



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

Sunday July 7, 2024

WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (JULY 01- JULY 05)

Tue: Confession/Mass: 8/8:30 am

Wed: Confession/Mass: 8/8:30 am

Thurs: Confession/Mass: 8/8:30 am

1st Fri: Confession/Mass: 8/8:30 am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (JUL 06/07)

Saturday: Communal Rosary 3:55/Mass 4:30 pm

Sunday: Communal Rosary 7:25/Mass 8 am

Mass 9:30 am (Rosary in Private)

Mass 11am (Rosary in Private)

Mass 12:30pm (Rosary in Private)



“Talitha cum ,” which means, “Little girl, get up!”

ADORATION ON 1ST FRIDAY: 9AM TO NOON

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Mon, Jul 01:** Canada Day! Church is closed 
- Tue, Jul 02:** Confession/Mass: 8/8:30 am
- Wed, Jul 03:** Confession/Mass: 8/8:30 am
- Thur, Jul 04:** Confession/Mass: 8/8:30 am
- 1st Fri, Jul 05:** Confession/Mass: 8/8:30 am
Adoration: 9am to Noon
Wedding rehearsals at 6pm and 7pm
Throne of Mercy Catholic Charismatic Prayer Grp at 10pm
- Sat, Jul 06:** In-person Baptism Prep– 10am to 11:30am
Wedding of Jeff & Charlene at 11am
Wedding of Brayden & Elise at 1pm
Confession/Mass: 3-4/4:30pm
- Sun, Jul 07:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Younger families outing after 11 am Mass
St. Thomas More Afro-Heritage Mass at 3pm 

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- July 2 to Aug 23** Weekday Masses are at 8:30am
- Jul 22—26 &** Vacation Bible school—Week 1 filling up
- Jul 29—Aug 2** Vacation Bible school—Week 2 still available
- July 21** Gathering of Lay Movement Mass at 2:30pm

CALLED TO PROTECT: Due to a number of requests, herein below is the link to the registration for Called to Protect Workshop,

On-line on July 2, 6:30 pm: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffVNP_FtTmmwpWOZqdESER6_rSEi00I_6_dXL3bfoi1ihw/viewform

This is the last workshop prior to breaking out for the summer.

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:	Olivia Dias, Lorraine Kasha, Bernardine Zuzarte, Shannon Van Soest. & Emily Spak

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Time, Talent, and Treasure (Mark 5:21-43)

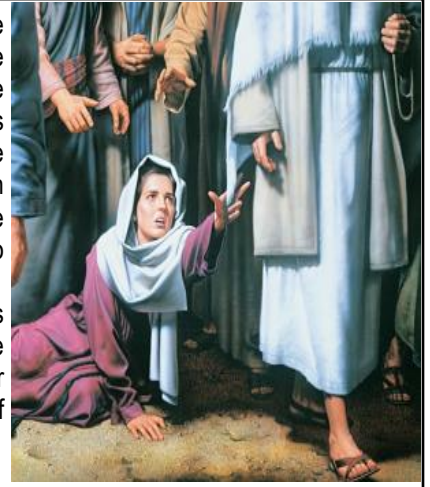
Today we see that Jesus has the authority over the forces of death and stands before us as an inspiration and model of generosity after whom we should pattern our lives. Jesus can lead us to life even in the midst of death and he is interested in the well being of everyone, especially those who may not be highly valued by society.

Jesus opposes death because he is committed to life and willingly enters into battle with it, emerging victorious and celebrating his victory by restoring others. Jesus' extraordinary kindness toward us should prompt us to be generous towards others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts we must share with those in need, those struggling with poverty or illness, those to whom life has not been kind.

As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Jesus compels us to be open handed as we approach those in need and following his lead, we

must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources and at other times it may require that our energy will be drained in our service to them. This is the example Jesus has set for us to follow.

Let us see the miracle of Jesus raising the girl to life as a pledge of her own resurrection and our resurrection on the Day of Judgment.



Forgotten Among the Lilies
Summer Silent Directed Retreat
 Sunday Aug. 18 to Friday Aug. 23, 2024
 Register by July 12
providencerenewal.ca

Centering Prayer Summer Intensive
 Sunday July 14 (3pm) to Sunday July 21 (1pm)
 Register by July 8
providencerenewal.ca

St. Joseph's Hospital residents would appreciate your assistance. A priest from St. Thomas More Parish celebrates Mass every Tuesday, 11 am at St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital. The residents attending Mass require the assistance of wheelchair porters from the elevator to the chapel between 10:30 and 11am. Then after Mass, approx. 11:40, portering back to the elevator. Thank you.

For additional information please contact:
 Morenike Ajidagba, Volunteer Coordinator

St Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital
 1-105, 10707 29 Ave NW,
 Edmonton, AB T6J 6W1
 Tel: 780-430-3441

Toluwabori.Ajidagba@covenanthealth.ca



Ten Week Marriage Enrichment Program
 FOR COUPLES AT ALL STAGES OF MARRIED LIFE

**ENJOY TEN DATE NIGHTS!
 7PM-9PM
 ROSARY ROOM**

September 16
 September 23
 October 7
 October 21
 October 28
 November 4
 November 18
 November 25
 December 2
 December 9

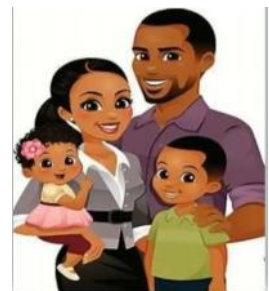
COST PER COUPLE: \$50
 Includes a copy the book we will use, "To Know, Love and Serve, A Path to Marital Fulfilment" written by two Edmonton-Area psychologists and the accompanying workbook.
knowloveserve.info

**FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT MICHELLE AND ANDREW AT
 LITTLEBYLITTLE095@GMAIL.COM
 OR 780-436-2165**

Please note: These evenings are for adults only. Couples with young children will need to arrange for childcare.

St. Thomas More Afro-Heritage Mass (STMAHM)
 Are you of African or Caribbean descent or heritage? If your answer to any of these questions is 'Yes', we would like to hear from you. A new parish initiative known as "St. Thomas More Afro Heritage Mass" will be on July 7 at 3pm. Interested parishioners should please contact any of the following persons:

- Dr. Collins Ugochukwu - (780) 729 1383
- Ms. Alvine Nkamtchoum - (587) 936 3714
- Mr. Brian Ngha - (403) 903 6911
- Dr. Marcus Edino - (403) 681 6173
- Mr. Deogratias Nondi - (780) 905 6334



"For I am the Lord,
your healer"
(Exodus 15:26)



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JULY | 2024

16 TUESDAY 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM St. Theresa's Parish 7508 29 Ave NW Edmonton AB T6K 3Y8	17 WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Holy Trinity Parish 200 Boundary Rd, Box 3220 Spruce grove AB T7X 3A5	18 THURSDAY 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM St. Andrew's Parish 12810 111 Ave NW Edmonton AB T5M 2N7
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Jobi Thomas: 587-281-3546 | Jenish: 587-991-2949 | Felicia Agwo: 780-680-8491

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JULY 20
SATURDAY
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Worship | Talks
Food & Fellowship

St. Theresa's Parish
7508 29 Ave. NW
Edmonton AB T6K 3Y8

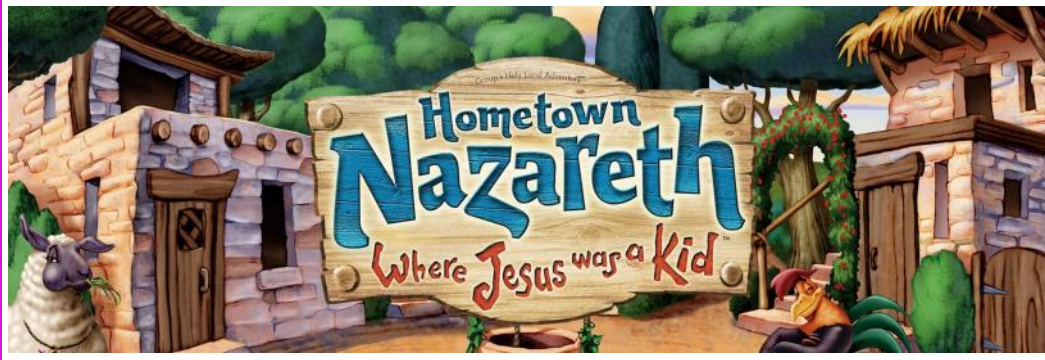
Shalom Media Canada, 1929 New Brighton Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2Z 4X1

The Market at Gianna



Join us at [The Market at Gianna](https://www.themarketatgianna.ca/) every Thursday from June to September, 10am to 3pm, outside the Gianna Centre building. Enjoy a different international cuisine each week, from hearty Ukrainian to savory Italian dishes, and shop beautiful handmade products crafted by our talented moms. Your support empowers these amazing women and helps them gain valuable skills and supplemental income. Don't miss out! Check out our website to see all the amazing things our moms have made:

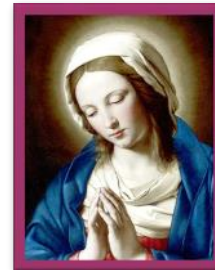
<https://www.themarketatgianna.ca/>

Hometown Nazareth
Where Jesus was a Kid

We will talk with Mary, explore the marketplace, and play fun games. VBS runs Monday to Friday from 9am to 12pm. Cost to attend is \$50 per child per week. Money should not be a reason, why someone misses out on camp, if you have any questions or you would like to register please see the office or talk to Shavi.

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 Witiw, Stelios Kiliaris, Corazon Abalajon, Chris Simpson, Sabina Zutter, Alfred Morrill, Vi Simpson, Sean Spicer, Graham Chambers, Sam Amelio, Marcella Cloran, Harry Buddle, Samantha Davis, Joan Rempel, Liz Sawyer, Joseph Serrano, Robert Chomey, Jean Buchart, Larry Mandrusiak, Felix Mallon, Kathleen Mallon Sr., Winnie Chan, Enes Upright, Joyce Makarowski, Delores Mitchell, Shirley Phillips, Carl Blansjaar & Candace Cook 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 Lillian Larsen, Marianna Szymanska, Kenneth Kennedy, Leo Schile, Modesto Comiso, Diane Mendiuk, Anne Shaver, Colin Conrad, Alice Thienza Ndaya, Jose Bollani & Margaret Beresnack that He will raise them up to live forever.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 22 to 26 & July 29 to Aug 2

This summer, we are excited to be offering two weeks of VBS. Kids between ages 5-10 yrs. are considered "Villagers" and kids aged between 11-14 can also participate and help lead as "Captains". This year's theme is "Hometown Nazareth". We will be transported to where Jesus grew up and learn to stand up for our faith among people who doubt that a

carpenters son is really God's Son. We will talk with Mary, explore the marketplace, and play fun games. VBS runs Monday to Friday from 9am to 12pm. Cost to attend is \$50 per child per week. Money should not be a reason, why someone misses out on camp, if you have any questions or you would like to register please see the office or talk to Shavi.



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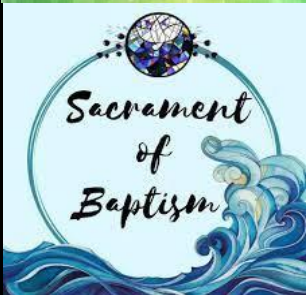
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Divine Mercy Conference would like to thank everyone who contributed through financial donations, grocery cards and food donations over the last few weeks as well as throughout the year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will go a long way towards helping us provide for those in need in our community.



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.



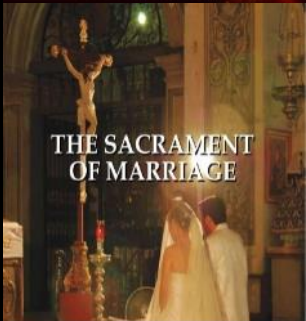
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Group Baptisms are celebrated during all seasons, except during Advent and Lent. We are accepting Infant Baptism registrations year round, from unborn baby to children under the age of 7. Baptism Preparation program is required for both parents and godparents. We offer 3 different options for both in-person and online preparations. In-person preparation classes are available on July 6, Aug 3, Sept 7 & Oct 5 from 10-11:30am while the Zoom meetings for the 2nd part of the "Belonging" online program are available on July 20, Aug 10, Sept 14 & Oct 19 from 10-11am. We strongly encourage families to register and complete their preparation as early as possible. Baptisms will be celebrated on July 28, Aug 18, Sept 22 & Oct 27. 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 August 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 in August before Sunday Masses and via parish bulletins and website: <https://stm.caedm.ca/confirmation-prep> In 2024-2025 there will be 2 cycles offered in Fall and Spring on Monday evenings. 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.

Marriage Enrichment: Marriage Enrichment Retreat dates Sep 16, 23, Oct 7, 21, 28, Nov 4, 18, 25 & Dec 2 & 9.



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.

