



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Pastor: **Fr. Mark McGee**

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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

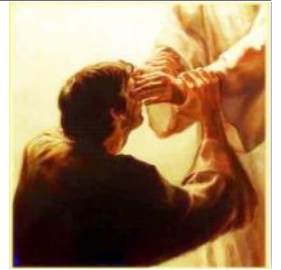
Sunday, Oct 27, 2024

WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (Oct 29– Nov 01)

- Tue:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
- Wed:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
- Thurs:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
- Fri:** Special Mass: 7pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (Nov 02/ Nov 03)

- 1st Saturday:** Mass at 9am
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)



“Go; your faith has made you well.”

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Mon, Oct 28** Confirmation Catechism (session 2)- 6pm to 8pm
Marriage Enrichment—7 to 9pm
Scripture study with Deacon Randy, 7 to 9pm
- Tue, Oct 29:** Funeral for William Huk at 11am
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
Nativity Play rehearsal at 5pm
CWL Fellowship following Mass, 5:30 to 7:30pm
Grief Support 7 to 9pm
- Wed, Oct 30:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
- Thur, Oct 31:** **Game Zone is cancelled today**
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
No RCIA today
- 1st Fri, Nov 01:** Sp. Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints Day at 7pm
All Saints' Day Holy hour of Adoration until 9pm 
- 1st Sat, Nov 02:** Mass at 9am, Recollection to follow
All Souls' Day Altar Server's Workshop after Mass
Baptism Prep 10 to 11:30am
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
- Sun, Nov 03:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
“Meet & Greet” for Divine Mercy parishioners at 1:30pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Nov 4, Monday** Funeral for Joan Kucharski at 11am
- Nov 5-7, Tue to Thurs** Priest Mid-term Assembly—No Mass
- Nov 16, Saturday** K of C State Degree Exemplification 9am to 12pm
- Nov 20, Wednesday** 2nd Cycle -1st Recon. & Comm. Orientation 6 to 7pm
Special Memorial Mass at 7:30pm
- Nov 23, Saturday** Pastoral Care Retreat 9am to 2pm
Verso L'Alto/Duc in Altum 5:30 to 7:30pm
- Nov 26, Tuesday** Adult Confirmation at 7pm

Celebrating Anniversaries

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

Sebastian & Angelika Hanula
15th Wedding Anniversary



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

Parish Staff

Youth and Family Ministry Coord:	Shavi Perera	Business Coordinator:	Paul Givens
Pastoral Assistant for Baptism:	Tracy Lam	Bookkeeper:	Salwa Saydeh
Music Coordinator:	Johanna Dietrich	Maintenance & Custodial:	Mark Whaley
Youth Sacramental Prep Catechists:	Monica Bober & Mona Timko	Administrative Assistants:	Olivia D., Lorraine K., Bernardine Z., Angela B. & Dorothy J.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Come to Jesus and See (Mark 10:46-52)

It is hard to believe that Jesus would ask us what He could do for us, yet sometimes that is the question we must answer. Bartimaeus was blind, and he knew exactly what he wanted Jesus to do for him, to restore his sight. He received not only physical sight but salvation, using his gift to become a follower of Jesus.

When Jesus asked James and John what they wanted him to do for them, their request was selfish and like them, we often want Jesus to do things for us that are selfish and focused on this world.

If God does not give us what we are asking, we should think about what we are praying for. Are our motives selfish, blocked by unconfessed sin, or do we lack the faith God requires to give us what

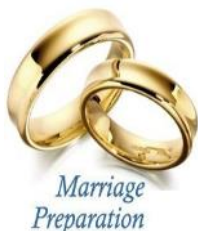
we desire?

We can be blinded by this world, by our selfish desires, and need to cry out to Jesus to be healed, that our eyes be opened, enabling us to leave behind whatever is preventing us from living as true baptized followers of Jesus. Like Bartimaeus, have we been transformed as disciples of Jesus (baptized into his death and resurrection) ready to bring the news of his love to all those we come in contact with in our personal lives, in our families, at work and in our relationships with others?

Otherwise, when Jesus comes to us and asks what we want, we are not going to say, "Restore my sight."

Sacrament of Marriage

Step 1 when preparing for marriage is to talk with our Pastor, Father Mark. **Catholic Marriage Preparation** program will take place on March 14 to 16, 2025. Register bit.ly/MarriagePrep2025



The registration deadline is on February 14, 2025.

Flowers Ministry is in need of a few more volunteers to assist with the flower arrangements ahead of Sunday Mass. Please sign up at the church entrance or call the parish office.



Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention Called To Protect Workshops

Oct 29; Tue at 7pm—In-person at St. Charles Parish <https://forms.gle/d5Ra7m759UaUNbzM8>

The **CWL Christmas Market** is fast approaching, and we would like to thank those who have donated used books, puzzles, and/or games. We are still looking for more donations. Please place items in the Christmas Box under the CWL bulletin board. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, Dec 7 at the parish hall.

All Saints Day Pumpkin Carving – October 27, 2024

The Knights of Columbus invites you with your family to the All Saints Day pumpkin carving event and pancake breakfast on Sunday, 27th October. Elders can team up with kids to carve out various themes in pumpkins. It would be a time for having delicious pancakes and enjoying family time working on the pumpkins.



The pumpkins will be available for free – one for each family, and free-will donations will be accepted. The event will be available after the **8am Mass to noon, only**. For more information, don't hesitate to contact family@kofc7599.org or call Tony at 780.977.4921.

Thank you!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Divine Mercy Conference would like to thank our parishioners here at St Thomas More for participating in the most recent reverse collection by donating food items, or for making another donation to help those in need. Your contributions were greatly appreciated! Needs have increased within our community and our local conference had requests for help from over 50 households in the first half of October. Your generous support will go a long way towards helping us provide for the less fortunate in our community.



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY
GRADE 7-9

DUC IN ALTUM

"CAST OUT INTO THE DEEP"

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday
5:30-8pm

Following 4:30 Mass	210 Haddow Close NW Our Lady of the Rosary Rm.
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Scan this QR code to join our email list




MARIDEN PILGRIMAGE TOUR

Jubilee 2025 - Italian Shrines

Annunciation & St. Thomas More Catholic Parishes
Along with Fr. Francis Mariappa & Fr. Avinash Francis

October 9 - 18, 2025 10 days

Four Holy Doors open during your trip (once in 25 years)

Inclusions:

- Round trip airfare from Edmonton with taxes
- Transfers and transportations as per program
- 8 nights in four star hotels (double rooms)
- 8 buffet breakfasts and dinners
- Papal Audience-Vatican (subject to availability)
- Basilica of St. Anthony, St. Mary of Flowers,
- St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran
- St. Peters
- St. Francis in Assisi
- Private Mass in four churches
- Venice tour with Basilica San Marco
- Vaporetto (water bus) ride in Venice
- Gandolfo Popes Summer residence tour
- Gratuities

Not included: drinks with dinners, ETIA visa & Insurance

Thursday, October 9, 2025 departure

30 - 40 paid: \$5,595 in double rooms

41 - 45 paid: \$5,495 in double rooms

46 - 53 paid: \$5,395 in double rooms

single room supplement: \$790 per person



Friendly reminder for Infant and children baptisms:

We are currently experiencing high volumes in Baptism. Although there will be no Baptism celebration during Advent in December, Baptism preparation continues to be offered. If you would like your child to be baptized in January 2025, please contact us now to make a tentative booking and register for preparation class as early as possible. We are looking forward to receiving your children into the Catholic church! God bless!

PRAYER CORNER.....



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: For those struggling with sickness, facing surgery, or in recovery, especially Chris Simpson, Lucy Longo, Darren Day, Clare Forton, Adolfo Cruz, Lillian Laforge, Diego Rosales, Maria Longo, Marcella Cloran, Carl Blansjaar, Jackie Blansjaar, Orest Witiw, John Gougen, Betty McGowan, Pauline Modeste, Felipe Cortes, Frank Chu, Fern Beaudoin, Julie Lee, Andre Mickelson, Emily Stecyk & Luciana Fung, 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 Jonathan Abcede, Angelo Estacio, Pablito Cuenca, Nick Phan, Frances Mary Voyce, Eugene Kamengele, Joan Kucharski, Mary Ann Beaulieu & Shauna Chong, that He will raise them up to live forever.

CENTERING PRAYER

WHAT IS IT AND WHY DO WE DO IT?

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 6:30 - 8:30 PM AT THE STAR OF THE NORTH
WITH MARY JANE YATES & HEATHER MATTSON McCRADY

Allergy Alert:

There is a high volume of parishioners with allergies to scents and perfumes, therefore we ask that everyone, if possible, decrease the amount of perfume/cologne you wear before coming to Mass. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for not wearing fragrance



Monk Therapy Retreat: Ancient Spiritual Practices & Modern Mental Health with Ron Klok. In psychology there is growing respect for spiritual practices as contributors to positive mental health. Interestingly, many modern mental health practices are reflected in the ancient practices of the Christian mystics. This retreat looks at nine spiritual practices of the Christian mystics—talk, tears, self-knowledge, group, breath, trauma, track, imagination, imitation—how they parallel modern understanding and practice, and how we can incorporate these practices into our lives for better everyday health. **Friday, November 15 at 7:00 pm to Sunday, November 17 at 1:00 pm.** Early Registration (by October 15): Live-in \$355 | Commuter \$285 | Online \$230. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/

be it done *Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese*

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

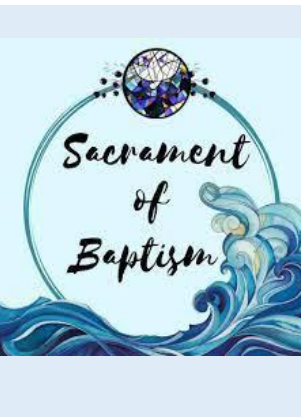
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

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. Watch for the date in early Fall or in the New Year.




SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant 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 Nov 2, Dec 7 & Jan 18 from 10-11:30am while the Zoom meetings for the 2nd part of the "Belonging" online program are available on Nov 9, Dec 14 & Jan 11 from 10-11am. We strongly encourage families to register and complete their preparation as early as possible. Baptisms will be celebrated on Nov 17 and January 5 & 26, more dates in 2025 are available on our website .

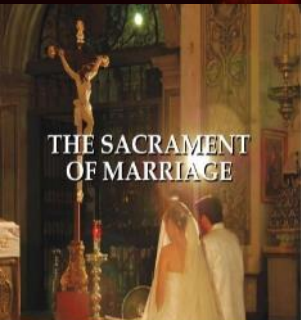
For Later Baptism: We are happy to accommodate children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized and receive all other age appropriate sacraments. All infant and children baptism requirements, preparation options and schedule details are available on our website in the [Baptism Requirements](#) document under [Sacrament and Baptism](#). Kindly email all baptism enquiries to Baptism.STM@caedm.ca or contact Tracy/Bernardine 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. [Registration for 2024-2025 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Eucharist are now OPEN. To register your child please fill the \[Online Registration Form\]\(#\) or use the QR code](#) 



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, most young people receive the sacrament when they are 11-12 years old. [Registration for 2024-2025 Confirmation are now OPEN. To register your child please fill the \[Online Registration Form\]\(#\) or use the QR code](#) 



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: "Time to buy the ring!" 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 Oct 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.