

St. Thomas More

CATHOLIC PARISH

Church Bulletin

Third Sunday in Lent

March 2 - 3, 2024

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES (MARCH 4 - 8)

Mon : 6:30pm (*Parish Lenten Mission followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*)
(No mass at 9:00am on Monday)

Tue : 9:00am

Tue : 6:30pm - *Lenten Penitential service*

Wed : 6:30pm (*Parish Lenten Mission*)
(No mass at 9:00am on Wednesday)

Thu : 5:00pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday: 9:30AM - 12:00PM (*Cancelled for Lenten Mission*)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES (MARCH 9/10)

Reverse Collection at all masses for SVDP

Sat : 5:00pm

Sun : 8:00am
10:00am
12:00pm (*RCIA 2nd Scrutiny*)
5:00pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

45 minutes before Mass Tuesday-Friday;
Saturday 3:30PM - 4:30PM
(Confessions end 10 minutes before Mass)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm (Mar 8, Mar 15, Mar 22)

Sunday Gospel Reflection—By Deacon Tom

THE TEMPLE AND THE LAW (JOHN 2:13-25)

The Temple of Jerusalem was a very sacred place to the Jews, where believers went to offer sacrifice to God and the place where God resided in the midst of the people. The Law of the Jewish people was the Torah, the 'instruction' or 'teaching' of the Wisdom of God, pointing the believers to God. Jesus' actions are an acted-out prophecy and his words are prophetic forth telling. First, by driving the merchants out of the temple, he announces that the time of fulfillment has come (identifying himself as the new temple) and identifying God as his Father, confirms that he lives in the midst of the people, as he makes God's wisdom known to us and points us to his Father.

Two incredible religious institutions, the Temple and the Law are examples of the power of God in the lives of believers. One has endured down through the centuries and the other in the religious hopes of both Jews and Christians. These two institutions cannot compare to Jesus, who is the power of God. God's power is not revealed in a rigid set of rules or magnificent stones but in the broken and pierced body of Jesus. Only after the darkness of noon and the earthquake, (after Jesus' death), did his words come to mind and their meaning sink in. Let us reflect on the significance of Jesus in our lives and the role Jesus plays in our lives as the new Temple, the wisdom and the power of God.

A message from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are experiencing a meaningful Lent. These days go by quickly! To help us go deeper, we are blessed to welcome the Sisters of the Queenship of Mary led by Mother Mary Bernadette who will facilitate our Lenten Parish Mission. We have not had a parish mission at St. Thomas More for some time, so I want to encourage and invite all parishioners to take advantage of these special days of renewal, prayer, and conversion. The details of the Lenten Mission are in the bulletin so please do make note of it and plan around the schedule of events. A parish mission is an excellent way to enrich your Lenten journey. We are very grateful to have this opportunity. Thank you Mother Mary Bernadette and the sisters who will be joining you.

I also want to take this opportunity, going into income tax season, to thank you all for your generous and constant support of the material needs of our parish. I hope the update given to parishioners last Sunday was helpful. Finance committee members are always available if you have any questions. As the old adage goes, two things are certain—death and taxes. It seems in March we are being given the opportunity to prepare for both! Perhaps we should prioritize the Parish Mission because preparing for heaven is arguably the most important work we can do!

God bless you!
Father Mark



This week in our Parish

☑ **Mar 2 & 3 to Mar 6:** *Parish Lenten Mission* led by Mother Mary Bernadette of the Queenship of Mary

☑ **Mar 4:** 9:00am mass is cancelled

☑ **Mar 7:** - Game Zone 12 - 4:00pm

- RCIA 1st Scrutiny 7:00 - 9:00pm

☑ **Mar 8:** Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm led by CWL

☑ **Mar 9:** - Later Marriage Preparation 9:00 - 3:00pm

- Confirmation Preparation #10 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

- Baptism Preparation (Zoom 2nd part)-10:00am - 11:00am

- Youth Group: Fast & Feast 12noon - 8:00pm

- YamJam (Young Adults) 6:00pm - 7:30pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY

The St. Vincent De Paul pantry is in need of 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 for your contribution.



All bulletin items and announcements should be directed to Bernardine Zuzarte at communications.stm@caedm.ca by Wednesday @ 2:00

Sacraments



BAPTISM

Infant Baptisms (under the age of 7) are celebrated all year long at STM except during the seasons of LENT and ADVENT. Infant Baptisms resume on April 14 & 28, May 5 and June 9. Details can be found on our website under Sacraments —> Baptism. Please plan in advance as it could take time for all the requirements to be completed on time for your child's baptism.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAUL!

We wish Paul Givens, Business Administrator at STM a very happy birthday. May God bless him abundantly with good health and happiness on this special day.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Spring is a time of new beginnings!

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.

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 prolife movie night in the hall on March 17th after 5PM Mass! The movie will be Fr. Stu!



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.

PRAYER SHAWLS

A Prayer Shawl is a wrap or cover that is crocheted or knit with prayers. When complete it is blessed and recorded in a book. Those who receive a Prayer Shawl are continually prayed for by the women in the ministry. At present there is a very good selection of shawls for adults, children and babies. These make great gifts for those who are celebrating sacraments or maybe suffering (mentally or physically). To get a shawl contact Linda 780-920-9359, or for more information, pick up a brochure in the brochure holder at the entrance of the church.



Prayer Corner

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.



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 Mo-ya, Lillian Laforge, Diego Rosales, Alwin Miguel and his mother Jennifer, Victor Brown, Charlotte Henderson, Maria Longo, Marion Coderre, Joshua Bernardo, Mary Kutty Mat-thew, Kristen Raworth, Terry Witiw, Stelios Kiliaris, Corazon Abalajon, Raymond Sanscartier, Chris Simpson, Sabina Zutter and Vi Simpson 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.





Lenten Mission

at St. Thomas More Parish
from March 2 - 6, 2024



Led By: The Queenship of Mary

'The Seven Sorrows of Mary'

Schedule:

Begins at all Sunday Masses of 2nd and 3rd March

Mon, Mar 4 6:30pm: Mission Mass, Praise & Worship, Recollection, Adoration

Tue, Mar 5 9:00am: Mass (weekday mass)

Tue, Mar 5 6:30pm: Communal Examination of Conscience followed by individual confessions

Wed, Mar 6 6:30pm: Mission Mass, Praise & Worship, Recollection, Light refreshments



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HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

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



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") - MAR. 2

Adoremus ("Let us Adore") is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration held at St. Joseph Basilica from 7 – 8:30 PM on the first Saturday of every month (Mar 2, 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 young adults (ages 15 – 30) but all are welcome!