



# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Closed on Stat Holidays



## WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (APRIL 1—5)

**Easter Mon:** No Mass, Office is closed

**Tue:** Rosary 8:30am/Mass 9 am

**Wed:** Mass 9:30 am (with school children)

**Thur:** Mass 10 am (with school children)

**Fri:** First Friday Mass at 9am (adoration until noon)

Mass at 1:15pm (with school children)

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES (APRIL 6/7)

**Sat, Apr 6:** First Saturday Mass at 9am

Rosary 4:25/Mass 5 pm

**Sun, Apr 7:** Rosary 7:25/Mass 8 am

Rosary 9:30am/Mass 10 am

Rosary 11:30am/Mass 12pm

Rosary 4:25pm/Mass 5 pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Sat, April 6. 3 to 4:30pm Divine Mercy Devotion: 3pm April 7.



**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 11. 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 Thurs evenings 7 to 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!

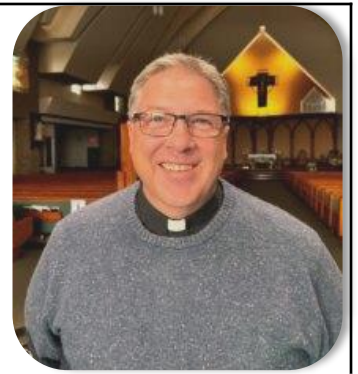
**For later marriages:** For those married civilly or in a common-law arrangement, please consider completing the Sacrament of Marriage by a process of Convalidation. A suitable later marriage preparation can be made available to you. We are happy to accommodate you.

**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.



*I know my saviour lives!*



My Dear Friends in Christ,

The Resurrection of Jesus confronts and explains the cross and interprets the last supper. By the paschal power of the Resurrection, we can bring deeper meaning to our own crosses and embrace devoutly the gift of Christ's enduring presence in the Eucharist. St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata says it well: "When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then; when you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you still."

Crosses are unavoidable; we all suffer at some time in our lives. Jesus himself was not spared suffering or even death itself. But He transforms our crosses through the redemptive cross of His own death. Unimpeded by the cross, Jesus gives us an undying hope and everlasting joy in the Resurrection. Joy triumphs because of Easter. We are made for more than our setbacks and difficulties.

The Lord is Risen, Indeed He is truly Risen! Right down into our own time... the faith of Christians is based on this good news..." Indeed, it is a joy to welcome new converts at the Easter Vigil because they remind us how important the reality of this message truly is.

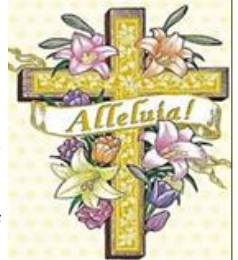
The resounding song of "Alleluia" is in contrast to the struggles of a fallen world. It is on account of sin that Christ died and rose again. So that, even in our own struggles with sin— the sin that is within us and all around us—

visited upon us by war, economic burdens and personal temptations, etc.— we do not fail to follow Christ into a "new heaven and a new earth". That is the ideal held up for us who follow Him and pick up our cross daily.

Our hope is high and un failing. Let us truly celebrate the gift of our faith shared personally and in community this Easter! We do not pilgrimage alone, and Christ will never leave us. May the events of Christ's own passion, death and resurrection move you deeply, and may your personal Eucharistic communion with Him, be greatly strengthened!

Easter Sunday is extended over the "Octave" of Easter--- the first Eight days of Easter, to emphasise the importance of the "Day" of the Resurrection. The Easter season then extends through the next 7 weeks. May you be abundantly blessed throughout this Easter Season and be filled with Easter Joy!

May the Risen Lord grant you and your families all the blessings and joy of a glorious Easter season! Let us never lose hope, but keep going. In the words of the Risen Lord, "let us rise and be on our way!" (John 14:31) Alleluia! He has Risen! He will come again! Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy Easter everyone!



**IN CHRIST, THE RISEN LORD! FR. MARK**

## Sunday Gospel Reflection

BY DEACON TOM



### RAISED WITH CHRIST (John 20:1-9)

Like the first believers, we come to the tomb expecting to find death, but instead we find a new life.

The stone has been rolled back and the tomb is empty as Jesus arose from the tomb, body and soul, alive, radiant and glorious, the most important event in the history of the world!

If we die with Christ, we will appear with Him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. When this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new and fresh as we purge ourselves of all leaven of the past. Christ has died and has risen and with Him we die to our old selves.

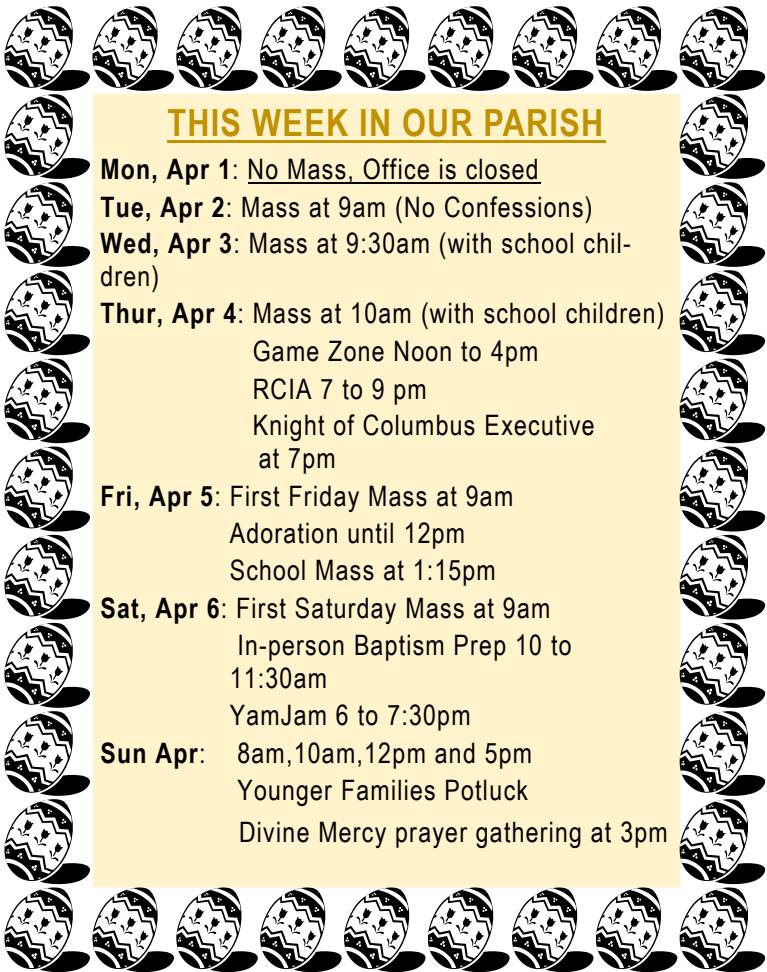
In the words of the Letter to the Colossians, we are to see ourselves as "raised with Christ" and our minds are set on "things

that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."

Christ rose for us, confirming our faith, and sustaining the hope of our resurrection in the world to come. Joined to Christ, we are living in the final age already, but this age of fulfillment is not yet complete.

On this Easter Sunday, let us rejoice with the risen Lord, praying to him, the victor over sin and death. "This is the day the LORD has made ... it is wonderful in our eyes!" In all the trials and tribulations that face us, let us draw the courage to face them from the vision of the risen Lord.





### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Mon, Apr 1:** No Mass, Office is closed

**Tue, Apr 2:** Mass at 9am (No Confessions)

**Wed, Apr 3:** Mass at 9:30am (with school children)

**Thur, Apr 4:** Mass at 10am (with school children)  
 Game Zone Noon to 4pm  
 RCIA 7 to 9 pm  
 Knight of Columbus Executive at 7pm

**Fri, Apr 5:** First Friday Mass at 9am  
 Adoration until 12pm  
 School Mass at 1:15pm

**Sat, Apr 6:** First Saturday Mass at 9am  
 In-person Baptism Prep 10 to 11:30am  
 YamJam 6 to 7:30pm

**Sun Apr:** 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm  
 Younger Families Potluck  
 Divine Mercy prayer gathering at 3pm

### Scripture Study



### Spring 2024 STM Scripture Study

A scripture study will begin on Monday, April 15, 2024 from 7pm to 9pm in the Marguerite D'Youville room (Library) at the parish. There will be 9 weekly sessions, the last one on June 17, 2024. We will be studying: "The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts". The Holy Spirit who inspired the prophets and evangelists and who filled the life of Jesus now blows within and among all God's people. Discover the Divine graces that are ours by the Holy Spirit. I will bulk-order the workbooks to save money and the cost should be \$12 per book. The books will be distributed at the first session. Join to learn, pray, and share your faith. Those who have participated in other scripture studies have noted a positive impact upon their faith life. For registration or information call Deacon Randy Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or email: [randy.abele@caedm.ca](mailto:randy.abele@caedm.ca)

### 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 Jr. 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 Mary Elizabeth McDonald that He will raise her up to live forever.

### Archbishop Smith's Easter Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm pleased to greet you once again as the Church celebrates the great wonder of Easter: the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

When we attend Easter Sunday Mass, we will hear a very familiar Gospel passage. Even though it's familiar, many of us – myself included - find it a source of profound joy and hope, an antidote to fear and anxiety.

The message of Easter is: Don't worry. Easter is God's definitive victory over all that's evil, all that's wrong – even sin and death.


It is a reminder that He is with us, guiding us, transforming us, saving us, as He leads us through this life with all its difficulties to eternal life with Him forever.

God Bless.

All bulletin items and announcements should be directed to: [communications.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:communications.stm@caedm.ca) by Wednesday @ 2pm

# 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](mailto:Randy.abele@caedm.ca) for more information or to register.

## Archdiocese of Edmonton



### 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 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](http://bxvi.newman.edu/index.php/events/adoremus)

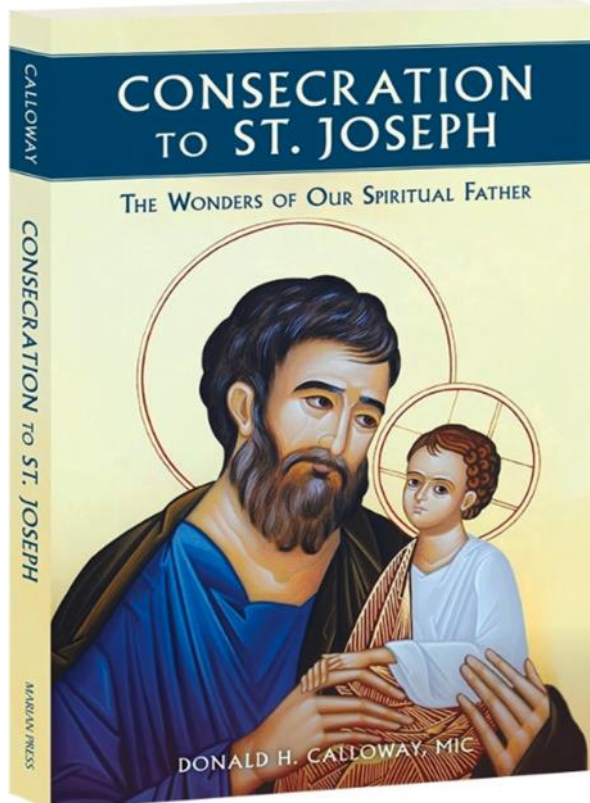
### CALLED TO PROTECT WORKSHOP: [caedm.ca/calledtoprotect/](http://caedm.ca/calledtoprotect/)

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



**UP FRONT**  
with the Archbishop

NEW EPISODE EVERY TWO WEEKS



### Consecration to St. Joseph

Starts on **March 30** (Holy Saturday), consecrate yourself to St. Joseph on **May 1st**, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker!

<https://consecrationtostjoseph.org/>



## Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour

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.

### Confirmation for Baptized Catechized Adults

The adult confirmation process is an opportunity for baptized, catechized Catholics who have not had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to complete their **full initiation into the Catholic Church**. This process provides adult candidates a moment to deepen their faith, ask questions about our faith, and further enter into the graces God offers to us through the sacraments. Special catechesis workshops are being planned for **April 11, 13, 16 & Confirmation by the Bishop on 21st**. Please call the office for more information.