



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Pastor: **Fr. Mark McGee**

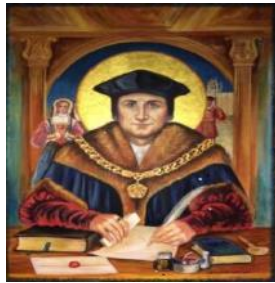
Associate Pastor: **Fr. Avinash Francis**

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024



WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (Nov 12- Nov 15)

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, (Nov 16/Nov 17)

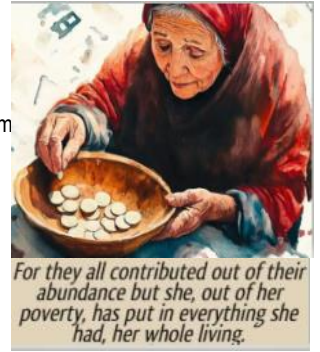
Saturday: Communal Rosary 3:55/Mass 4:30 pm

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)



For they all contributed out of their abundance but she, out of her poverty, has put in everything she had, her whole living.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon, Nov 11 🌹 Remembrance Day—Office & Church is closed

Tue, Nov 12: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
CWL Fellowship After Mass
(Cycle 1) 1st Eucharist Class 5:50 to 6:50pm
Knights of Columbus meeting at 7pm
Grief Support 7 to 9pm

Wed, Nov 13: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
(Cycle 1) 1st Eucharist Class 5:50 to 6:50pm

Thur, Nov 14: Game Zone 12:30 to 3:30pm
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
(Cycle 1) 1st Eucharist Class 5:50 to 6:50pm
Children's choir 6 to 7pm
Adult Choir 7 to 10pm
RCIA 7 to 9pm

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

Sat, Nov 16: K of C State Degree Exemplification 9am to 12pm
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

Sun, Nov 17: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Infant Baptisms at 2:30pm

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mon, Nov 18 Confirmation Catechism (session 4)- 6pm to 8pm
Marriage Enrichment—7 to 9pm

Wed, Nov 20 2nd Cycle -1st Recon. & 1st Eucharist Orientation 6 to 7pm
Annual Memorial Mass for our departed loved ones at 7:30pm

Sat, Nov 23 Divine Mercy Parish Steering Committee Mtg. 9 to 10:30am
Later Marriage Prep - 10am to 3pm
Verso L'Alto/Duc in Altum for Junior & High school students -- 5:30 to 7:30pm

Sun, Nov 24 Pancake breakfast after the 8 & 9:30am Masses
First Eucharist Mass at 4:30pm, Cycle #1

Mon, Nov 25 Confirmation Catechism (session 5)- 6pm to 8pm

Tue, Nov 26 Adult Confirmation Catechesis 7 to 9pm

Fri, Nov 29 Advent Waiting Holy Hour, 7 to 8:15pm

Called to Protect online workshop: November 21, Thursday at 7pm

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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. & Dorothy J.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Give all that we can (Mark 12:38-44)

Jesus highlights this poor widow because she did not give from her abundance but out of her poverty and her giving was not about the 'show' but from her heart's devotion to God.

We cannot deceive God when we give, as he knows our worth to the exact penny. He does not want a particular amount, as Jesus witnessed many wealthy Jews giving large sums of money, yet he only praised the generosity of the poor widow who gave just two coins.

God so loved us that he gave us our life and everything we possess in the world, bestowing countless blessings upon us, so we should never try to make a display of gifts which are not our own or try to put

ourselves above our neighbour because of something we have and they don't. Jesus is the ultimate example of generosity, for though he was God as well as man, while on earth he emptied himself of his divine glory so that he could be like one of us and take away our sins through his suffering.

We may never be called on to share our last bite of food with our neighbour but let us remember that God wants our hearts to overflow with such love that we desire to give all that we can.

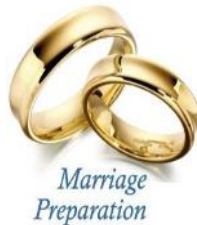
As true disciples let us be truly generous with our gifts, reach deep into ourselves, not look for a reward but carry out our responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

Sacrament of Marriage

When preparing for marriage, the first step is to talk with our Pastor, Father Mark. The Catholic Marriage Preparation program will take place at St. Thomas More, from **March 14 to 16, 2025**.

To register, visit: bit.ly/MarriagePrep2025

The registration deadline is **February 14, 2025**.



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 Chris Simpson, Lucy Longo, Darren Day, Clare Forton, Adolfo Cruz, Maria Longo, Marcella Cloran, Carl Blansjaar, Jackie Blansjaar, Orest & Therese Witiw, John Gougen, Betty McGowan, Pauline Modeste, Felipe Cortes, Frank Chu, Fern Beaudoin, Julie Lee, Andre Mickelson, Emily Stecyk, Luciana Fung, Joan Rempel & Maria Paulina Acevedo 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 Angelo Estacio, Nick Phan, Frances Mary Voyce, Joan Kucharski, Mary Ann Beaulieu, Lydia Erickson & Shauna Chong, that He will raise them up to live forever.

Are you 16+ years and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to?

Call our office to register.

Session 1: Catechesis, Tuesday Nov. 26, 2024, from 7pm - 9pm

Session 2: Catechesis, Tuesday Dec. 3, 2024, from 7pm - 9pm

Session 3: Confession, Saturday Dec. 7, 2024, from 12 pm

Confirmation Mass with Father Mark McGee on Monday December 16th, 2024, at 7 pm

(Practicing Catholic Sponsor/Godparent needed)



Thank you from STM
Prayer Shawl Ministry
& CWL

**We're
collecting
winter wear**

**Toques
Scarves
Mittens**

for Marian Centre

CWL Winter Wear Collection: CWL is collecting new toques, scarves, and mittens for the Marian Centre, an inner-city ministry that provides a morning drop-in centre and soup kitchen. Please place these items in the labelled box at the entrance of the church. All donations will be sorted and delivered on Wednesday, Nov. 20.



On Saturday, December 14, 2024

Father Bonner Council of the Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for the parish Seniors (55+) Christmas Dinner. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased after the weekend Masses using cash, debit, or credit card.

To reserve a table, please contact Wally Streit at 780 988 8719

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY
GRADE 7-9

DUC IN ALTUM

"CAST OUT INTO THE DEEP"

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday
5:30-8pm

Following 4:30 Mass	210 Haddow Close NW Our Lady of the Rosary Rm.
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Scan this QR code to join our email list

Are you starting your Christmas baking?

We invite all St. Thomas More parishioners to contribute baked goods to support the STM CWL Market fundraiser. More details about drop-off will follow in the coming weeks. We are also looking for donations of used books, board games, and puzzles (please ensure that board games and puzzles are complete). Please place your donations in the box, labeled "Christmas Box," under the CWL bulletin board. Thank you for your support of the CWL Christmas Market on December 7!



Congratulations to the following

15 children who entered into the community of our Catholic church in October through the **Sacrament of Baptism** Kinley Murphy, Brielle Murphy, Ian Murphy, Kristen Ameeralli, Neriah Beleteze, Jahn Dela Cruz, Maria Gallego, Joe Gowling, Evelyn Horcoff, Patrick Lango-Muniz, Vivianne Marquez, Milagros McGrath, Ford McNeill, Chijike Okoloekwe & John Sigua.

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



CWL Membership Drive

The St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League is holding a membership drive on the weekends of Nov. 9-10 and Nov. 16-17, after all Masses. Come by the table at the back of the church foyer to renew your membership for 2025 or to join CWL.

The League is Canada's largest organization of women, founded right here in Edmonton, 112 years ago. At STM, our members provide gifts for newlywed couples and children receiving the sacraments of initiation, tend to Mary's Garden on the west side of the church, and work on various projects to assist those in need—all while having fun!

On a national level, the League advocates for the Catholic perspective on issues of the day. We invite all women to join the CWL for friendship and growth in faith, service, and social justice. For more information, please contact stmowl@gmail.com.



MARIDEN PILGRIMAGE TOUR

Jubilee 2025 - Italian Shrines October 9 - 18, 2025 10 days

Annunciation & St. Thomas More Catholic Parishes

Along with Fr. Francis Mariappa & Fr. Avinash Francis

Mariden Tours: 780 937 2334 email: sales@maridentours.com

Monk Therapy Retreat: Ancient Spiritual Practices & Modern Mental Health with Ron Klok. In psychology there is growing respect for spiritual practices as contributors to positive mental health. Interestingly, many modern mental health practices are reflected in the ancient practices of the Christian mystics. This retreat looks at nine spiritual practices of the Christian mystics-talk, tears, self-knowledge, group, breath, trauma, track, imagination, imitation; how they parallel modern understanding and practice, and how we can incorporate these practices into our lives for better everyday health. **Friday, November 15 at 7 pm to Sunday, November 17 at 1 pm.** Early Registration (by October 15): Live-in \$355|Commuter \$285|Online \$230. Register at 780 459 5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/

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Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese

worship

We are a faith community that understands and joyfully celebrates the Eucharist.

witness

We are a faith community confident in proclaiming the Great Story to our work and life communities.

service

We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

Learn more at: CAedm.ca

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

Welcome New Parishioners

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 Dec 7, Jan 18, Feb 15 & Mar 15 from 10-11:30am while the Zoom meetings for the 2nd part of the "Belonging" online program are available on Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8 & Mar 8 from 10-11am. We strongly encourage families to register and complete their preparation as early as possible. Baptisms will be celebrated on Nov 17, January 5 & 26, Feb 23 (no Baptisms in Dec, Mar & Apr) more dates in 2025 are available on our website.

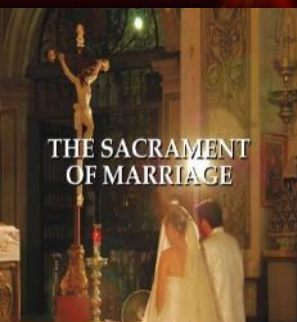
For Later Baptism: We are happy to accommodate children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized and receive all other age appropriate sacraments. All infant and children baptism requirements, preparation options and schedule details are available on our website in the [Baptism Requirements](#) 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: One day Marriage Retreat on February 22, 2025.



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.

