



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Closed on Stat Holidays



WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (APRIL 8—12)

Mon: Mass at 7pm - Feast of The Annunciation

Tue: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm

Wed: Mass 10:30 am (with school children)

Thur: Mass 9:30 am (with school children)

Fri: Mass at 9:30am (with school children)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES (APRIL 13/14)

Sat, Apr 13: Rosary 4:25/Mass 5 pm

Sun, Apr 14: Rosary 7:25/Mass 8 am

Rosary 9:30am/Mass 10 am

Rosary 11:30am/Mass 12pm

Rosary 4:25pm/Mass 5 pm



DIVINE MERCY
Sunday

"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to Divine Mercy!"
St. Faustina Kowalska, SS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday: 4:15pm

THIS WEEK ONLY: Wed, Thurs & Fri by appointment

Saturday: 3pm-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, 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.

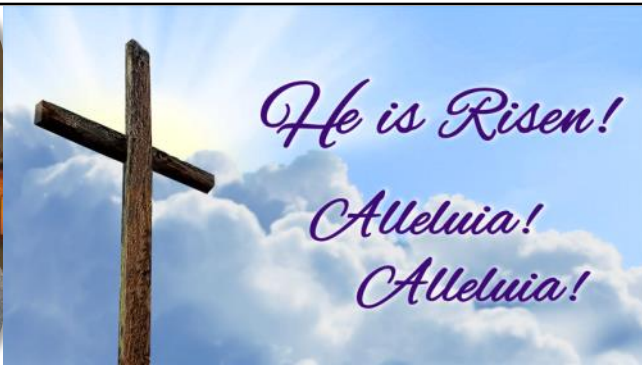
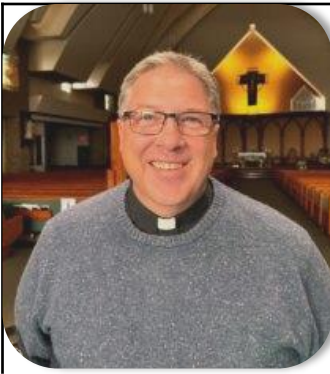
RCIA: Adults (16+years old) seeking to become Catholic, please speak to Paul Givens. Enquirers are always welcome. Please drop by the Parish office or call (780) 434-6313. This is also an opportunity for renewal of Catholic Adults. Runs early September to Easter/Pentecost. Meets Thurs evenings 7 to 9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



Dear Parishioners,

“The Lord is Risen, Indeed He is truly Risen”! The season of Lent is six weeks, while the season of Easter is seven. Presently we are completing the “Octave of Easter”. Easter Sunday is extended over the first eight days of Easter to emphasize the importance of the “day” of the Resurrection. May you be abundantly blessed with “new life” throughout this Easter season and be filled with Easter joy! May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and yours. I want to thank you all very much for your participation in our Lenten and Easter observances. Thanks to all of you who helped with liturgical ministries, many of you even did double duty and took on extra celebrations.

Special thanks to Fr. Jozef for his presence and support - especially at the Easter Vigil and Sunday 5pm Mass. We are greatly blessed to have Fr. Avinash with us at St. Thomas More! Thanks to all of you who helped with “Art & Environment”-the lilies, the space, the youth group who made the empty tomb! Thanks to the Knights of Columbus in leading Holy Hour on Holy Thursday night. Thanks to the coordinators of all the

ministries and to all those in the Music ministry for all the hours of practice.

Thanks to Jeremy S. for updating all the presider binders. Thanks to the Junior servers, Adult servers, Proclaimers, Ushers and Sacristan, volunteers for Holy Thursday, Washing of the Feet, Building and Maintenance who helped prepare the Narthex, the baptismal font, and helped keep things tidy (Thanks Mark W, and Jayden N.), those who served in special ministries at Holy Thursday, (Chrism Mass/Oil bearers) Easter Vigil (Fire techs and Lighting techs), and Hospitality coordinators and to all those I may have forgotten, but whose efforts contributed to the joy of this Holy Season, THANK YOU! All our Liturgies were truly beautiful & inspiring. It was also a joy to see all the baskets on Holy Saturday knowing these represent beautiful traditions and family gatherings. Congratulations to our Neophytes. We are so glad to have you with us! Happy Easter everyone! It is a joy to serve with you!

Sincerely,

Fr. Mark McGee



Sunday Gospel Reflection

BY DEACON TOM



LET US NOT DOUBT BUT HAVE FAITH (John 20:19-31)

“My Lord and my God!” is the most explicit expression of faith recorded in the gospels! While many judge Thomas harshly for his doubting, Jesus does not, but invites Thomas to touch him, an invitation not extended earlier to the other disciples.

The story does not say that Thomas actually touched the wounds, but declares that the risen Lord is God, a profession of faith that outstrips the others.

Faith comes to us in the Sacrament of Baptism and is the key to everlasting life, infused in our souls along with sanctifying grace.

Faith is a gift of God, given to those he loves. It is not to be taken for granted as God bestows it on us out of his compassion and is a

treasure we should thank God for.

Faith is necessary for eternal salvation and as St. Paul reminds us, it is impossible to please God without faith. It is the life of the just man, as it enlightens our understanding and infuses confidence and love of God into our souls.

The person whose soul is filled with faith will also live by it. They will pray diligently, avoiding occasions of sin and show their faith through prayer and adoration to God. As faith worked miracles of grace in the life of St. Thomas, it can help us as well.

Let us pray daily that God will strengthen our faith, so we can go forth, with a powerful faith like Thomas, to perform great deeds for Jesus.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Mon, Apr 8:** No 9am Mass for the foreseeable future
Wedding of Renni & Kochurani at 11am
Special Mass at 7pm-The Feast of The Annunciation
- Tue, Apr 9:** Funeral in the Nave at 11am
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
Liturgy Committee meeting at 7pm
K of C meeting at 7pm
- Wed, Apr 10:** Mass at 10:30am (with Joan Carr Catholic school children)
Finance Committee meeting at 1pm
- Thur, Apr 11:** Mass at 9:30am (with St. Theresa and St. Stanislaus Catholic school children)
Funeral in the Nave at 12noon
Game Zone—noon to 4pm
Catholic Adult Confirmation 7pm to 9pm
- Fri, Apr 12:** Mass at 9:30am (with Monsignor Fee Otterson Catholic school children)
- Sat, Apr 13:** Zoom/Online Baptism Prep at 10am to 11am
Priorities Planning Team Meeting 3pm to 5pm
Confirmation Retreat 10am to 3pm (Facility all booked)
Confessions/Mass: 3:30-4:30/5pm
YamJam 6pm to 7:30pm
- Sun, Apr 14:** Mass at 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm
Infant Baptisms at 1:45pm
Verso L'Alto 6pm to 8pm



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

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 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, Paul Pavelich, Fr. Jozef Wroblewski & Ines Gutierrez 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 Julia Batocabe Nosquial, Mary Elizabeth McDonald & Margaret Rogers that He will raise them up to live forever.

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)

Mark your calendars

AT ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

- April 20 & 21** Special Collection for Youth and Family ministries of St. Thomas More
- April 21** Confirmation Mass at 2:30pm
- April 23** Parish Pastoral Council moved from Wed, Apr 17 to Tue, Apr 23
- April 26 to 28** CWL convention
- April 28** Movie "Unplanned" at 6:30pm

ENCOUNTER CHRIST, COMMUNITY & CREATION AT

6 separate weeks of camp from Jul 7 - Aug 15

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CAMP

- Play epic games & sports
- Eat great food
- Learn about their faith
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Make new friends
- Enjoy free time outside
- Try your hand at archery
- Swim or canoe in Gull Lake

Jul 7-11 | Highschool Week (Gr.10-12)
Jul 14-18 | All Ages Week 1 (Gr.4-9)
Jul 21-25 | JPII Leadership Week (15-18 yrs)
Jul 28-Aug 1 | Elementary Week (Gr.4-6)
Aug 4-8 | Jr High Week (Gr.7-9)
Aug 11-15 | All Ages Week 2

\$350 per camper

Scan or visit <https://camps.caedm.ca/summercamp/> to LEARN MORE:
 Scan or visit <https://olvc.campbrainregistration.com/> to REGISTER:

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 STM YOUTH MINISTRY

Silent Auction

TAKE ME HOME

SOLD

STM REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP MINISTRY

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

The committee will start selling tickets for the dinner in the next few weeks. 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.

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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") - MAY 4 & JUNE 1

Adoremus is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration held at St. Joseph Basilica from 7 to 8:30pm on the first Saturday of every month (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 & Thursday, May 16

UPFRONT
with the Archbishop

NEW EPISODE EVERY TWO WEEKS

JOIN THE NINE-MONTH NOVENA AT ANY TIME!

A WORLDWIDE CALL TO PRAYER

Join the Novena

Unite with Cardinal Burke and Catholics from around the world in this Nine-Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, culminating in an act of personal consecration on her feast day on December 12.

SCAN THE CODE OR VISIT novena.cardinalburke.com

"Just as the laborers answered the householder's call to work in the vineyard, not only at the first hour, but also at the third, the sixth, the ninth, and the eleventh hour, so too, you can join the novena at any time (Cf. Mt 20, 1-16). Our Lord will not fail to hear and answer your prayer with the outpouring of His saving grace."

— RAYMOND LEO CARDINAL BURKE

Return to Our Lady— **It's not too late!** Scan the QR code or visit the website to join and receive short monthly video meditations and written reflections by Cardinal Burke, and to download the daily prayer.