



# 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



## Sunday, June 2

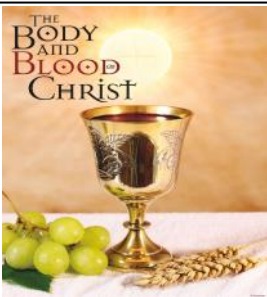
### WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (JUNE 3 - JUNE 7)

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

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (JUN 8/9)

- 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)

Until June 30 Communal Rosary 4:25pm/Mass 5pm



### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Tue, Jun 4:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
Funeral for Diane Mendiuk at 1pm  
CWL Executive meeting at 6pm
- Wed, Jun 5:** Louis St. Laurent School Mass at 9:30am, Parishioners to join.
- Thurs, Jun 6:** People of Mission Day 10am to 2pm  
**Game Zone is cancelled**  
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
Choir Rehearsal at 6pm  
Knights Of Columbus Executive meeting at 7pm
- 1st Fri, Jun 7:** Confession/ First Friday Mass: 8:15/9am  
Adoration 9:30am to noon  
Throne of Mercy Charismatic Prayer group at 7:45pm
- 1st Sat, Jun 8:** **First Saturday Mass at 9am**  
First Saturday Recollection in the Rosary room  
Confession/Mass: 2:30-3:30/4pm  
Teams of Our Lady Info session at 5:15pm
- Sun, Jun 09:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm and 5pm (until June 30).  
Infant Baptisms at 2:30pm  
Verso L'Alto at 6pm

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



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Heads Up!** School year-end Masses: June 13 at 10am, June 14 at 9:45am, June 17 @ 9:45am & 1:15pm
- June 7** Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mass at 9am followed by Adoration
- June 12** Finance Committee Meeting at 10am
- June 15** Knights of Columbus Installation of Officers at 4pm Mass
- June 18** Liturgy Committee meeting at 7pm
- June 19** PPC- final meeting before summer break.
- June 22** The Feast of St. Thomas More- Mass at 9am
- June 23** St Thomas More Parish Picnic

**Called to Protect Workshops** for June and the registration link:

- June 12, Wednesday, 1pm:** on-line <https://forms.gle/qjPrsd9pLSfahNht8>
- June 24, Monday, 6:30 pm:** In-person session at Good Shepherd Parish, <https://forms.gle/PaUFAf8rghwFwDmX7> These sessions will be the only ones scheduled for the rest of summer.

### Parish Staff

<b>Pastoral Assistant for 1st Recon, Eucharist &amp; Confirmation:</b>	Julie Lee	<b>Business Coordinator:</b>	Paul Givens
<b>Pastoral Assistant for Baptism:</b>	Tracy Lam	<b>Bookkeeper:</b>	Salwa Saydeh
<b>Music Coordinator:</b>	Johanna Dietrich	<b>Maintenance &amp; Custodial:</b>	Mark Whaley
<b>Youth and Family Ministry Coord:</b>	Shavi Perera	<b>Administrative Assistants:</b>	Lorraine K., Bernardine Z., Shannon V. & Olivia D.

# Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



## The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: The Lord's Supper (Mark 14:12-16,22-26)



Today's solemn celebration of *Corpus Christi* (the Body and Blood of Christ) allows for a deepened appreciation of this key mystery of our Catholic belief.

The words Jesus speaks over the breaking of the bread symbolizes the coming gift of his life on the cross. His words over the cup echo the text from Exodus, where, just as Moses had sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice, half on the altar representing God and half on the people God had chosen to

symbolize their union, Jesus unites himself with us, his weak and

struggling disciples by a bond that can never be broken.

Today Jesus spreads a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant allowing us to live out the teachings of Jesus on our journey to God's kingdom.

Through Holy Communion, we are given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation, allowing us to live a life of gratitude in the presence of God, in union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, as we wait for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

On this feast of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let us kneel before the Blessed Sacrament, renewing our faith in his real presence in the Holy Eucharist, determined that we will receive our Lord frequently at the altar.

### 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](mailto:stmwlcchristmasmarket@gmail.com) or (780) 499 0206. Vendor Application deadline is June 23, 2024.



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.

### Bill S-210 (Protecting Young Persons from Exposure to Pornography Act)

On average, kids are first exposed to pornography when they are 11 years old. Two-thirds of children aged 14 have been exposed to sexually explicit content. Studies show that 90% of pornographic scenes include sexual violence. In order to keep our children protected from this harmful content, Bill S-210 has been created, and is about to reach the last steps of the legislative process. The bill is sponsored by Sherwood Park - Fort Saskatchewan MP Garnett Genuis, a parishioner at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Sherwood Park. Use this Link to find and contact your MP: Protect Youth from Pornography Exposure | Bill S-210 - Defend Dignity <https://defenddignity.ca/government-advocacy/protect-youth-from-pornography-exposure-bill-s-210/>

## 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](http://knowloveserve.info)

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT MICHELLE AND ANDREW AT [LITTLEBYLITTLE095@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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.



### Congratulations! to the following 13 children who entered into the community of our Catholic church in May through the Sacrament of Baptism

Aliah Calma, Amarah Calma, Gavin Andayan, Taylor Calingasan, Chinnora Chikelu, Jackson Lagazo, Juliet Schnell, Sofia Schnell, Zavier Poskus, Avery Randa, Clarence Sollestre, Abigail Viccajee & Luca Zasadny.

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

AN INVITATION TO ALL  
MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES

Join us for a

## TEAMS OF OUR LADY Information Session

Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) is ready to begin their lay ministry at St. Thomas More. TOOL is a small group marriage ministry designed to help couples live out a married spirituality and to discover the full richness of the sacrament of marriage.

An information session will be held on:  
**June 8th after the 4pm Mass in the Parish Hall**

For more information on TOOL, please contact Miriam and Terry Sharp at [piloting.west@teamsofourlady.ca](mailto:piloting.west@teamsofourlady.ca) or visit [teamsofourlady.ca](http://teamsofourlady.ca).



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.

### St. Thomas More Afro-Heritage Mass (STMAHC)

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 incentive 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:

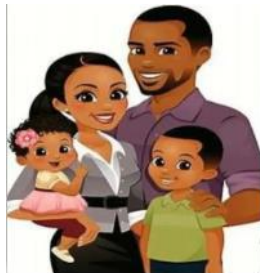
Dr. Collins Ugochukwu - (780) 729 1383

Ms. Alvine Nkamtchoum - (587) 936 3714

Mr. Brian Ngha - (403) 903 6911

Mr. Deogratias Nondi - (780) 905 6334

Marcus Edino - (403) 681 6173



## Prayer Corner...

### Prayer for the Sick



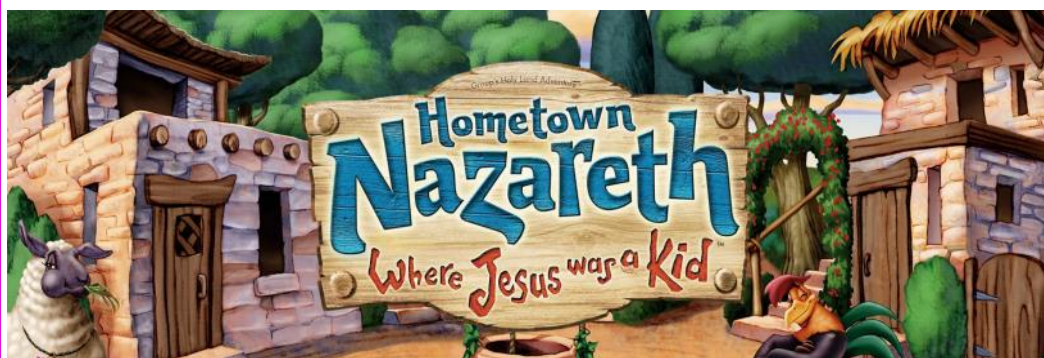
### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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, Fr. Jozef Wroblewski, Harry Buddle, Samantha Davis, Joan Rempel, Liz Sawyer, Joseph Serrano, Robert Chomey, Barry Devlin, Greg Nelson, Jose Bollani, Jean Buchart & 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 Robert Onyeje, Leonaro Nnedolisa, Anthony Mackenzie, Claudia Balcerio, Sergio Gallardo, Ines Gutierrez, Tyler Lafontaine, Lillian Larsen, Marianna Szymanska, Kenneth Kennedy & Diane Mendiuk 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.

Thank You!

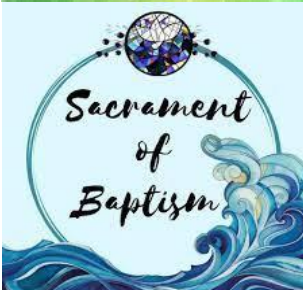
The St. Joseph's Hospital Residents, "Pop-up Events group" would like to thank you for your generous response to our request for donations. Your donations help us sponsor events that are much appreciated by the residents of the hospital.



## 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.



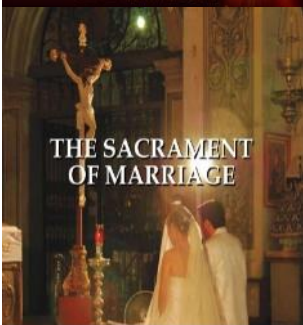
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Group Baptisms are celebrated during all seasons, except during Advent and Lent. We are accepting Infant Baptism registrations year round, from unborn baby to children under the age of 7. Baptism Preparation program is required for both parents and godparents. We offer 3 different options for both in-person and online preparations. In-person preparation classes are available on June 15, July 6 and Aug 3 from 10-11:30am while the Zoom meetings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.