ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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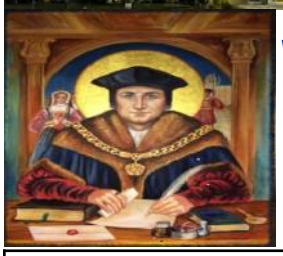
Pastor: Fr. Mark McGee **Associate Pastor:** Fr. Avinash Francis

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, Oct 13, 2024



WEEKDAY LITURGIES, *(OCT 15– OCT 18)*

Tue: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm

Wed: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

Thurs: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm

Fri: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, *(OCT 19/ OCT 20)*

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)

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon, Oct 14 Happy Thanksgiving! Office and Church is closed
Marriage Enrichment Week 3, "Problem Solving" at 7pm

Tue, Oct 15: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
Nativity Play practice at 5pm
CWL meeting at 7pm

Wed, Oct 16: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Parish Council Meeting 7 to 9pm

Thur, Oct 17: People of Mission Day for our West Deanery, Councils, Committees & interested parishioners10am to 2pm
Game Zone - Is cancelled
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
Children's Choir 6-7pm / Adult Choir 7-9:30pm
Legion of Mary 7-9pm
RCIA 7 to 9pm– call to register/sponsor

Fri, Oct 18: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

Sat, Oct 19: Online Baptism Prep by zoom at 10am
First Reconciliation for children 1 to 3pm
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

Sun, Oct 20: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Accommodated Baptisms at 2pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct 21 Confirmation Catechism session 1– 6pm to 8pm
Marriage Enrichment week 4, 7 to 9pm
Scripture study with Deacon Randy, 7 to 9pm

Oct 22 CWL Fellowship following Mass, 5:30 to 7:30p

Oct 25 Candlelight Rosary event at 7pm

Oct 28 Confirmation Catechism session 2– 6pm to 8pm

Nov 1 Special Mass at 7pm, All Saints Day, Adoration until 9pm

Celebrating Anniversaries

As requested by Pope Francis, we celebrate the commitment to Marriage:

Anna &Antoni Rayar

51st Wedding Anniversary

May God bless you and deepen your love for each other!

Parish Staff

Youth and Family Ministry Coord:	Shavi Perera	**Business Coordinator:**	Paul Givens
Pastoral Assistant for Baptism:	Tracy Lam	**Bookkeeper:**	Salwa Saydeh
Music Coordinator:	Johanna Dietrich	**Maintenance & Custodial:**	Mark Whaley
Youth Sacramental Prep Catechists:	Monica Bober & Mona Timko	**Administrative Assistants:**	Olivia D., Lorraine K., Bernardine Z., & Angela B.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom

Our Riches (Mark 10:17-30)

It is impossible to depend on our riches and depend on God at the same time or trust in our riches and enter the kingdom of God, as success in this life is not success in the kingdom of God and success in the kingdom of God is not success in this life.

Surrendering our riches means letting go of the power and status associated with them and embracing the lowliness of Jesus and the poor. Riches are dangerous because they bring us superficial happiness rather than true joy in God and distract us from what is truly important and valuable.

One of the mysteries of our faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God, for when we choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of this world, we receive many wonderful things along with wisdom itself! We are asked to give up all of the things we value and God gives them back a hundredfold! True repentance is recognizing our unworthiness, acknowledging our sinfulness, and turning from it, rejecting living for this life.

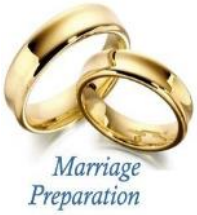
We must trust in God for all our needs and for our salvation, for only as lowly disciples will we receive the grace of God and enter his kingdom. With riches, salvation is impossible but with God all things are possible! Let us not refuse, as did the young man today, to follow Jesus, but willingly follow wherever His cross leads us, for though God demands much from us, he gives us so much more!

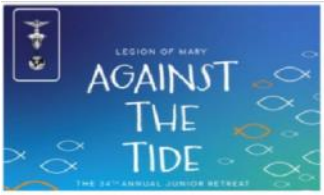
Congratulations to the following 7 children who entered into the community of our Catholic church in September through the *Sacrament of Baptism* Jianna Caspillan, Athena Caspillan, Emma de Sousa, Elio Lakusta, Somkenechukwu Okorie, PrinceMaki Paraon & Noelia Torres. **Please remember our new little brothers and sisters in Christ, in your prayers.**

The **CWL Christmas Market** is coming on Sat, Dec 7 at the parish hall! We are looking for donations for used books, puzzles, and board games. Please ensure all pieces for puzzles and games are complete, and no pieces are missing. Please place inside the Christmas box under the CWL bulletin board. Please contact Pam De Luca at pamdeluca69@gmail.com for more details. All proceeds raised from the market go towards sacramental gifts for the children of STM, facilitating donations to E4C, and CWL charities (e.g., STM Refugee Committee, Our Lady of Victory Camp, and ALIES Back Porch Edmonton branch). "

Sacrament of Marriage

Step 1 when preparing for marriage is to talk with our Pastor, Father Mark. **Catholic Marriage Preparation** program will take place on March 14 to 16, 2025. **Register** bit.ly/MarriagePrep2025





Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.
Romans 12:2

Children ages 6 - 17 years old are invited to the 34th Annual Junior Legion of Mary Retreat on **Saturday, November 9** from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at Corpus Christi Parish (2707 - 34 St. NW, Edmonton). The event is free, and lunch and snacks are included.

You must RSVP before October 25, 2024. To RSVP scan the code.

Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention Called To Protect Workshops		
Oct 16, Wed	1 pm	On-line https://forms.gle/S6CE3bGgtHhoXPg5A
Oct 29; Tue	7pm	In-Person at St Charles Parish - https://forms.gle/d5Ra7m759UaUNbzM8

Flowers Ministry is in need of a few more volunteers to assist with the flower arrangements ahead of Sunday Mass. Please sign up at the church entrance or call the parish office.

PRAYER CORNER.....

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: For those struggling with sickness, facing surgery, or in recovery, especially Chris Simpson, Lucy Longo, Darren Day, Clare Forton, Adolfo Cruz, Lillian Laforge, Diego Rosales, Maria Longo, Marcella Cloran, Carl Blansjaar, Jackie Blansjaar, Orest Witiw, John Gougen, Betty McGowa, Pauline Modeste, Charisse Lachica, Felipe Cortes, Frank Chu Greg Nelson & Julie Lee, 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 Therese Dinh, Jonathan Abcede, Angelo Estacio, Pablito Cuenca, Nick Phan, Frances Mary Voyce, Eugene Kamengele & Shauna Chong, that He will raise them up to live forever.

Give us this day our Daily Bread

Children learn better when they are not hungry. The School Nutrition Program run by the Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation (e4c) provides 9,200 students in

42 schools with nutritious food choices for breakfast and lunch.

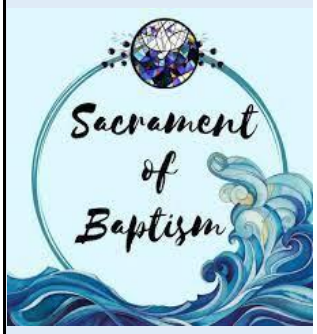
At each Mass on October 26/27, members of the Catholic Women's League will be handing out lunch bags. At any subsequent Mass, put your cheque,

made payable to e4c, in the bag in the collection basket. Donations can also be left in the locked box outside the parish office. Tax receipts will be issued by e4c.

Thank you for your generous support!

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.

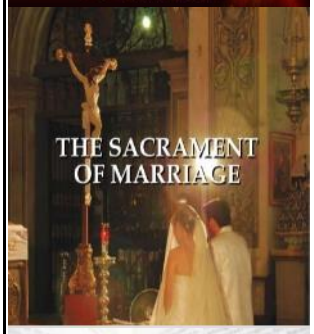


SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated during all seasons, except during Advent and Lent. We are accepting Infant Baptism registrations year round, from unborn baby to children under the age of 7. Baptism Preparation program is required for both parents and godparents. We offer 3 different options for both in-person and online preparations. In-person preparation classes are available on Nov 2, Dec 7 & Jan 18 from 10-11:30am while the Zoom meetings for the 2nd part of the "Belonging" online program are available on Oct 19, Nov 9, Dec 14 & Jan 11 from 10-11am. We strongly encourage families to register and complete their preparation as early as possible. Baptisms will be celebrated on Oct 27, Nov 17 and January 5 & 26, more dates in 2025 are available on our website .

For Later Baptism: We are happy to accommodate children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized and receive all other age appropriate sacraments. All infant and children baptism requirements, preparation options and schedule details are available on our website in the Baptism Requirements document under Sacrament and Baptism. Kindly email all baptism enquiries to Baptism.STM@caedm.ca or contact Tracy/Bernardine at the office (780) 434 6313 for further assistance.

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. Registration for 2024-2025 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Eucharist are now **OPEN**. To register your child please fill the **Online Registration Form** or use the QR code

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, most young people receive the sacrament when they are 11-12 years old. Registration for 2024-2025 Confirmation are now **OPEN**. To register your child please fill the **Online Registration Form** or use the QR code



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: "Time to buy the ring!" 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 Oct 7, 21, 28, Nov 4, 18, 25 & Dec 2 & 9.

Becoming Catholic
RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.