



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Pastor: Fr. Mark McGee **Associate Pastor: Fr. Avinash Francis**
Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Tom Sudsbear, Gordon Taylor

Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 9pm | Fri 9 am- 4 pm | Sat 8:30am - 2 pm | Sun 1 pm - 4:30 pm
 Closed on Stat Holidays



WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (APRIL 22—26)

Mon: NO MASS until further notice
Tue: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
Wed: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Thur: Mass at 9:45am (with school children)
Fri: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (APRIL 27/28)

Sat, Apr 20: Rosary 4:25/Mass 5 pm
Sun, Apr 21: Rosary 7:25/Mass 8 am
 Rosary 9:25am/Mass 10 am
 Rosary 11:25am/Mass 12pm
Rosary 4:25pm/Mass 5 pm



*4th Sunday of Easter
 Good Shepherd Sunday*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 45 MINUTES BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS (EXCEPT THURS MORNING THIS WEEK) & Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:30 pm

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 20 & May 11. The course is scheduled for 10-11:30 am. The next online Baptismal Prep is Apr 13 & May 11, 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 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.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

BY DEACON TOM



JESUS IS OUR SHEPHERD (John 10:11-18)

Today Jesus preaches the beautiful and inspiring parable of the Good Shepherd, who leads souls to their eternal life. Jesus gave up the happiness of heaven and the choirs of angels for the hardships of this earth, enduring a bloody passion and died on the cross that we might live.

This is the love that broke open the world in His death and resurrection and recreates us as children of God, a love that is shared with us at our Baptism, and celebrated in renewal at Easter. Jesus is willing to care for and die for other sheep who, though they are not included in His flock, are nonetheless His. He wishes all peoples to be members of His flock, for he is the God and creator of all and says that these other sheep will recognize Him and will be brought into His flock, resulting in one flock and one shepherd.

Jesus knows us, for He is God and knows all things. He knows our most secret thoughts, words and actions; better than we know ourselves.

We come to know Jesus through the teachings of His Church and as faithful members of His flock, we must follow Jesus and imitate His actions, keeping our souls continually in the state of sanctifying grace by participating in the sacraments (as they are the means of making this grace grow in our souls). If we do this, then Jesus, our Good Shepherd, will lead us into the pasture of eternal happiness.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Divine Mercy Conference - St. Thomas More (North of 60 Project)



Our Lady of Good Hope Church <https://ourladyofgoodhope.ca/>

We are planning again this year to send a sea container of food and dry goods to the hamlet of Fort Good Hope, 20 miles south of the Arctic Circle in the Northwest Territories.

Here is a list of what we need and don't need (the sea can will be available from April 28 to May 5 in our parking lot at St. Thomas More).

Dry goods: Flour, lard/shortening, macaroni (no other types of pasta), white rice, sugar, cans of baked beans, cans of stew.

Clothing/Other: Baby diapers, winter boots (all ages, especially men's), winter outerwear (all ages), work wear for men (pants and shirts), pots and pans.

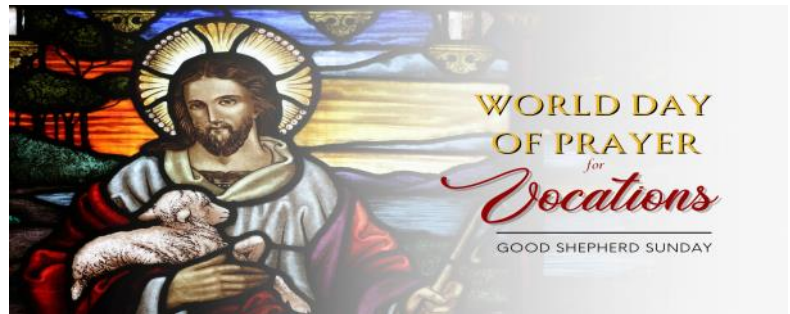
What we DO NOT need:

Powdered milk, cooking oil, canned vegetables, regular clothing.

Undecided? Donations, especially this year, where we need to cover costs of sea can and transportation!

To donate by cheque: Please make cheques payable to SSVV Divine Mercy Conference (note on memo line: "North of 60"), put the cheque in the St Vincent de Paul donation box in the church or drop off or mail to the parish office. A donation receipt will be sent to you.

Online donations can also be made online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/The-Society-of-Saint-Vincent-de-Paul-Divine-Mercy-Conference/> Please add a note in the comments: Donation to North of 60.



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 61ST WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/20240421-messaggio-61-gm-vocazioni.html>

(some copies are available in the Narthex)

CALLED TO PROTECT IN-PERSON WORKSHOP

St. Charles Parish on April 22 & May 16, at 6:30 pm caedm.ca/calledtoprotect/

Have you ever donated blood?

Are you between the ages of 17 and 97 and ready to make your first donation, or a regular blood donor eligible for your next donation? The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Blood Donor Campaign:



When: Monday, April 29 starting at 5:20pm.

Where: Terwillegar Community Church, 751 Town Centre Blvd

If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact the Knights of Columbus Grocery Kiosk at the back of the church or call 1-888-236-6283 or refer to [ABCs of eligibility for donating blood](#) at www.blood.ca

Sign up/log in to an account on blood.ca or via the "Give Blood" app. From there search up **Knights of Columbus – Edmonton**, ANYBODY can join our donation team and book one of the available reserved appointments, starting at 5:20pm. If the reserved slots aren't available or convenient for you, pick an alternate appointment. If you find it easier to book by phone, pick a time that works best for you and simply call the number below to donate to **Team Knights of Columbus, Edmonton. 1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283)**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Mon, Apr 22:** No 9am, Monday Mass until further notice
- Tue, Apr 23:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 6pm
- Wed, Apr 24:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Youth & Family Advisory Group meeting at 6pm
- Thur, Apr 25:** Mass at 9:45am (with St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic school children) Parishioners are invited and encouraged to join.
Game Zone-Noon to 4pm
- Fri, Apr 26:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Wedding Rehearsals at 6pm & 7pm
- Sat, Apr 27:** Weddings at 12 noon & 2pm
Confession/Mass: 3:30-4:30/5pm
YamJam 6 to 7:30pm
- Sun, Apr 28:** Mass at 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm
Pancake Breakfast after 8am and 10am Mass
Infant Baptisms at 1:45pm
Movie "Unplanned" at 6pm
Verso L'Alto 6pm to 8pm (may join the Movie night by parental consent)

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, 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, Fr. Jozef Wroblewski, Ines Gutierrez, Harry Buddle, Samantha Davis, Joan Rempel, Liz Sawyer & Joseph Serrano, 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 Paul Pavelich, Lucie Ray, Jonel Lazarjan, Mary Elizabeth McDonald, Anthony Mackenzie, Claudia Balcerio, Dan Friesen, Mark Belanger, Margaret Rogers & Gary Ballash & Tyler Lafontaine, that He will raise them up to live forever.

Life Night Free Movie

Sunday, April 28 at 6:00 PM
St. Thomas More Parish Hall

UNPLANNED

Concessions by Donations
All proceeds to ALIES (The Back Porch)



May 9, 2024

"WE HAVE A DREAM: PROTECT ALL LIFE!"

Keynote Speaker:
Alveda King
Niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

THE ALBERTA MARCH FOR LIFE



May 9, 12:00PM (NOON)



- LOCATION** The Alberta Legislature - Violet King Henry Plaza
Parking - East of the Legislature on 106 St
- WHY ATTEND** Join thousands at this peaceful event to show the size, strength and solidarity of the pro-life movement to the public and government.
- CONDUCT** Participants will remain respectful, peaceful and welcoming.
- SIGNS** You are welcome to make your own signs without graphic abortion images.

APRIL 13TH

CELEBRATE LIFE
Family Friendly Dinner
+ Dance Fundraiser

COME JOIN US!

MAY 9TH

PRO-LIFE MASS - 10:00AM
THE ROSE DINNER - 6:00PM
Dinner and Dialogue with Alveda King

Visit Our Website For More Information: AlbertaMarchForLife.com

Christian Life Seminar

Our Love Story
May 24-26, 2024

"So we have known and believe the love that God has for us, God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them."
—1 John 4:16

Our Lady of Victory

Story

Registration Fee: \$70

Carline Outten (780) 885-3827

Kathleen Gloria (780) 934-5501

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Register now!



"The Future is Pro-Life"

Annual Alberta March for Life 2nd Thursday of May

@

The Alberta Legislature 10800 - 97th Avenue,

Edmonton

12:30 P.M.

albertamarchforlife.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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- Apr 26 to 28** CWL Convention at St. Joseph's Basilica (keep them in your prayers)
- April 30** The Source 6pm to 8pm
- May 1** Special Mass at 7pm, St. Joseph the Worker
- May 5** "Life Night" All You Can Eat Chili Dinner sponsored by K of C & STM Culture of Life
- May 9** Alberta March for Life at The Alberta Legislature at 12:30pm
- Heads up** Sunday Mass times are under review to better accommodate growing numbers. Please watch for changes to begin in July.

STM REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP MINISTRY



Our parish Refugee Sponsorship Ministry will host a dinner and silent auction on Saturday, June 1st.

The committee will be selling tickets for the dinner this weekend after Mass. Meanwhile, we would like to start gathering Silent Auction items. Items should be new or near new and have a minimum value of \$50. Please contact Wally Streit (780) 988 8719 or Paul Givens (780) 434 6313 or Katherine Stewart (780) 668 5015.



You may drop off items at the Grocery Card kiosk or the Parish Office. Please be sure to attach a note with your name, phone number and approximate value of the item. If you have questions about auction items please contact Wally.



Next Game-Zone, April 25—Next YAMJam, April 27!

Game-Zone is growing in attendance every week. If you would like to support our parish, support parents and kids afterschool please email shavi.perera@caedm.ca



Youth playing kickball at the field and eating subway!

Staff at St. Thomas More Parish

Pastoral Assistant:	Julie Lee	Business Coord:	Paul Givens
Pastoral Assistant:	Tracy Lam	Bookkeeper:	Salwa Saydeh
Music Coord:	Johanna Dietrich	Maintenance & Custodial:	Mark Whaley
Youth and Family Ministry Coord:	Shavi Perera	Admin Assistants:	Lorraine Kasha, Bernardine Zuzarte, Shannon Van Soest & Olivia Dias

Knights of Columbus

Life Night

LOVE LIFE & LAW

All You Can Eat Chili Dinner

JOIN US

PRE-DINNER MUSIC SHOW
HANBEAT SAMULNORI

MAY 5TH
6pm

St. Thomas More Parish

Suggested Donation:
\$10/Person
\$20/Family

Guest speaker **GABRIELLE JOHNSON**

FR. MARK MCGEE
Blessing & Pastoral Guidance

Guest speaker **STEPHANIE FENNELLY**

Compassion in the 11th Hour
ALIES & The Back Porch

Guest speaker **PATRICE ROUSSEL**

There is Hope for Our Political Arena
Wilberforce Project

Love Over Euthanasia
Alberta March for Life



Verso L'Alto (High school) youth group - April 14



Playing charades with Father Avi!