



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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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, May 19

WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (MAY 20 - MAY 24)

Tue: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
Wed: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Thur: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
Fri: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (MAY 25/26)

Saturday: Rosary 4:25/Mass 5 pm
Sunday: Rosary 7:25/Mass 8 am
 Rosary 9:25am/Mass 10 am
 Rosary 11:25am/Mass 12pm
 Rosary 4:25pm/Mass 5 pm



Pentecost



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon, May 20: Victoria Day Long weekend, Office is closed

Tue, May 21: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm
 CWL Meeting at 7pm

Wed, May 22: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 Pastor/Principals meeting at 10am

Thurs, May 23: Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting at 11am
 Game Zone- Noon to 4pm
 Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm

Fri, May 24: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 Pastoral Care Monthly Planning meeting at 9:30am
 Funeral at 1pm
 Throne of Mercy, Catholic Charismatic Prayer Grp. 7:45pm

Sat, May 25: Wedding at 2pm
 Confession/Mass: 3:30-4:30/5pm
 YamJam 6 to 7:30pm

Sun, May 26: Mass at 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm
 Refugee sponsorship, Silent Auction in Narthex after all Masses
 First Eucharist Mass at 2:30pm (1st of 2 Masses)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 45 MINUTES BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS & Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:30 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 20 **Victoria Day—Office is closed**

May 28 Pancake Breakfast after 8 and 10am Masses. **Heads Up!**
 The Source-Adoration, Praise, Worship & Testimony

May 31 No morning Mass. Feast of the Visitation, Mass at 7pm

June 1 Heritage Dinner at 6pm. All proceeds go towards the St. Thomas More Refugee Sponsored Ministry

June 1 & 2 Sunday Mass times change to 4pm on Saturday, 8am, 9:30am, 11 am, 12:30pm & 5pm (only until June 30) on Sunday

June 2 Young Families Ministry Gathering at 2pm
 First Eucharist Mass at 2:30pm (2nd of 2 Masses)

June 6 People of Mission Day for Edmonton West Deanery 10am to 2pm

June 8 Pastoral Care Training at 12:30pm
 Teams of Our Lady Info Session at 5:15pm

CALLED TO PROTECT

Here is the registration link to the online Called to Protect Workshop on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30pm <https://forms.gle/kB1QNJukoTj1u3fc8>

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



Pentecost (John 15:26-27; 16:12-15)



Pentecost has rightfully been called the birthday of the Catholic Church, as it was the day the first converts were taken into it and brings the Easter season to its conclusion.

Jesus, the risen Lord, has been exalted to his rightful place next to God, and now sends the Holy Spirit

to fill the earth with God's power, charging it with his Divine energy, bursting open barred doors and calming frightened hearts.

God had been revealed to Moses in the flaming bush (Exodus 3:2), and the image of a fire is often featured in moments of divine presence. John the Baptist foretold that God's coming in judgment would be manifest in a divine, cleansing fire (Luke 3:16) and

that in Jewish tradition, fire occasionally was said to rest on the heads of rabbis when they studied God's law.

Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the Church is revitalized and we come to know the peace of Jesus.

As the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles, it comes down upon each one of us in the Sacrament of Confirmation, remaining in the souls of all those who receive it, strengthening our souls and working wonders whenever our hearts are open to its promptings.

Today the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in the form of fiery tongues, imprinting an indelible character upon their souls and they were no longer afraid. So like them, let us persevere, as the path to salvation lies within our reach.

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 stmcwchristmasmarket@gmail.com or (780) 499 0206. Vendor

Application deadline is June 23, 2024.

May Featured Ministry:

Do you enjoy working with school age children? "Game Zone" and "Vacation Bible School" are recruiting volunteers! Please see the Monthly Featured Ministries bulletin boards during the month of May for more information.



ENCOUNTER

EDMONTON CAMPUS

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF HEALING May 24th and 25th at Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove featuring Fr. Jason Brooks, LC. \$90 for the weekend.

Register today at: <https://encounterministries.regfox.com/may-2024-edmonton-canada-school-of-healing>

Students of the school will be prayer ministers for the HEALING SERVICE Saturday May 25th 7pm FREE and open to the public.

For more information Email: edmonton@encounterschool.org

All Proceeds go towards the St. Thomas More Refugee Sponsorship Ministry

Heritage Dinner

AFRICAN NIGHT

6 PM | SATURDAY | JUNE 1 | 2024
MUSIC | FOOD | SILENT AUCTION

\$50 a Ticket, Cash Bar

"Pop-Up Sale" for hospital residents at

St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital



Many of you may know that the St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary has folded. However, the small Pop-Up sales events for the hospital residents will continue under the direction of the hospital's Recreation department and the Hospital Program Manager. We are requesting donations for a June Pop Up sales event for

the Residents. If you have small items such as ball caps, sun hats, and fun socks, please contact one of the event team for pick-up or leave the donations at Reception in the Hospital. You will find a poster with more suggestions for donations on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church. Contacts: Maureen (780) 433 1892; Jackie (780) 438 4631, Marie (780) 438 4454, or Claire (780) 438 0327.



The Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate (MAMI) includes friends and family who have a unique relationship with the Oblates and their missionary works, especially with the late Province of OMI Lacombe Canada. We are called to be partners with the Oblates in serving the poor through our prayers, finances and participation in missionary activities.

The OBLATE KENYAN MISSION WILL CELEBRATE the 27TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. On the Feast of the Pentecost, **May 18-19th**, we will welcome Fr. Ken Forster OMI, one of the founding Fathers of the Kenyan Mission 27 years ago, who served as Mission Superior for nine years. He will celebrate (concelebrate) and speak at all the Masses. After each Mass a video will be shown in the hall. Parishioners are encouraged to plan to give some extra time this weekend as Pentecost is the Sunday of Evangelization and Mission. You will be invited to the Hall to share time together, reflect on the Mission of the Church and share observations and questions.

There will be no special collection for the mission during the Masses, but you will be receiving a brochure about MAMI, encouraging you to become a partner and consider membership in MAMI (Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate).



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Pantry in our parish is also in need of the following items: **Cheez Whiz, canned fruit & vegetables and canned tomatoes.** Please drop off your donations at the church.

Prayer Corner...



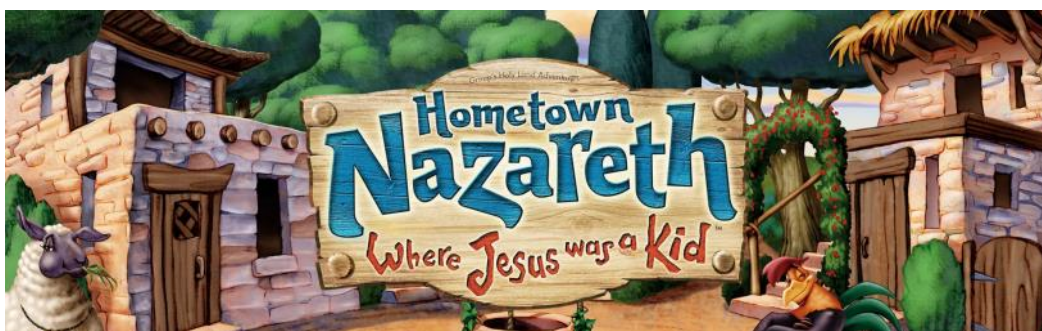
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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, Fr. Jozef Wroblewski, Harry Buddle, Samantha Davis, Joan Rempel, Liz Sawyer, Joseph Serrano, Robert Chomey, Barry Devlin, Greg Nelson, Jose Bollani & Larry Mandrusiak 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 Lucie Ray, Mary Elizabeth McDonald, Anthony Mackenzie, Claudia Balcerio, Dan Friesen, Mark Belanger, Margaret Rogers, Gary Ballash, Luke Stares, Sergio Gallardo, Ines Gutierrez, Tyler Lafontaine, Lillian Larsen & Marianna Szymanska 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

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 SHAWLS are wraps or covers that are knit with prayers and blessed by a priest. Shawls come in many shapes and colors. At present there is a good selection of shawls to choose from. A shawl is a GOOD GIFT for a child/family celebrating a sacrament: Baptism, First Reconciliation or First Eucharist. Contact Linda, (780) 920 9359 if you would like a shawl for someone special. Shawls CANNOT be sold but a donation is appreciated.



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.



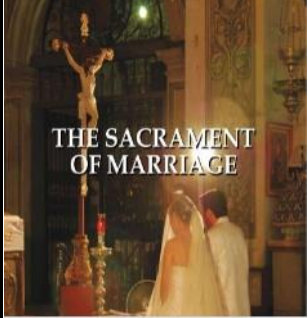
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Group Baptisms are celebrated during all seasons, except during Advent and Lent. We are accepting Infant Baptism registrations year round, from unborn baby to children under the age of 7. Baptism Preparation program is required for both parents and godparents. We offer 3 different options for both in-person and online preparations. In-person preparation classes are available on June 1 & 15, July 6 and Aug 3 from 10-11:30am while the Zoom meetings for the 2nd part of the "Belonging" online program are available on June 8, July 20 and Aug 10 from 10-11am. We strongly encourage families to register and complete their preparation as early as possible. Baptisms will be celebrated on June 9, July 14 & 28 and Aug 18. 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.



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.