIA: Adults (16+years old) seeking to become Catholic, please speak to Paul Givens. Enquirers are always welcome. Please drop by the Parish office or call (780) 434-6313. This is also an opportunity for renewal of Catholic Adults. Runs early September to Easter/Pentecost. Meets Thursday evenings 7-9 pm.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Please give 6 months notice in booking your wedding date! Time is needed to accommodate the preparation of wedding documents and attending a Catholic Marriage Preparation program. St. Thomas More runs its program annually in mid-March. Watch for details. Other programs are available in the Diocese. If you are considering a non-Catholic wedding, please don't! Civil Weddings or ones done by a non-Catholic minister of religion are not sacramentally valid. The logic is simple. Weddings outside the church often result in families outside the church. Catholics are obliged to be married in the presence of a priest, in the consecrated space of a church dedicated to the celebration of all sacraments. Being married by a random person in a random place does not represent the kind of intention one would hope to have on one of the most anticipated days of one's life. Consider prayerfully the dignity of this sacrament of love at the service of the gospel, that, as St. Paul says, is a symbol of the love of Christ for His bride, the Church. We welcome the opportunity to support you in your journey towards the joyful celebration of your marriage!

For later marriages: For those married civilly or in a common-law arrangement, please consider completing the Sacrament of Marriage by a process of Convalidation. A suitable later marriage preparation can be made available to you. We are happy to accommodate you.

SICK OR SHUT-INS: To request Holy Communion please call the parish office, (780) 434-6313.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We value your friendship and your dedication to the life of this parish. Registration clearly announces your arrival in the parish and enables us to communicate with you as soon as possible. Opening the lines of communication between parish and family is very important. Parish membership is essential before some sacraments may be administered. This is particularly true of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage. Registration is an effective initiation tool into the life of the parish and helps us to best serve your interests and that of your family. A "New Parishioner Welcome" happens usually 2 times a year. Watch for the date in early Fall or in the New Year.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

BY DEACON TOM



TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS (MARK 14:1-15:47)

By enduring great sufferings in his lifetime, Jesus showed us how we should view suffering in our own lives. Jesus did not view suffering as an evil inflicted by God as the real evil in this world is the sin we commit ourselves.

As Jesus used suffering to redeem mankind, we can use the suffering in our own lives as a means of gaining grace and obtaining salvation. His crucifixion teaches us how we can endure suffering by offering it up as a sacrifice for our own sins and imperfections.

Jesus's words, "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit" were a direct quote from the 31st Psalm of King David, written centuries before. Where did Jesus learn this? From his mothers' knee as this was the psalm customarily said by the Jewish people as their night

prayer before going to bed.

Imagine Jesus, as a child, learning this from our Blessed Mother as he prayed each night offering his life and work to God, his Father and now in death, was offering him his sufferings.

Jesus, our Savior, first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As Jesus was willing to empty himself for our sake, we are to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

Let us remember that those last immortalized words that Jesus spoke were taught to Him by his mother, Mary, and are an inspiration to all parents who teach their children to pray.

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

HOLY WEEK

Palm (Passion) Sunday - Sat. Mar. 23 at 5 pm

Sun. Mar. 24 at 8 am, 10:30 am, 1 pm & 5 pm

Mon. Mar. 25 - no mass (Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Basilica)

Tues. Mar. 26 - Mass at 5 pm

Wed. Mar. 27 - Mass at 9 am

Holy Thursday - Mar. 28 at 7 pm*

Good Friday - Mar. 29 at 9 am, 12 noon, & 3 pm

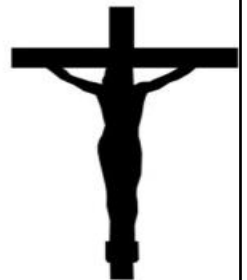
Holy Saturday - Mar. 30 at 1 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter Vigil - Mar. 30 at 8 pm*

Easter Sunday - Mar. 31 at 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon* & 5 pm

Regularly scheduled confession will be suspended during Holy Week and the week after Easter during the Easter Octave.

*with incense



EASTER OCTAVE

Mon. Apr. 1 - no mass

Tues. Apr. 2 - Mass at 9 am (regular)

Wed. Apr. 3 - Mass at 9:30 am (with school students)

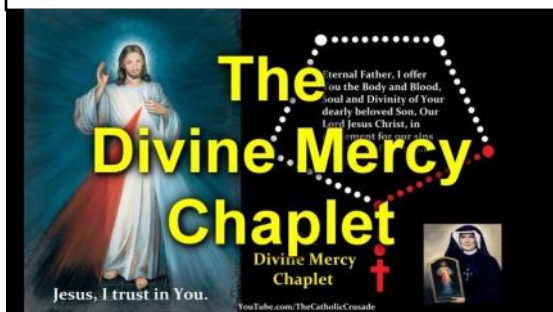
Thurs. Apr. 4 - Mass at 10 am (with school students)

Fri. Apr. 5 - First Friday Mass at 9 am (with adoration until 12 noon) and 1:15 pm (with school students)

Sat. Apr. 6 - First Saturday Mass at 9 am (with recollection to follow)



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Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29th for nine consecutive days until Saturday, April 6th. Materials for personal use will be available at the narthex. Divine Mercy novena prayers will be observed privately until Divine Mercy Sunday. Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflections on excerpts from the Diary of St. Faustina, and Divine Mercy chaplet, will be held on April 7th at 3pm which will be a communal prayer gathering.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon, Mar 25: No Mass (Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Basilica)
Funeral Mass for Raymond Sanscartier at 11am

Tue, Mar 26: Mass at 5pm (No Confessions)
The Source 6 to 8pm

Wed, Mar 27: Mass at 9am (No Confessions)
Growth in the Spirit at 6:30pm

Triduum: A single celebration over 3 days

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

Holy Thur, Mar 28: No Game Zone

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm (incense)
Exposition follows with Holy Hour until midnight

Good Fri, Mar 29: The Lord's Passion at 9am, 12 noon & 3pm

Holy Sat, Mar 30: RCIA Preparatory Rites at 9am

Blessing of Easter food at 1pm

Easter Vigil at 8pm(incense)

YamJam joins the parish for the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, Mar 31: Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
8am, 10am, 12pm (incense) and 5pm



HOLY SATURDAY, BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS AT 1pm

Please join us on Holy Saturday for this beautiful, yearly tradition. Families prepare their Easter baskets and fill them with symbolic items. The baskets are later brought to our church to be blessed at 1pm. After Easter Sunday Mass, each family and their guests share their blessed food and exchange good wishes.



Growth in the Spirit Prayer Group

The next Growth in the Spirit Prayer Meeting is on Wednesday, March 27th in St. John Paul II room.

We will be praying the Rosary at 6:15 pm to ask 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



Remember to bring your bells to be rung at Mass during the Gloria on Holy Thursday, and again at the Easter Vigil.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. AVINASH!



We wish Fr. Avinash at STM a very happy birthday. May God bless him abundantly with good health and happiness on this special day.

Prayer Corner...

Prayer for the Sick



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, Chris Simpson, Sabina Zutter, Alfred Morrill, Vi Simpson, Sean Spicer, Graham Chambers, Sam Amelio & Marcella Cloran 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 for Raymond Sanscartier that He will raise him up to live forever.

All bulletin items and announcements should be directed to:

communications.stm@caedm.ca by Wednesday @ 2:00pm

**UNRAVELING
A Vision of Hope & Love for Troubled Times
REVELATION**

**Immersive Scripture
Retreat Weekend
April 12-14
with Becky Moritz Bonham**

GRIEF AS A JOURNEY

Our walk to Emmaus



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Starts April 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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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 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.

Holy Week Retreat: Newness of Life in Christ

Sun Mar. 24-Sun Mar 31, 2024

Register at providencerenewal.ca



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New episodes are released every Thursday. Subscribe to the Archdiocese of Edmonton [YouTube channel](#) to watch new episodes each week.

ADOREMUS ("LET US ADORE") - APR 6

Adoremus is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration held at St. Joseph Basilica from 7 to 8:30pm on the first Saturday of every month (Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1). The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and music will be provided by St. Joseph Basilica's Schola Cantorum led by Roderick Bryce. Please join us afterwards in the Basilica basement for a social (refreshments provided). Adoremus is geared towards ages 15 to 30 but all are welcome! Link: bxvi.newman.edu/index.php/events/adoremus

CALLED TO PROTECT WORKSHOP: caedm.ca/calledtoprotect/

Saturday, April 13, Monday, April 15 & Monday, April 22



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION Called to Serve the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land

In Canada, the Good Friday collection is designated for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land. Your gift to *Together We Serve* on Good Friday and all year-long helps to guard over 50 shrines in the Holy Land and support 180,000 Christians who bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ.

SCAN HERE TO DONATE

or ask about Together We Serve at the parish office



NEW EPISODE
EVERY TWO WEEKS



Info Evening (via Zoom)



Becoming
Spiritual Formation



April 22, 2024
7 pm

Register at providencerenewal.ca

