



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Pastor: **Fr. Mark McGee**

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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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 17, 2024



WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (Nov 19– Nov 22)

- 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 23/Nov 24)

- 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)

**NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT
THAT DAY OR HOUR, NOT
EVEN THE ANGELS IN
HEAVEN, NOR THE SON,
BUT ONLY THE FATHER.**

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Mon, Nov 18:** Confirmation Catechism (session 4)- 6pm to 8pm
Marriage Enrichment—7 to 9pm
- Tue, Nov 19:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
Nativity Play rehearsal at 5pm
CWL General meeting 7 to 9:30pm
Grief Support 7 to 9pm
- Wed, Nov 20:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
2nd Cycle-1st Recon. & 1st Eucharist Orientation 6 to 7pm
Annual Memorial Mass for our departed loved ones at 7:30pm
- Thur, Nov 21:** Game Zone 12:30 to 3:30pm
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
Children's choir 6 to 7pm
Adult choir 7 to 10pm
RCIA 7 to 9pm
- Fri, Nov 22:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Funeral of Isabel Werner at 11am
- Sat, Nov 23:** Divine Mercy Parish steering Committee Mtg. 9 to 10:30am
Later Marriage Prep 10am to 3pm
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
- Sun, Nov 24:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Pancake breakfast after the 8 and 9:30am Masses
(Cycle 2) 1st Eucharist Mass at 4:30pm



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Mon, Nov 25** Confirmation Catechism (session 5)- 6pm to 8pm
- Tue, Nov 26** Adult Confirmation Catechesis 7 to 9pm
- Wed, Nov 27** Youth & Family Ministries Council meeting 6 to 8pm
- Fri, Nov 29** Advent Waiting Holy Hour, 7 to 8:15pm
- Tue, Dec 03:** Session 2, Catechesis for Adult Confirmation
- Sat, Dec 07:** Advent Day of Confessions 1 to 4pm
- Mon, Dec 09:** **Sp. Mass at 7pm for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

The **Knights of Columbus** are excited to host the next Pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov 24, after the 8 & 9:30am Masses in the parish hall. Rekindle connections with your fellow parishioners while enjoying pancakes with all the fixings.



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



Be prepared! At all times, be prepared! (Mark 13:24-32)

Death is certain. Only the time and place is not. For those who die with sanctifying grace on their souls, death is but a passing into eternal happiness. If we have been obedient to God's Laws, the Ten Commandments, and shown love to both God and neighbour, death means passing into the beautiful and eternal mansion of heaven. Jesus has told us that in his Father's house there are many mansions for those who love him. If you wasted your life, you will have forever to regret it, as death means the beginning of eternal suffering in hell.

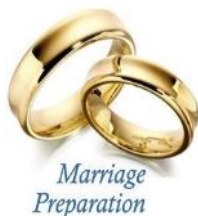
Jesus tells us that all things are in God's hands and just as God exercised authority over chaos at the time of creation, so the new creation will also be the work of God.

Jesus has given us a special means of preparing for death called the Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick) as we require his healing throughout our lives. These two rites are often called the "Last Rites," although this is not the proper term. These sacraments can take away serious sin and prepare us in the last minutes of our life to pass into eternity.

Every time we say the Hail Mary, we ask our Blessed Mother to pray for us 'now and at the hour of our death' and so with the help of St. Joseph, the patron of a happy death, let us prepare for that last hour by a devout and holy life.

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



Marriage Preparation

The registration deadline is on February 14, 2025.

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

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, 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, Julie Lee, Andre Mickelson, Emily Stecyk, Luciana Fung, Joan Rempel, Maria Paulina Acevedo, Frank Chu, Luciana Fung & Michael Cummings 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 Joan Kucharski, Mary Ann Beaulieu, Lydia Erickson, Shauna Chong, Anita Benito, Bill Grace, Isabel Werner, Lois Spennrath, Jana Van Driel & William Huk that He will raise them up to live forever.



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.

Eucharistic Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Eucharistic Adoration, also known as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or Eucharistic worship, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass. It is the first attitude of acknowledging that one is a creature before their Creator. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says that Eucharistic Adoration: Exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us, Blends with humility, and gives assurance to our supplications.

Advent Waiting Holy Hour Adoration (with Advent reflection & prayer led by Fr. Mark) will be from 7 to 8:15 pm on Nov 29, Dec 6, 13 & 20.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grocery Gift Cards are available after all the weekend Masses. Various grocery cards as well as Boston Pizza and Tim Horton cards can be

purchased at the entrance of the church. You can pay by cash, credit card or debit card. Revenues are shared with STM and Knights of Columbus charities. In addition to using the cards to purchase your family grocery needs you can use them for gifts and to give to charities. Businesses often give them to employees at Christmas. Please take the time to visit our kiosk and make a difference.



Are you starting your Christmas baking?

We invite all St. Thomas More parishioners to contribute baked goods to support the STM CWL Market fundraiser. We invite all parishioners to contribute Christmas baked goods for the market. If possible, please bring your baked goods to the hall on Friday, December 6, from 3 to 7 p.m.



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!

Find last-minute gifts and treats, or win a great raffle prize at the **CWL Christmas Market** on Saturday, December 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market will feature over 40 vendors, a bake sale, raffle, and used books, puzzles, and board games. Proceeds support CWL's service to the parish and community, including the STM Refugee Committee, Our Lady of Victory Camp, and the ALIES Back Porch, Edmonton branch.

Dear Parents,

We still have available spaces for infant baptisms on January 5, 2025. However, please contact us soon at Baptism.STM@caedm.ca to make a tentative booking and to register for the in-person baptism preparation class on December 7, 2024. All details can be found on our website stm.caedm.ca, under Sacraments-Baptism in the Baptism requirements document.



Thank you!

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

<https://forms.gle/hz6P7enwvJ3hC2cAA>



Today, the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church marks the Eighth World Day of the Poor as declared by Pope Francis. Your Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St Thomas More Parish invites you to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters, especially at this uncertain time. We encourage you to lend a hand by making a financial gift. In this very busy period, we also need volunteers who are willing to serve the poor in our community. Please read our letter of appeal. You may donate online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/The-Society-of-Saint-Vincent-de-Paul-Divine-Mercy-Conference/> or by using the envelopes that will be available at the church on the weekend of November 16/17. Cheques can be made out to "SSVP Divine Mercy Conference" and dropped off in the collection container or mailed to the parish office. This year, we need your help more than ever. For more information, contact Maria at mariakssvp@gmail.com

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

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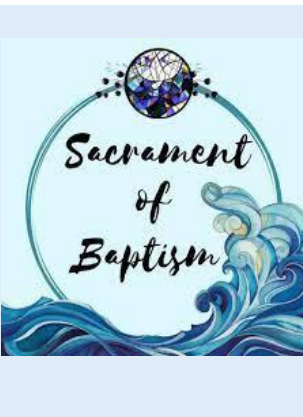
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

Learn more at: CAedm.ca

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




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 January 5 & 26, Feb 23 (no Baptisms in Dec, Mar & Apr) more dates in 2025 are available on our website .

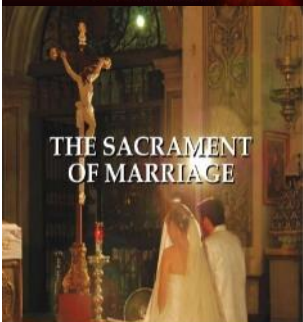
For Later Baptism: We are happy to accommodate children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized and receive all other age appropriate sacraments. All infant and children baptism requirements, preparation options and schedule details are available on our website in the [Baptism Requirements](#)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