



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Tom Sudsbear & Gordon Taylor

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, June 16

WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (JUNE 17 - JUNE 21)

- Tue:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
- Wed:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9 am
- Thurs:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
- Fri:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9 am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (JUN 22/23)

- Saturday:** Communal Rosary 3:25/Mass 4 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)

Until June 30 Communal Rosary 4:25pm/Mass 5pm
(Please start to move to another Mass time!)



The Kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Mon, Jun 17:** St. John XXIII year end Mass at 9:45am
St. Stanislaus year end Mass at 1:15pm with parishioners
- Tue, Jun 18:** Sts. Mary, Boniface & Teresa year end Mass at 9:30am
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
CWL year end potluck at 6pm
Liturgy Committee meeting at 7pm
- Wed, Jun 19:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
PPC at 6:30pm- final meeting before summer break
- Thur, Jun 20:** Last Game Zone (until September) - Noon to 4pm
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
Wedding Rehearsal at 6pm
- Fri, Jun 21:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Missionary Families of Christ "Handmaids" at 7pm
Throne of Mercy Catholic Charismatic Group at 7:45pm
- Sat, Jun 22:** **The Feast of St. Thomas More**— Special Mass at 9am
Wedding of Cameron & Chantelle at 1pm
Confession/Mass: 2:30-3:30/4pm
Last YamJam (until Sept) - 6 to 7:30pm
- Sun, Jun 23:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm and 5pm (until June 30)
Parish picnic 1:30pm to 3:30pm
Verso L'Alto 6 to 8pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 45 MINUTES BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS
 & **Saturday:** 2:30pm to 3:30 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- Heads Up!** School year-end Masses: June 24 @ 1:15pm & Jun 25 @ 5:30pm
- June 28** Pastoral Care monthly planning meeting at 9:30am
- July 1** Canada Day! Office is closed
- July 2 to Aug 23** Weekday Masses are at 8:30am - no evening Masses
- Jul 22 to 26 & Jul 29 to Aug 2** Vacation Bible school—Registrations are still open
- Aug 7** Young families outing after 11am Mass

In-person Called to Protect Workshop

When: Monday, June 24 at 6:30 pm

Where: Good Shepherd Parish, <https://forms.gle/PaUFaF8rghwFwDmX7>

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



Seeds of Faith (Mark 4:26-34)



Mark 4, 26-34

We plant the seed, watch it grow, harvest its yield but the seed works in its own mysterious ways. Jesus' parable invites us to see that God's kingdom germinates, grows and matures without help from visible external causes and

he challenges those of the early Church to believe in a hidden mystery at work in their midst.

Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognize it. Like the cedar and mustard seeds our faith unfolds through the gradual process of growth.

In contrast to Ezekiel (17:3-4, 31:3-9) and Daniel (4:20-22), who

called on tree imagery to represent various kingdoms, Jesus used a bush to represent God's fully developed kingdom. The mustard seed parable tells of a kingdom that, for all its marvelous expansion, remains lowly. By comparison with worldly kingdoms (great trees), God's kingdom (the mustard bush) does not seem unusually large but it has large branches. Just as the branches of the plant become so spacious that the birds of the heavens can roost there, so the reign of God will grow so vast and provide shelter to all nations and peoples on earth.

Today we are shown that the reign of God cannot be contained in a mustard seed and realize that the smallest may well be the greatest. Let us thank God for the gift of faith that we possess and like branches grow and mature as we go forth transforming the world.

Are you a business owner or an artist looking for a place to sell crafts/goods?

We are looking for you! The Catholic Women's League will be hosting its Christmas Market:



AT: St. Thomas More Parish

ON: Saturday, December 7, 2024.

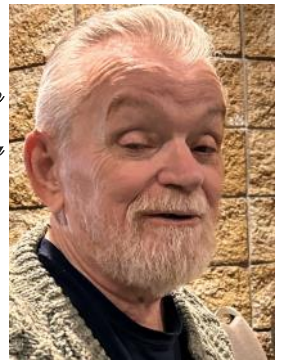
If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Stephanie at stmcwlchristmasmarket@gmail.com or (780) 499 0206. Vendor **Application deadline is June 23, 2024.**

Thank you!

For all your prayers and cards. I am well on the road to recovery and look forward to being with you after June.

God Bless you all,

Fr. Jozef Wroblewski



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

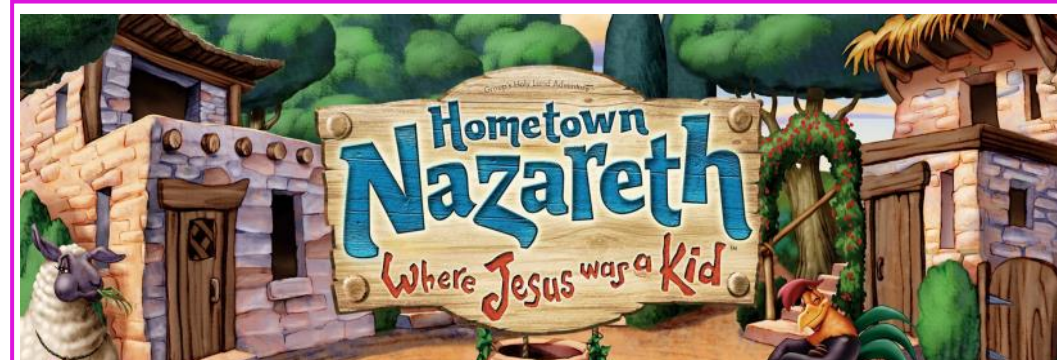
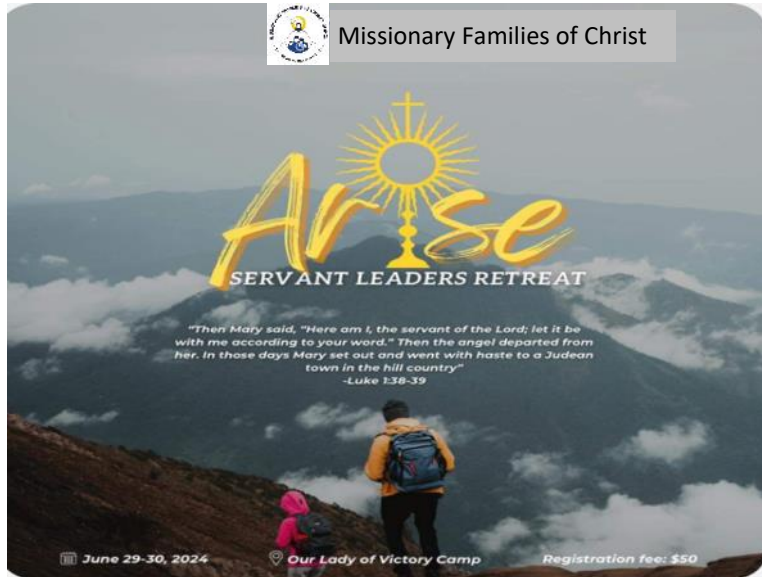
Ms. Alvine Nkamtchoum - (587) 936 3714

Mr. Brian Ngha - (403) 903 6911

Mr. Deogratias Nondi - (780) 905 6334



Parishioners are invited to consider volunteering during Mass and join the "Hospitality" ministry. Please see the Monthly Featured Ministries bulletin boards for information about being a Welcome Coordinator, Usher or Greeter.



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.

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, 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, Jose Bollani, Jean Buchar, Larry Mandrusiak, Felix Mallon, Kathleen Mallon Sr., Winnie Chan & Enes Upright 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 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



Congratulations to the following 15 children who entered into the community of our Catholic church in June through the *Sacrament of Baptism!*

Parker McLean, Lyana Compaoré, Ylyan Compaoré, Lyann Compaoré, Sofie Reyes, Matilda Chizen, Zachary Boisson, Lucas Yeung, Camila Rodriguez Alfonzo, Joaquin Rodriguez Alfonzo, Hugo Mejia, Giselle Ansah, Margot Toews, Isaac Mopas and Walter Bourque.

Please remember our new little brothers and sisters in Christ, in your prayers.



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



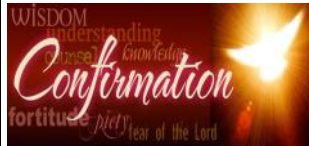
NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We value your friendship and your dedication to the life of this parish. Registration clearly announces your arrival in the parish and enables us to communicate with you as soon as possible. Opening the lines of communication between parish and family is very important. Parish 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.



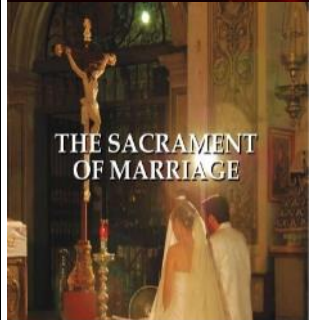
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Group Baptisms are celebrated during all seasons, except during Advent and Lent. We are accepting Infant Baptism registrations year round, from unborn baby to children under the age of 7. Baptism Preparation program is required for both parents and godparents. We offer 3 different options for both in-person and online preparations. In-person preparation classes are available on July 6, Aug 3 & Sept 7 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 from 10-11am. We strongly encourage families to register and complete their preparation as early as possible. Baptisms will be celebrated on July 14 & 28, Aug 18 & Sept 22. 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.