



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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2nd Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025



Jesus' Transfiguration

WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (MAR 18 – 21)

- Tue:** Mass at 7 pm (Lenten Mission)
- Wed:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
- Thurs:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
- Fri:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (MAR 22/23)

- 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)

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Mon, Mar 17:** • In-person Baptism Prep, 7pm to 8:30pm
- Tue, Mar 18:** • Mass at 7pm, Holy Hour to follow (No 5pm Mass or Confessions today)
- Wed, Mar 19:** • Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker)
 - 1st Recon/1st Communion, (cycle 4) Class 1 of 2, 6 pm to 7:30pm
 - Grief as a Journey at 7pm
- Thur, Mar 20:** • Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
 - No Game Zone today
 - 1st Recon/1st Communion, (cycle 4) Class 2 of 2, 6pm to 7:30pm
 - Children's Choir 6pm to 7pm
 - Adult Choir 7pm to 9:45pm
 - RCIA 7pm to 9pm
- Fri, Mar 21:** • Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am,
 - **Way of the Cross 7 to 8pm (CWL Lectors)**
- Sat, Mar 22:** "Fast the Feast", Lenten Retreat for Gr. 7-12, 10am to 7pm
 - Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
 - DMP steering committee mtg., 9 to 10:30am
- Sun, Mar 23:** • Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm



Stations of the Cross

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Mon, Mar 24:** Liturgical Ministries Easter rehearsal, 7pm to 10pm
- Fri, Mar 28:** Pastoral Care monthly Planning meeting, 9:30am to 1pm
- Sat, Mar 29:** Knights of Columbus Exemplification, 9am to 12pm
- Tue, Wed, Thurs Apr 1,2,3:** 1st Reconciliation classes (cycle 3), 5:50pm to 6:50pm
- Sat, Apr 5:** Confessions for 1st Reconciliation kids at 12pm
Lenten Day of Confessions for Parish, 1pm to 4pm

LENTEN Day of Confessions

April 5, 1 to 4pm



Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



The Glory of God (Luke 9:28b-36)

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus's true identity had been revealed to the Apostles and today on the mountain, the glory of God was revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed His suffering and death with Moses and Elijah.

The divine voice offered assurances that what Jesus taught about suffering was pleasing to God, giving the Apostles a foretaste of glory which they could recall and look back upon, when they saw Jesus hanging on the cross.

We might want to share in Jesus's glory, but we can only do so by sharing in His suffering. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer, and penance, but to allow God's divine presence to be revealed to us. If we stay 'awake',

we can see the glory of God in those around us.

He is revealed in those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, and in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others.

God's love is seen in the compassionate, the patient, and His mercy in the forgiving. There are many among us whose example we should follow. The worker who takes pride in a job well done, a person who looks in on a sick friend or neighbour, a grandparent who willingly looks after children or a student who is appreciative of the commitment of their teacher

The Glory of God is revealed to us in very ordinary ways, if we open our eyes.

A **silver rose**, currently on a **nine-month pilgrimage**, will be the centerpiece of the communal Rosary prayer service on Sunday morning before the 8am Mass. The Knights of Columbus Father Bonner Council has temporary stewardship of an icon of our Blessed Mother, which was blessed by St. Pope John Paul II. Encased within the silver rose is a thread from Juan Diego's cloak and soil from the place where Mary appeared to him.

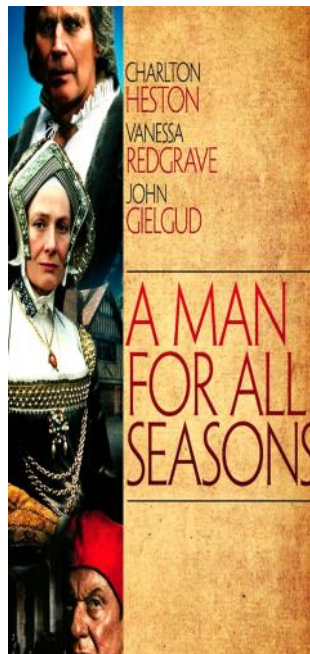


The journey of the silver rose began on February 22nd in Calgary and will conclude on December 12th in Mexico, on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. At each stop along the pilgrimage, the silver rose serves as a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The icons will be displayed during the 7:25am Sunday communal Rosary and will remain on display for personal veneration and rosary before and after all Masses, until 2 pm.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Divine Mercy Conference would like to thank everyone who participated in the most recent reverse collection by donating food items or by making a financial donation to help those in need. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will go a long way towards helping us provide for those facing hardship in our community.



Knights of Columbus Family Movie Night - March 28th



Join us for a special evening of faith and history at the Knights of Columbus Family Movie Night, which will take place **following the Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. We will be screening the multiple Academy Award-winning film, **A Man for All Seasons**, which powerfully depicts the final six years of the life of **St. Thomas More**, our parish patron saint. The movie explores the courageous stand of Thomas More, the 16th-century Lord Chancellor of England, who refused to sign a letter petitioning Pope Clement VII to annul King Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon. More also refused to take the **Oath of Supremacy**, declaring Henry VIII as the Supreme Head of the Church of England. This inspiring story of integrity, faith, and moral conviction will be a meaningful way for families to come together and reflect on the example of St. Thomas More. We hope to see you there!



"Spaces for **Infant Baptism** on May 4, 2025 are filling up quickly! To begin the process, please email baptism.stm@caedm.ca or call the office to speak with Tracy or Dorothy".

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Banns of Marriage— Second Call

Augustine Okoh Benard
&
Osamede Lucy Eke





Way of the Cross

every Friday during Lent at 7pm on the following days:

March 21 & 28, April 4 & 11.

Lent: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues for forty days, recalling Jesus' forty days fasting and praying in the desert. During Lent, we are invited to pay special attention to our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We also prepare by renewing our baptismal vows at Easter and through Penance. **Our day of Confessions is 1pm to 4pm on April 5th.**

We encourage your participation in:

- + Eucharistic Adoration
- + Praying the Stations of the Cross.
- + The Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- + Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.



Create a new heart in me, O Lord.

JHYM & HSYM FAST THEN FEAST RETREAT

"Discover the fruitfulness of Fasting"



March 22
10 AM - 7 PM
Gr. 7-12

Cost: Free (everyone must bring a dish for the Feast)

- Prayer
- Fasting
- Almsgiving
- Games
- Potluck
- Campfire
- Hike



Prayer of St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His Only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.



Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
And defend us from every evil. Amen

The Feast of Saint Joseph is on Wednesday, March 19. To observe the solemnity, you can attend Mass at 9am, pray the Litany of Saint Joseph, consecrate yourself to St. Joseph, or perform works of mercy.



PRAYER CORNER.....PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: For those struggling with sickness, facing surgery, or in recovery, especially Greg Nelson, Lucy Longo, Maria Longo, Darren Day, Clare Forton, Marcella Cloran, Carl & Jackie Blansjaar, Orest & Therese Witiw, Veronica Sprysak, Julie Lee, Jack Macken, Ashley West, Luciana Fung, Joan Rempel, Flor John Villacillo, Michael Cummings, Sandy Jungblut, Erin Gaudet, Kelli Lavigne, Felix Moya, Baby Elijah Bota, Ashley West, Stelios Kiliaris, Coen Padilla, Marcus Cruz, Alfred Morrill, Anni Mary, Andrew Cave, Diane Costigan, Pope Francis & Claudette Cecotka (Demers) 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 Lorelle Wheat, Nicole Lacousiere, Gail Turchansky, Dirk Machtans, Laurier LaPrise, Leonardo Meneses, Fred Shinkaruk, Ralph Falvo, Wayne MacDonald, Helen Ulep, Lois Comeau, Barry Haubeur, Adolfo Cruz Jr. & Joyce Makarowski that He will raise them up to live forever.

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025

LENTEN SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY March 5

9 am, 5 pm, 7:30 pm
There will be no confessions on Ash Wednesday

DAY OF CONFESSIONS Saturday April 5

12 noon - 1 pm for First Reconciliation
1 pm - 4 pm for all parishioners

WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings during Lent at 7 pm
March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11

LENTEN MISSION

Celebrated by Archbishop Richard Smith
Tuesday March 18
Mass at 7 pm followed by Adoration



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HOLY WEEK

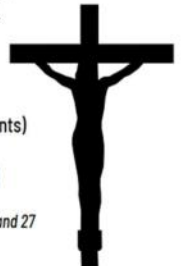
Palm (Passion) Sunday - Sat. April 12 - 4:30 pm, 7 pm
Sun. April 13 - 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 12 noon, 7 pm
Mon. April 14 - no mass (Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Basilica)
Tues. April 15 - Mass 8:30 am
Wed. April 16 - Mass 8:30 am
Holy Thursday - April 17: 7 pm*
Good Friday - April 18: 9 am, 12 noon, 3 pm
Holy Saturday - Apr. 19: 1 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets
Easter Vigil - April 19: 8 pm*
Easter Sunday - April 20: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm*

Regularly scheduled confessions are suspended during Holy Week and the week after Easter during the Easter Octave.

EASTER OCTAVE

Mon. April 21 - no mass
Tues. April 22 - Mass at 5 pm
Wed. April 23 - Mass at 9:30 am (with school students)
Thurs. April 24 - Mass at 5 pm
Fri. April 25 - Mass at 10 am (with school students)

The regular weekend mass schedule resumes on April 26 and 27



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

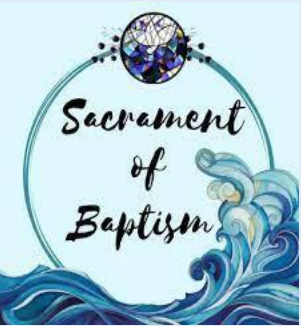
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

Learn more at: CAedm.ca

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



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.



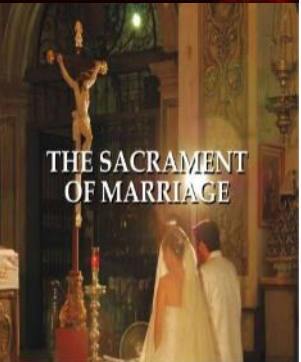
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized and receive all other age-appropriate sacraments. A Baptism Preparation program is required for both parents and godparents, and we offer both, in-person and online preparation options. Upcoming In-person preparation classes for Infants are on April 7 & 26, May 5 & 10. Baptisms will be celebrated on May 4 (full), 25, June 22, July 13 & 27. More dates for preparation and Baptism for 2025—2026 are available on our website in the [Baptism Requirements](#) document under [Sacraments-Baptism](#). Please email all baptism enquiries to Baptism.STM@caedm.ca or contact Tracy 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. [Stay tuned for our Summer Intensive class!](#)



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, most young people receive the sacrament when they are 11-12 years old. [Stay tuned for our Summer Intensive class!](#)



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: "Time to buy the ring!" Please give 6 months notice in booking your wedding date! Step one is to meet with the priest, even before booking a hall. 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.



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 Thursday evenings 7 to 9 pm.



SICK OR SHUT-INS: To request Holy Communion please call the parish office, (780) 434 6313. [Volunteers needed!!](#)