



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

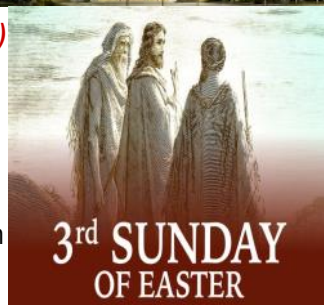


WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (APRIL 15—19)

- Mon: NO MASS until further notice
- Tue: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
- Wed: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
- Thur: Mass at 9:30am (with school children)
- Fri: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (APRIL 20/21)

- 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



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



LET US BE WITNESSES! (Luke 24:35-48)

Today the Apostles recognized Jesus but they doubted their senses, thinking they were seeing a ghost. Jesus shows the five wounds he had received in his crucifixion, proof of his identity and his victory over death, declaring that no ghost possessed flesh and bones or ate fish!

Jesus concludes his greeting with the words, "You are witnesses of these things." A witness is one who hears testimony, or furnishes evidence and Jesus, after appearing to his Apostles in his glorified body, sent them out as witnesses to all the world that he had truly risen from the dead.

He sent the Apostles out to bear testimony to all things he had taught them and to furnish evidence to all that he had come on earth to redeem us all and give us a way to salvation.

Jesus shares everything we experience and offers us a share in everything he experiences, including his resurrection. His resurrection breaks down all barriers, removes all divisions within us, between us and others, and between us and God.

Having recognized the risen Lord, we must live reformed lives; be obedient to God's commandment of love; and must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. We must love those who are distant and those who are close, those who might reject us and those who misunderstand us.

Let our hearts embrace the love of God, with a love which is being made more and more perfect as we become more and more obedient.



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



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.

We are asking for food and financial donations. This year we will need to pay for **shipping**, the **sea can** and some **bulk food purchases**. In the past, shipping was given to us free. Unemployment is high in this community, drugs and alcohol are taking a toll on the youth and families, and the community's safety is weakening. List of the food items will be in our next bulletin.

Donation by cheque: payable to "SSVP Divine Mercy Conference" (note on memo line: "North of 60"). Kindly 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: <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").

Providence Renewal Center is pleased to offer a spiritual formation opportunity in September 2024.

Learn more about this spiritual formation program, **BECOMING: CALLED IN LOVE**



FREE Information Evening (via Zoom)

Monday, April 22 at 7 pm

Register at: <https://providencerenewal.ca/tc-events/information-evening-becoming-called-in-love-event-15962/>

Missionary Families of Christ Edmonton & Central AB

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"I AM THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, SAYS THE LORD GOD, WHO IS AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME, THE ALMIGHTY"

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APRIL 27-28, 2024
AGES 13-21 YEARS OLD
ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL, PONOKA, AB
REGISTRATION FEE: \$60/HEAD

REVELATIONS 18
SCAN TO REGISTER

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Mon, Apr 15:** No 9am, Monday Mass until further notice
Funeral in the Nave at 1pm
- Tue, Apr 16:** Funeral in the Nave at 11am, lunch to follow in the Hall
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
CWL meeting at 7pm
Catholic Adult Confirmation class #3 - 7pm to 9pm
- Wed, Apr 17:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
- Thur, Apr 18:** Mass at 9:30am (with St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic school children)
Game Zone is cancelled for today
Funeral in the Nave at 1pm, lunch to follow in the Hall
RCIA 7pm to 9pm
- Fri, Apr 19:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Wedding Rehearsal at 6pm
Missionaries and Families of Christ "Handmaids"-7 to 9pm
- Sat, Apr 20:** In person Baptism Prep 10am to 11:30am
Wedding at 2pm
Confession/Mass: 3:30-4:30/5pm
YamJam is cancelled for today
- Sun, Apr 21:** Mass at 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm
Special Mass for Confirmation at 2:30pm (not a Sunday Mass)

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, Fr. Jozef Wroblewski, Ines Gutierrez, Helene Mossa Tshipamba & Samantha Davis 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 Astrid Kapinga Tshipamba Muteba, Paul Pavelich, Lucie Ray, Jonel Lazarjan, Mary Elizabeth McDonald, Julia Batocabe Nosquial, Anthony Mackenzie, Claudia Balcerio, Dan Friesen, Mark Belanger, Margaret Rogers & Gary Ballash that He will raise them up to live forever.

Hold the date! *Life Night*

Sunday, May 5th at 6 pm

All you can eat

Family Chili Dinner (different varieties)



Love, Life & the Law

Entertainment & Guest Speakers

Sponsored by the **K of C** and

St. Thomas More Culture of Life



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". For registration or information call Deacon Randy Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or email: randy.abele@caedm.ca

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

April 26 to 28	CWL convention
April 28	Pancake Breakfast after 8am and 10am Mass Movie "Unplanned" at 6:30pm
April 30	The Source 6pm to 8pm
May 1	Special Mass at 7pm, St. Joseph the Worker
May 5	Chili Dinner sponsored by K of C & STM Culture of Life
Heads up	Sunday Mass times may change by July



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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.

CATHOLIC RENEWAL SERVICES

The Catholic Renewal Services of the Archdiocese of Edmonton is hosting their next Mass with Healing Service on Saturday April 20 at 6:30 pm, with Fr. Matthew Hysell presiding. It will be held at St. Emeric's Hungarian Catholic Church (12960-112 St NW, Edmonton). Reconciliation on Saturday, with Fr. Matthew, will only be available between 3:30 to 5pm at St. Emeric's. Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life, he who comes to Me will not hunger and he who believes in Me will never thirst." John 6:35 www.crsedmonton.ca/events

CALLED TO PROTECT WORKSHOP: caedm.ca/calledtoprotect/

Monday, April 15 & Monday, April 22 & Thursday, May 16

Called to Protect in-person workshop scheduled at St Charles Parish on April 22, Monday at 6:30 pm <https://forms.gle/hdJKkoQvVfdAPPE99>

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

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to **REGISTER:**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

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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

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.

Fellow parishioners, our ability to sponsor refugees is dependent on our ability to raise funds. The theme of our Silent Auction is **CARING AND SHARING**.

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.