



# 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 9am - 4:30pm | Tue - Fri 9am - 9pm | Sat 8:30am - 2 pm | Sun 1 pm - 4:30 pm, Closed on Stat Holidays**

## July 2024

### WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (JULY 09– AUG 23)

**Tue:** Confession/Mass: 8/8:30 am  
**Wed:** Confession/Mass: 8/8:30 am  
**Thurs:** Confession/Mass: 8/8:30 am  
**Fri:** Confession/Mass: 8/8:30 am

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**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)



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

**FIRST SATURDAY** will take a pause in July & August but First Friday will be observed.

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 28



The *Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, which will be celebrated on Sunday, July 28. The Holy Father's message underscores the theme "**Do not cast me off in my old age**" (Psalm 71:9) and invites the Catholic faithful to reflect on the loneliness of the elderly and the role of the Church in addressing it.

In view of the special day, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has prepared a Pastoral Toolkit designed to promote "a day without loneliness". The toolkit includes the official logo, a catechesis on old age, recent texts from the Magisterium, the official prayer for the World Day, and pastoral suggestions. The Holy Father's Message and the toolkit are also available online, as well as available for viewing and downloading on Google Drive. To promote World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, the Dicastery suggests using the official logo and the hashtag **#GrandparentsandElderly**.



## Celebrating Anniversaries

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



### Carl & Jacqueline Blansjaar

*60th Wedding Anniversary– July 04, 1964 to 2024*

### Joe & Jeanine Bussiere

*68th Wedding Anniversary - July 02, 1956 to 2024*

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

## 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>	Olivia Dias, Lorraine Kasha, Bernardine Zuzarte, Shannon Van Soest & Angela Bittman

# Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



July Reflection (Mark 6:1-6/ Mark 6:7-13/ Mark 6:30-34/ John 6:1-15)

Jesus' extraordinary abilities and liberating teaching should have been readily accepted by people who were anxiously awaiting their Messiah, but the people of Nazareth rejected him.

The rejection by those who knew Jesus the best but understood him the least illustrated that they lacked the required faith and allowed their pride to block the power of God.

When we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and hearts and shine forth from us to all around us.

The message which Jesus gave to his Apostles (to teach and baptize and to anoint the sick) is still being carried within the Church today by Priests and Bishops, the legitimate successors of the Twelve Apostles, through their reception of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

If we allow Jesus' saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry, bringing the saving grace of God to all the

world.

There are many people searching in the world today, looking for direction, for answers and meaning. They are sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them. Good shepherds reconcile us with God and each other and lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

We are with each other because we have been born to a new life in Baptism. The bread we receive from the hand of Jesus is more than mere barley loaves, it is the bread of life, a life in Jesus.



*He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.*

## St. Joseph's Hospital residents would appreciate your assistance.

A priest from St. Thomas More Parish celebrates Mass every Tuesday, 11 am at St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital. The residents attending Mass require the assistance of wheelchair porters from the elevator to the chapel between 10:30 and 11am. Then after Mass, approx. 11:40, portering back to the elevator. Thank you.



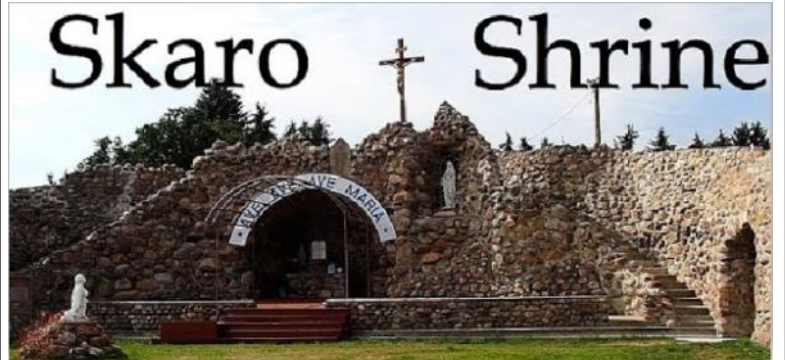
For additional information please contact:

Morenike Ajidagba, Volunteer Coordinator

St Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital  
1-105, 10707 29 Ave NW,  
Edmonton, AB T6J 6W1  
Tel: 780-430-3441



## Skaro Shrine



**The Annual Pilgrimage at Skaro:** On the evening of Wednesday, August 14th, 2024, the 106th Annual Skaro Pilgrimage will be held at the Grotto in Skaro. Following the Mass, the candlelight procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will conclude the evening.

On Thursday, August 15th, 2024 at 10am, there will be a special Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick. The Blessed Sacrament procession with lit candles will follow the Blessing of the religious articles.

Lunch for purchase will be available at the Vigil on the 14th. Skaro Shrine is 45 miles north-east of Edmonton. It is at the intersection of Highway 45 and Secondary 831.

For Your Information:

### Wednesday: August 14, 2024

6:30-7:30pm Reconciliation  
7pm Rosary  
7:30pm Vespers  
8pm Mass at the Grotto

The Blessed Sacrament procession with lit candles will follow the blessing of the religious articles.

### Thursday, August 15th, 2024

10am Mass at the Grotto with the Sacrament of the Sick  
The Blessed Sacrament Procession with lit candles will follow the blessing of the religious articles.

**St. Thomas More is offering a bus on August 14th, sign up sheet will be available August 1 outside the library. See the bulletin board by the main entrance for more info.**

## 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.

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



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Fr Roy Palatty CMI  
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR,  
SHALOM MEDIA

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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**JULY | 2024**

<b>16</b> TUESDAY 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM <b>St. Theresa's Parish</b> 7508 29 Ave NW Edmonton AB T6K 3Y8	<b>17</b> WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM <b>Holy Trinity Parish</b> 200 Boundary Rd, Box 3220 Spruce grove AB T7X 3A5	<b>18</b> THURSDAY 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM <b>St. Andrew's Parish</b> 12810 111 Ave NW Edmonton AB T5M 2N7
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Discover Shalom World's media mission and resources for you and your family to grow 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

The Market at Gianna

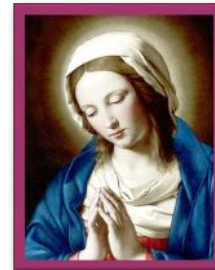


Join us at [The Market at Gianna](https://www.themarketatgianna.ca/) every Thursday from June to September, 10am to 3pm, outside the Gianna Centre building. Enjoy a different international cuisine each week, from hearty Ukrainian to savory Italian dishes, and shop beautiful handmade products crafted by our talented moms. Your support empowers these amazing women and helps them gain valuable skills and supplemental income. Don't miss out! Check out our website to see all the amazing things our moms have made:  
<https://www.themarketatgianna.ca/>



## Prayer Corner...

### Prayer for the Sick



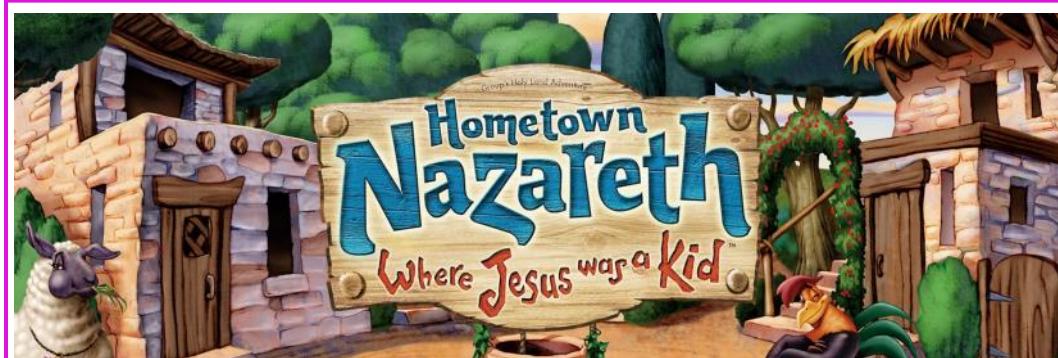
#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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, Jean Buchart, Larry Mandrusiak, Felix Mallon, Kathleen Mallon Sr., Enes Upright, Joyce Makarowski, Delores Mitchell, Shirley Phillips, Carl Blansjaar & Candace Cook, 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, Alice Thienza Ndaya, Jose Bollani, Margaret Beresnak, Lorne Bonneville, Mark Misunis, Eleanor Jewell & Barry MacKenzie 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.



**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





**Information Evening**

**SPIRITUAL EXERCISES  
of St. Ignatius of Loyola  
2024 - 2025**  
via Zoom

Tuesday, May 28 (7 pm)  
OR  
Tuesday, Aug 27 (7 pm)

providencerenewal.ca/ignatian-exercises/

**THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES  
of St. Ignatius of Loyola**  
A Retreat in the Real World  
via Zoom

SEPT 24, 2024 TO MAY 25, 2025

Register by September 17 at:  
providencerenewal.ca/ignatian-exercises/



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

**Welcome  
New Parishioners**

**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**

**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 Aug 3, Sept 7 & Oct 5 from 10-11:30am while the Zoom meetings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Baptism.stm@caedm.ca) or contact Tracy/Bernardine/Shannon at the office (780) 434 6313.

**First Communion  
& Reconciliation**

**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 September 2024 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)

**Confirmation**

**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 September 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)

**THE SACRAMENT  
OF MARRIAGE**

**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.

**Becoming Catholic  
RCIA**  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**PASTORAL CARE  
OF THE SICK**

**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. Perhaps plan to attend "**NICODEMUS NIGHT**", info session on Sept 22 after the 12:30pm Mass.

**SICK OR SHUT-INS:** To request Holy Communion please call the parish office, (780) 434 6313.