



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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May 5th, 2024

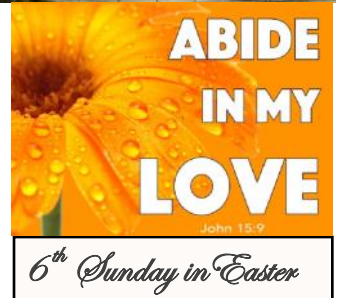


WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (MAY 6 - MAY 10)

- Mon** NO MASS until further notice
- Tue** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
- Wed** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
- Thur** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
- Fri** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (MAY 11/12)

- Mother's Day!**
- 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



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Mon, May 6:** No Monday Mass until further notice
First Eucharist Prep 5:50pm to 6:50pm
- Tue, May 7:** All clergy at Deanery meeting 10:30am to 4pm
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
First Eucharist Prep 5:50pm to 6:50pm
- Wed, May 8:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Finance meeting 10am to 12pm
First Eucharist Prep 5:50pm to 6:50pm
- Thur, May 9:** Have you signed up for "Car pool" for March for Life?
Game Zone-cancelled
Funeral at 10:30am
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
K of C Exec. at 7pm
- Fri, May 10:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
RCIA celebration Potluck at 6pm
- Sat, May 11:** Later Marriage Prep 9am to 3pm
In-person Baptism Prep 10am to 11:30am
Confession/Mass: 3:30-4:30/5pm **Mother's Day!**
YamJam 6 to 7:30pm
- Sun, May 12:** Mass at 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm **Mother's Day!**
Verso L'Alto 6pm to 8pm

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 9** Alberta March for Life at The Alberta Legislature at 12:30pm
- May 11 & 12** K of C will be selling roses for Mother's day after all Masses
- May 18 & 19** Fr. Ken Forster OMI (Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate) will be concelebrating & preaching at all the Masses this weekend followed by a presentation in the Hall
- Heads up** There will be no weekday Masses, the week of May 13 to 17 due to the Assembly of the Priests in Jasper
- June 1 & 2** Sunday Mass times change to 4pm on Saturday, 8am, 9:30am, 11 am, 12:30pm & 5pm on Sunday (only until June 30).



WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Parish Staff

Pastoral Assistant for 1st Recon, Eucharist & Confirmation:	Julie Lee	Business Coordinator:	Paul Givens
Pastoral Assistant for Baptism:	Tracy Lam	Bookkeeper:	Salwa Saydeh
Music Coordinator:	Johanna Dietrich	Maintenance & Custodial:	Mark Whaley
Youth and Family Ministry Coord:	Shavi Perera	Administrative Assistants:	Lorraine K., Bernardine Z., Shannon V. & Olivia D.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Love of of God; Love is God (John 15:9-17)



Jesus tells us today, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;" and shows us how great his love is for all of us by saying, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down

After this great illustration of his love, Jesus gave us the universal command, "to love one another as I have loved you." God's love is boundless, without limits, distinctions or divisions, breaking down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the rich, between women and men, between the healthy and the sick, between the young and old.

one's life for one's friends." As our mortal love for each other can ebb and flow, flare up and die out, God's love has no boundaries or limits, but is constant.

When we are embraced by God's love we are transformed, and begin to see God's love everywhere, as we acknowledge that this boundless love (a love that is patient, kind, and merciful; a love that believes, hopes and endures) extends to all nations and all peoples. Our eyes are opened as we realize that we live in God and that God lives in us.

Jesus shows the incredible love that he has for us by laying down his life for us upon the cross. His love and sacrifice for us was so great that he gave us his very life, enduring the cruelest of suffering, mocking and scourging, being crowned with thorns and being crucified.



Congratulations to the following 19 children who entered into the community of our Catholic church in April through the **Sacrament of Baptism**

Aiden & Everett Fung, Celestine Asino, Michelle Bakare, Sophia Soldan, Glory Tuci, Ethan Rikhai, Eliana & Vera Kunadu-Yiadom, Jidenna Akile, France Alhambra, Zelda Brine, Eliana Dayrit, Avery Ejiogu, Liam Kabore, Irumva Kantoussan, Maxwell Laing, Leonardo Martinez Luna and Chiemela Obikwere.

Please remember our new little brothers and sisters in Christ, 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 SSSP 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".

"Mother's Day Rose Sale"

By Knights of Columbus

Next weekend, May 11th and 12th, the Knights of Columbus will be selling roses at the entrance of the church after each Mass for Mother's day. Remember to bring cash so you can purchase some roses for an important mom in your life!



“Pop-Up Sale” for hospital residents at St. Joseph’s Auxiliary Hospital

Many of you may know that the St. Joseph’s Auxiliary Hospital has folded. However, the small Pop-Up sales events for the hospital residents will continue under the direction of the hospital’s Recreation department and the Hospital Program Manager. We are requesting donations for a June Pop Up Sales Event for the Residents. If you have small items such as ball caps, sun hats, and fun socks, please contact one of the event team for pick-up or leave the donations at Reception in the Hospital. You will find a poster with more suggestions for donations on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church. Contacts: Maureen (780) 433 1892; Jackie (780) 438 4631, Marie (780) 438 4454, or Claire (780) 438 0327.



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, Harry Buddle, Samantha Davis, Joan Rempel, Liz Sawyer, Joseph Serrano, Robert Chomey, Barry Devlin, Greg Nelson, Jose Bollani & Larry Mandrusiak 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, Sergio Gallardo, Ines Gutierrez & Tyler Lafontaine, that He will raise them up to live forever.

Knights of Columbus

Life Night

LOVE LIFE & LAW

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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
Compassion in the Tith Hour
ALIES & The Back Porch

FR. MARK MCGEE
Blessing & Pastoral Guidance

Guest speaker
STEPHANIE FENNELLY
There is Hope for Our Political Arena
Wilberforce Project

Guest speaker
PATRICE ROUSSEL
Love Over Euthanasia
Alberta March for Life

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
2nd Thursday of May
@
The Alberta Legislature
10800 – 97th Avenue,
Edmonton
12:30 P.M.

albertamarchforlife.com

May 9, 2024

“WE HAVE A DREAM: PROTECT ALL LIFE!”

Keynote Speaker:
Alveda King
Member 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



On the Feast of Pentecost, May 18-19th, we will welcome Fr. Ken Forster OMI, one of the founding Fathers of the Kenyan Mission 27 years ago, who served as Mission Superior for nine years. He will celebrate (concelebrate) and speak at all the Masses. The OBLATE KENYAN MISSION WILL CELEBRATE THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. The Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate (MAMI) includes friends and family who have a unique relationship with the Oblates and their missionary works, especially with the Oblate Province of OMI Lacombe Canada. We are called to be partners with the Oblates in serving the poor through our prayers, finances and participation in missionary activities.



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.



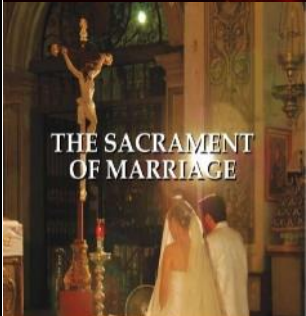
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Group Baptisms are celebrated during all seasons, except during Advent and Lent. We are accepting Infant Baptism registrations year round, from unborn baby to children under the age of 7. Baptism Preparation program is required for both parents and godparents. We offer 3 different options for both in-person and online preparations. In-person preparation classes are available on May 11, June 1 and 15 from 10-11:30am while the Zoom meetings for the 2nd part of the "Belonging" online program are available on May 11 and June 8 from 10-11:30am. We strongly encourage families to register and complete their preparation as early as possible. Baptisms will be celebrated on April 28, May 5, June 9 and during summer. For more details, please see the [Baptism requirements and schedule](#) document on our website under [Sacraments and Baptism](#). Kindly email all baptism enquiries to Baptism.stm@caedm.ca or contact Tracy/Bernardine/Shannon at the office (780) 434 6313.



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



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



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.