



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

Sunday, June 23

WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (JUNE 24- JUNE 28)

- Tue:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9 am
- Wed:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9 am
- Thurs:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
- Fri:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9 am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (JUN 29/30)

- Saturday:** Communal Rosary 3:25/Mass 4 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)

Last One Communal Rosary 4:25pm/Mass 5pm
(Please move to another Mass time!)



*Why are you afraid?
Have you still no faith?*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 45 MINUTES BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS & Saturday: 2:30pm to 3:30 pm

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Mon, Jun 24:** MWI school—Year end Mass at 1:15pm w/parishioners
- Tue, Jun 25:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
AJM school, Gr. 9 farewell Mass at 5:30pm followed by gathering in the Hall
- Wed, Jun 26:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
- Thur, Jun 27:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
- Fri, Jun 28:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
- Sat, Jun 29:** Confession/Mass: 2:30-3:30/4pm
- Sun, Jun 30:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm and 5pm (last one)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- July 1** Canada Day! Church is closed
- July 6 onwards** Saturday evening Mass time changes from 4pm to 4:30pm
- July 7** St. Thomas More Afro Heritage Mass at 3pm
- July 2 to Aug 23** Weekday Masses are at 8:30am - no evening Masses
- Jul 22- 26 & Jul 29 -Aug 2** Vacation Bible school—Registrations are still open
- July 27** Gathering of Lay Movement Mass at 2:30pm
- Aug 7** Young families outing after 11am Mass
- Aug 18** Parish Picnic after Knight of Columbus family Mass at 4:30pm



Celebrating Anniversaries

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

Robert & Frances Cavana

65th Wedding Anniversary - June 27, 1959 to 2024

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



CALLED TO PROTECT: Due to a number of requests, herein below is the link to the registration for Called to Protect Workshop, On-line on July 2, 6:30 pm: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVNP_FTTmmwpWOZqdESER6_rSEi0OL_6_dXL3bfoi1ihw/viewform
This is the last workshop prior to breaking out for the summer.

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



Don't be afraid of the storm (Mark 4:35-41)

Like the calm waters of a lake, the calmness of our lives can turn into a violent storm without warning. When their boat begins to fill with water, the Apostles turn to Jesus for help, but their words indicate that they are not confident that he will. This is the lack of faith that Jesus challenges and after they witness his remarkable authority, they see Jesus in a different light as faith opens their eyes.

Fear is a widespread emotion in our world today and like the Apostles, we are often terrified by what we must face in life. Jesus calms our fears from what might overwhelm us and like the Apostles, we begin to realize that God is with us in the midst of the storms of life and ultimately is in control of the chaos that threatens us, whether we recognize this or not.

Instead of giving way to fear in times of danger, we should

instead put our trust in God. As the Apostles called upon Jesus when the storm threatened to upset their boat, we should call upon him in prayer when trouble surrounds us, allowing him to take us by the hand and lead us to a new insight.

Every day, when we get up or when we say our nightly prayers, we should renew our faith (by saying an Act of Faith), and ask God to strengthen our faith day by day, so that our faith becomes a bright beacon, lighting our way to heaven.

Act of Faith

O my God,
I firmly believe that You
are one God
in three divine Persons,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
I believe that Your divine son
became Man,
died for our sins,
and that He will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe these
and all the truths which
the Holy Catholic Church teaches,
because You have revealed them,
who can neither deceive
nor be deceived.

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 stmwlcchristmasmarket@gmail.com or (780) 499 0206. Vendor Application deadline is June 23, 2024."



Centering Prayer Summer Intensive

Sunday July 14 (3pm) to
Sunday July 21 (1pm)

Register by July 8
providencerenewal.ca

Forgotten Among the Lilies Summer Silent Directed Retreat

Sunday Aug. 18 to
Friday Aug. 23, 2024

Register by Aug. 12
providencerenewal.ca



Ten Week Marriage Enrichment Program

FOR COUPLES AT ALL STAGES OF
MARRIED LIFE

ENJOY TEN DATE
NIGHTS!
7PM-9PM
ROSARY ROOM

September 16
September 23
October 7
October 21
October 28
November 4
November 18
November 25
December 2
December 9

COST PER COUPLE: \$50

Includes a copy the book we will use, "To Know, Love and Serve, A Path to Marital Fulfilment" written by two Edmonton-Area psychologists and the accompanying workbook.
knowloveserve.info

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
CONTACT MICHELLE AND ANDREW AT
LITTLEBYLITTLE095@GMAIL.COM
OR 780-436-2165

Please note: These evenings are for adults only. Couples with young children will need to arrange for childcare.

St. Thomas More Afro-Heritage Mass (STMAHM)

Are you of African or Caribbean descent or heritage? If your answer to any of these questions is 'Yes', we would like to hear from you. A new parish initiative known as "St. Thomas More Afro Heritage Mass" will be on July 7 at 3pm. Interested parishioners should please contact any of the following persons:

Dr. Collins Ugochukwu - (780) 729 1383

Ms. Alvine Nkamtchoum - (587) 936 3714

Mr. Brian Ngha - (403) 903 6911

Dr. Marcus Edino - (403) 681 6173



Parishioners are invited to consider volunteering during Mass and join the "Hospitality" ministry. Please see the Monthly Featured Ministries bulletin boards for information about being a Welcome Coordinator, Usher or Greeter.

"For I am the Lord,
your healer"
(Exodus 15:26)



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JULY | 2024

16 TUESDAY 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM St. Theresa's Parish 7508 29 Ave NW Edmonton AB T6K 3Y8	17 WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Holy Trinity Parish 200 Boundary Rd, Box 3220 Spruce grove AB T7X 3A5	18 THURSDAY 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM St. Andrew's Parish 12810 111 Ave NW Edmonton AB T5M 2N7
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Jobi Thomas: 587-281-3546 | Jenish: 587-991-2949 | Felicia Agwo: 780-680-8491

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in Christ-centered life.


JULY 20
SATURDAY
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Worship | Talks
Food & Fellowship

St. Theresa's Parish
7508 29 Ave. NW
Edmonton AB T6K 3Y8

Shalom Media Canada, 1929 New Brighton Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2Z 4X1

Missionary Families of Christ



Arise
SERVANT LEADERS RETREAT

"Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country"
-Luke 1:38-39

June 29-30, 2024
Our Lady of Victory Camp
Registration fee: \$50

Prayer Corner...

Prayer for the Sick



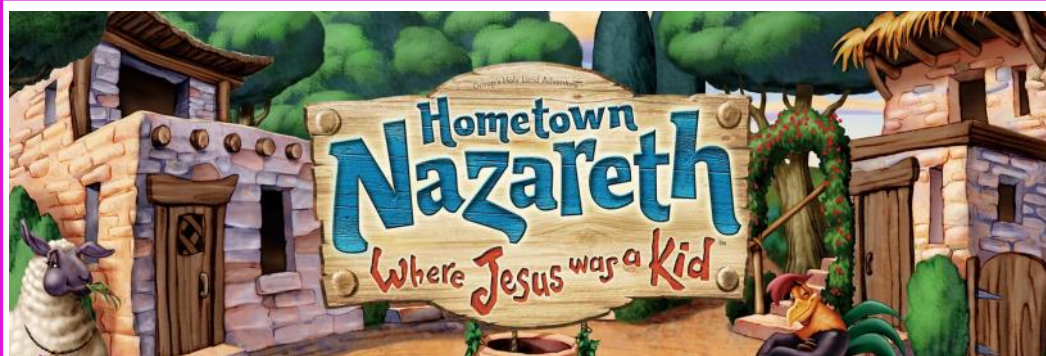
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

For those struggling with sickness, facing surgery, or in recovery, especially Lucy Longo, Darren Day, 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, Harry Buddle, Samantha Davis, Joan Rempel, Liz Sawyer, Joseph Serrano, Robert Chomey, Jose Bollani, Jean Buchart, Larry Mandrusiak, Felix Mallon, Kathleen Mallon Sr., Winnie Chan, Enes Upright, Joyce Makarowski, Delores Mitchell & Shirley Phillips 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 Lillian Larsen, Marianna Szymanska, Kenneth Kennedy, Leo Schile, Modesto Comiso, Diane Mendiuk, Anne Shaver & Colin Conrad 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 carpenter's 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.



The Society of St Vincent de Paul Divine Mercy Conference, based here at St Thomas More parish, helps those in need with food, furniture, and other essential items. The mission is to serve Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy. Food and financial donations are needed.

To donate by cheque: Please make cheques payable to "SSVP Divine Mercy Conference ". It can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Tax receipts will be issued in January 2025 for all donations of \$20 or more. Financial donations can also be made online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/The-Society-of-Saint-Vincent-de-Paul-Divine-Mercy-Conference/>

Suggested food donations: Canned ham/chicken/spam, juice, juice boxes, canned salmon, Chef Boyardee or other meals in cans

Thank you so much in advance for your generosity in helping those in need!



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.



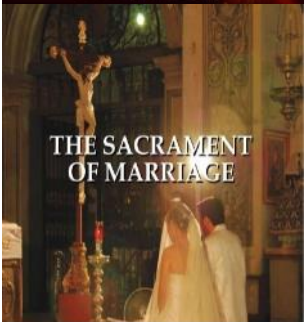
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Group Baptisms are celebrated during all seasons, except during Advent and Lent. We are accepting Infant Baptism registrations year round, from unborn baby to children under the age of 7. Baptism Preparation program is required for both parents and godparents. We offer 3 different options for both in-person and online preparations. In-person preparation classes are available on July 6, Aug 3, Sept 7 & Oct 5 from 10-11:30am while the Zoom meetings for the 2nd part of the "Belonging" online program are available on July 20, Aug 10, Sept 14 & Oct 19 from 10-11am. We strongly encourage families to register and complete their preparation as early as possible. Baptisms will be celebrated on July 28, Aug 18, Sept 22 & Oct 27. 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.

Marriage Enrichment: Marriage Enrichment Retreat dates Sep 16, 23, Oct 7, 21, 28, Nov 4, 18, 25 & Dec 2 & 9.



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.