



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Tom Sudsbear, Gordon Taylor

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 18- 22)

Mon: Rosary 8:30am/Mass 9am

(Adoration ff. Benedict. 12 noon)

Tue: Rosary 4:30pm/Mass 5 pm

Wed: Rosary 8:30am/Mass 9 am

Thu: Rosary 4:30pm/Mass 5 pm

Fri: Rosary 8:30am/Mass 9 am

Stations of the Cross: 7pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES (MARCH 23/24)

Sat, Mar 23: Rosary 4:25/Mass 5 pm

Sun, Mar 24: Rosary 7:25/Mass 8 am

Divine Mercy 10am/Mass 10:30 am

Rosary 12:25am/Mass 1pm

Rosary 4:25pm/Mass 5 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 45 minutes before Mass on Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri. and **Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm or by appt.**

Confessions on Mondays are available during Adoration.



NO REGULAR CONFESSIONS during Holy week and the week after Easter (during the Easter octave). Please make the best of the Penitential season of Lent.

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 it's 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

OUR HOUR HAS COME (John 12:20-33)

The hour that Jesus speaks of is both the time of his glorification, and the hour he dreads. It is the time of both his anguish and exaltation, demonstrated through the imagery he uses to describe his fate.

Jesus is the grain of wheat that must die in order to bring forth much fruit. Jesus declares that to give himself in death for the salvation of the world is the reason he has come to this hour, coming to earth to save all peoples without exception. Jesus accepts his fate, praying that God's name, the essence of God's being, might be glorified.

These references to death and the bearing of much fruit apply not only to Jesus but to us, his followers. We must be willing to give up one form of life if we hope for another. We must be willing to die in order to live. If we follow Jesus in his death, we will share in his exaltation as this hour brings a promise from Jesus that those who serve him will be honoured by God and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life.

As challenging as the message may be, it is one of hope. If we want a new life we know that taking the first step into that life is both frightening and demanding as so much is being asked of us. Let us not be afraid as the strength to step into our new life is given to us through God.

MOVIE NIGHT "FATHER STU"

When: Sunday March 17 at 6pm

Where: St. Thomas More Parish Hall

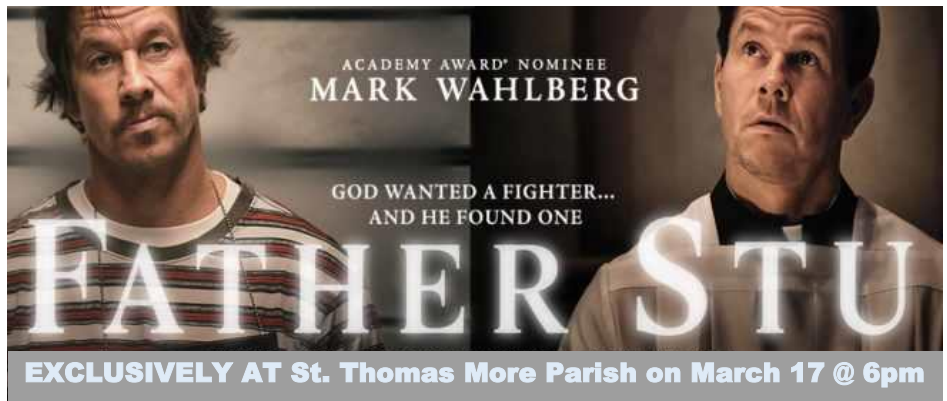
Sponsored by: The Knights of Columbus & St. Thomas More Culture of Life Ministry

Father Stu is a 2022 biographical drama film starring Mark Wahlberg as Stuart Long, a boxer-turned-Catholic priest who lives with a progressive muscle disorder.

Father Stu is an unflinching honest, funny and uplifting story about finding purpose in a most unexpected place. Stu pursues his vocation with courage and compassion, inspiring not only those closest to him, but countless others along the way.

Concession by donation, to support the Gianna Centre. Gianna Centre promotes the sanctity of human life, protects the unborn and helps mothers/fathers who may be in distress, experiencing a pregnancy crisis.

Donations to: www.themarketatgianna.ca/donate-to-the-moms



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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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tue, March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass at 5pm

Holy Week Rehearsal at 6:30pm

CWL meets at 7 pm

Wed, March 20: Called to Protect Online, 1pm to 3pm

Register at caedm.ca/calledtoprotect/

Thur, March 21: RCIA, 7-9 pm

Fri, March 22: Stations of the Cross at 7pm, led by our Youth

Sat, March 23: YAMJam in the JPPII room with Shavi 6-7:30pm

Called to Protect Online, 9:30am-12pm

Register at caedm.ca/calledtoprotect/

FEATURE MINISTRIES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

The **WEDDING REHEARSAL** team is recruiting volunteers to assist couples during their wedding rehearsals and on their wedding days.



The **BAPTISM MINISTRY** is also looking for helpers for infant baptisms. Please see the monthly featured Ministry bulletin boards at the front and office entrances for details.



Please bring your Reverse collection items mentioned on the slips you took last week.

Thank you to those who have already dropped off their items.



February 14 - March 24 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 26 coordinated campaigns:

- 24,242 babies saved from abortion
- 256 abortion workers converted
- 148 abortion centers closed

Come join St. Thomas More parishioners for an hour or more in prayer.

Vigil location: 50m from Woman's Health Options (12409-109A Avenue)

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

Local contact: Edmonton Prolife,
780-425-1637
info@edmontonprolife.org

Culture of Life Ministry at STM,
prolifestm@gmail.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting:
40daysforlife.com/Edmonton
[Facebook.com/40DaysForLifeEdmonton](https://www.facebook.com/40DaysForLifeEdmonton)



The Culture of Life Ministry at St. Thomas More Parish invites all parishioners to join for an hour or more in prayer at the vigil location; we also invite parishioners to pray during Adoration on Monday mornings during Lent, from 9:30am to 12pm that babies will be saved from abortion in Edmonton and for those who have been affected by abortion.

St. Thomas More day of prayer is Tuesday, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph

For more information and to sign up for vigil hours:

www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/edmonton/

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.

Prayer of St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His Only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
And defend us from every evil. Amen



Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass at 5pm on Tuesday, March 19 at St. Thomas More Parish

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, Raymond Sanscartier, Chris Simpson, Sabina Zutter, Alfred Morrill, Vi Simpson, Sean Spicer, & 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 Roman Wozniak & Mark Navarro that He will raise them up to live forever.

All bulletin items and announcements should be directed to:

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

GRIEF AS A JOURNEY

Our walk to Emmaus



I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow (Jeremiah 31:13)

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



Spring Retreat Called to Follow: Paradigms of Following a Resurrected LORD

Saturday April 27, 2024
10am-6pm

Register by April 22
providencerenewal.ca



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BE NOT AFRAID

Be Not Afraid is a series of videos and companion articles that tells the stories of 12 religious sisters and priests who serve within the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

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 – 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 – 30 but all are welcome! Link: bxvi.newman.edu/index.php/events/adoremus

CALLED TO PROTECT WORKSHOPS: caedm.ca/calledtoprotect/

Wednesday, March 20, & Saturday, March 23



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



UPFRONT
with the
Archbishops

NEW EPISODE
EVERY TWO WEEKS



Info Evening (via Zoom)



Becoming
Spiritual Formation



April 22, 2024
7 pm

Register at providencerenewal.ca

