



# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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**Pastor: Fr. Mark McGee**      **Associate Pastor: Fr. Avinash Francis**  
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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

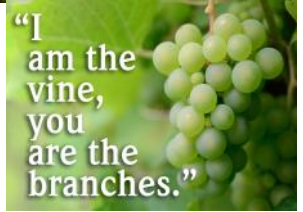


## WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (APRIL 29 - MAY 3)

- Mon**    NO MASS until further notice
- Tue**    Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
- Wed**    No 9am Mass Special Mass at 7pm
- Thur**    Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
- 1st Fri**    Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
- 1st Sat:**    Rosary 8:25/Mass 9 am

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (MAY 4/5)

- Saturday:**    Rosary 4:25/Mass 5 pm
- Sunday:**    Rosary 7:25/Mass 8 am
- Rosary 9:25am/Mass 10 am
- Rosary 11:25am/Mass 12pm
- Rosary 4:25pm/Mass 5 pm



*Abide In Me.....*  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter  
 April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** FIRST FRIDAY, MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9:30AM TO NOON.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 45 MINUTES BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS & Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:30 pm

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Mon, Apr 29:** No 9am, Monday Mass until further notice
- Tue, Apr 30:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
The Source 6pm to 8pm
- Wed, May 1:** No 9am morning Mass: Special Mass at 7pm- St. Joseph the Worker
- Thur, May 2:** Game Zone-Noon to 4pm  
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
- Fri, May 3:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am  
First Friday-Adoration & Benediction 9:30am to 12pm
- Sat, May 4:** First Saturday Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am,  
Recollection to follow in the Rosary Room  
Confession/Mass: 3:30-4:30/5pm  
YamJam 6 to 7:30pm
- Sun, May 5:** Mass at 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm  
Young Families Potluck and Adoration  
Infant Baptisms at 1:45pm  
"Life Night" All You Can Eat Chili Dinner at 6pm

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 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 6-8**    First Eucharist Sacrament Prep.
- May 9**      Alberta March for Life at The Alberta Legislature at 12:30pm
- Heads up**    Please pick up a copy of our letter outlining Mass timings effective June 1



## 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)



## Parish Staff

<b>Pastoral Assistant for 1st Reconcilia-</b>	Julie Lee	<b>Business Coordinator:</b>	Paul Givens
<b>Pastoral Assistant for Baptism:</b>	Tracy Lam	<b>Bookkeeper:</b>	Salwa Saydeh
<b>Music Coordinator:</b>	Johanna Dietrich	<b>Maintenance &amp; Custodial:</b>	Mark Whaley
<b>Youth and Family Ministry Coord:</b>	Shavi Perera	<b>Administrative Assistants:</b>	Lorraine Kasha, Bernardine Zuzarte, Shannon Van Soest & Olivia Dias



# Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



The Vine and the Branches (John 15:1-8)

The vine and branches parable illustrates the intimate nature of the relationship between Jesus and us, His followers. This figure of speech is a reflection of the song of the vineyard in Isaiah 5:1-7, where Israel and the people of Judah are condemned for their unfaithfulness and their vine would not be pruned or hoed but be allowed to fall into ruin.

Jesus is the true vine, the one that brings forth good fruit. Jesus is the vine, but it is God's vineyard, and it is God who prunes and trims, and it is God who is glorified in the abundant yield. As the true vine, Jesus will bring forth a good crop with all who listen to His word, accept His divine claim and live in union with Him.

Though Jesus announces that He is the vine and we are the branches, joined to Him as a community devoted to good works and to prayer, some accept His word and some do not. The dead branches are those who voluntarily remove themselves from the vine through sin, separating themselves from Jesus and as dead branches will be gathered up and burned in the fire at the last judgment.

The vine and the branches are alive with the life of God, and Jesus tells us this entitles us access to the blessings of God, as the prayers of the branch (our prayers) can be seen as the prayers of the vine (Jesus) and God is attentive to the vine.



## Fr. Jozef's 24th Ordination Anniversary & Namesake

On May 1st, Fr. Jozef Wroblewski celebrates his 24th Ordination to Priesthood and his namesake feast!

He is recovering from surgery in the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.



## The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Divine Mercy Conference - St. Thomas More



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), hand tools, 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 SSVP 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.

All Proceeds go towards the St. Thomas More Refugee Sponsorship Ministry

# Heritage Dinner

AFRICAN NIGHT

6 PM | SATURDAY | JUNE 1 | 2024  
MUSIC | FOOD | SILENT AUCTION

\$50 a Ticket, Cash Bar



## STM REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP MINISTRY



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

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.



## 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, 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 Witw, 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, Robert Chomey, Lisa Krause & Ezekiel Bevatto 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 Lucie Ray, Mary Elizabeth McDonald, Anthony Mackenzie, Claudia Balcerio, Dan Friesen, Mark Belanger, Margaret Rogers, Gary Ballash, Luke Stares, Yaacoub Zakhem & Tyler Lafontaine, that He will raise them up to live forever.

**Knights of Columbus**

# Life Night

LOVE  
LIFE  
&  
the  
LAW

JOIN US

Guest speaker  
**GABRIELLE JOHNSON**

FR. MARK MCGEE  
*Blessing & Pastoral Guidance*

Guest speaker  
**STEPHANIE FENNELLY**

Guest speaker  
**PATRIE ROUSSEL**

*Compassion in the 11th Hour*  
**ALIES & The Back Porch**

*There is Hope for Our Political Arena*  
**Wilberforce Project**

*Love Over Euthanasia*  
**Alberta March for Life**

PRE-DINNER MUSIC SHOW  
**HANBEAT SAMULNORI**

**MAY 5TH**  
6pm

**St. Thomas More Parish**

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

## Alberta March for Life

Our Theme is "We Have A Dream: Protect All Life!" based on 1 Corinthians 13:7

On Thursday, May 9, join thousands of students, families, and Canadians from all walks of life as we gather at the Alberta Legislature in Edmonton for the 2024 Alberta March for Life. Together let us remind our elected officials to always protect the vulnerable.

### Pro-Life Mass

10 am at St. Joseph's Basilica

### Rally and March

12 to 2 pm at Alberta Legislature

### Pro-Life Apologetics

3 to 5 pm at Polish Hall

### The Rose Dinner

6 to 9 pm at Polish Hall



### "The Future is Pro-Life"

#### Annual

Alberta March for Life  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of May

@

The Alberta Legislature  
10800 – 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
Edmonton  
12:30 P.M.

albertamarchforlife.com

## 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](http://www.blood.ca)

Sign up/log in to an account on [blood.ca](http://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)**



**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR SEE THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT:**



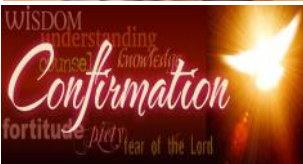
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome! We value your friendship and your dedication to the life of this parish. Registration clearly announces your arrival in the parish and enables us to communicate with you as soon as possible. Opening the lines of communication between parish and family is very important. 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 twice a year. Watch for the date in early Fall or in the New Year.



**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 May 11, June 1 & 15. The course is scheduled for 10-11:30 am. The next online Baptismal Prep is May 11 & June 8, 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 May 5, June 9, July 14 and 28. Please call Tracy at the office, (780) 434-6313 or check out our website under "Sacraments and Baptism" for details.



**SACRAMENT OF First Reconciliation & First Eucharist:** Most Catholic children receive their First Holy Communion when they are 7 or 8 years old as this is considered the age of reason. 2024-2025 dates and registration instructions will be announced at the beginning of September before Sunday Masses, via parish bulletins and website: <https://stm.caedm.ca/first-reconciliation-first-eucharist/> You could email our Pastoral Coordinator [firsteucharist.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:firsteucharist.stm@caedm.ca)



**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, most young people receive the sacrament when they are 11-12 years old. 2024-2025 dates and registration instructions will be announced at the beginning of September before Sunday Masses and via parish bulletins and website: <https://stm.caedm.ca/confirmation-prep> You could email our Pastoral Coordinator [confirmation.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:confirmation.stm@caedm.ca)



**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.



**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.



**SICK OR SHUT-INS:** To request Holy Communion please call the parish office, (780) 434-6313.

