



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 9 pm | Fri 9 am - 4 pm | Sat 8:30 am - 2 pm | Sun 1 pm - 4:30 pm | Closed on Stat Holidays

The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025

WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (JAN 6 – JAN 10)

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (JAN 11/JAN 12)

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 11 am (Rosary in Private)
Mass 12:30 pm (Rosary in Private)



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tue, Jan 7: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
Liturgy Committee Meeting 7 pm
CWL Executive Meeting 7 pm
Grief Support 7 pm

Wed, Jan 8: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9 am
Pastor/Principal Meeting 10 am

Thu, Jan 9: Game Zone resumes Jan 16
STM Pastoral Team Retreat 9 am to 3 pm
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
RCIA 7 to 9 pm
Knight of Columbus Executive 7 pm

Fri, Jan 10: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9 am

Sat, Jan 11: Pastoral Care Retreat 9 am to 2 pm
Confession/Mass: 3-4 pm/4:30 pm

Sun, Jan 12: Mass at 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am & 12:30 pm

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan 14, 15 & 16: First Eucharist (cycle 2) classes, 5:50 to 6:50pm

Sat, Jan 18: Divine Mercy Parish Steering Committee 9 am
In-Person Baptism Preparation 10 to 11:30 am

Sun, Jan 19: New Parishioner Welcome 2 pm

Sun, Jan 26 Pancake breakfast after the 8 & 9:30 am Masses

Sacrament of Marriage

Step 1: When preparing for marriage is to talk with our Pastor, Father Mark. Catholic Marriage Preparation will take place on March 14 to 16, 2025, at our parish.

Register bit.ly/MarriagePrep2025

The registration deadline is on February 14, 2025.



Marriage Preparation

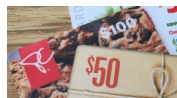
RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER

Father, we pray that the Manifestation of the glory of Christ, in whose image all people are created, will inspire our nation to recognize the sanctity of human life and protect every life from conception to natural death. Amen

The year which is just running out was good, yes, it was precious for heaven, and may the one that will follow resemble it! ... St. Therese

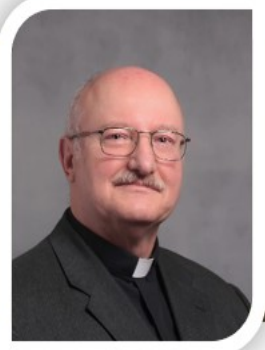


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Please purchase your grocery cards as well as Boston Pizza & Tim Hortons gift cards at the church entrance. Payments can be made by cash or credit card. Proceeds from these sales support various church projects and other charitable initiatives.



Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



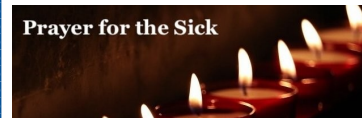
Jesus is the light to All (Matthew 2:1-12)

Led by a star, the Magi came in search of the infant king. They were the first of the long line of Gentile peoples and nations that, through the centuries, came to Jesus's mystical body (the Church), and of which we have the privilege of being part of. After offering Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, the Magi knelt down and paid him homage, being an example for all of us to gladly give up all of our earthly treasures for heavenly treasures. Like the leaders of Jesus' day, we too could become absorbed in the affairs of this life and the pursuit for wealth, pleasure and power, becoming so totally absorbed in such things as to have neither the interest nor the time to pay our respects to Jesus or to welcome him into our homes and our hearts, as our true Lord. The Magi came in faith and returned home, enlightened by their visit to God's place of revelation, knowing that in Jesus, the light of God is given to all people of goodwill. Let us follow the Magi to Bethlehem and offer Jesus all that we have and are. He will accept our offering and we will return, wiser and better. On this Feast of the Epiphany, let us rejoice in the revelation of Jesus' birth to us, the gentiles, allowing the glad tidings of his birth to bring joy into our lives and the star announcing his birth light up the pathways of our life.

**Pastoral Care for the Sick, Elderly
Shut-ins, and Senior Residences**
11th January 2025
9 am to 3 pm
Led by
Rev. Mark McGee
Annette Kennedy
Kathleen Kohlman

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 Greg Nelson, Lucy Longo, Maria Longo, Darren Day, Clare Forton, Marcella Cloran, Carl & Jackie Blansjaar, Orest & Therese Witiw, John Gougen, Betty McGowan, Pauline Modeste, Felipe Cortes, Frank Chu, Julie Lee, Andre Mickelson, Ashley West, Luciana Fung, Joan Rempel, Marion Coderre, Tom Kenelly, Murt Kenelly, Americo Coco, Michael Cummings, Sandy Jungblut, Erin Gaudet, Kelli Lavigne, Felix Moya, Israel Akhigbe, James Villanueva, Sandy Jungblut, Ashley West, Adolfo Cruz Jr., Marcus Cruz and Bishop Greg Bittman 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, especially for Rev. Raymond Guimond, Rev. Donald MacDonald, Emily Stecyk, Lydia Esquerra, Ed Zawada, Lukose and Annamma, Patricia Laverder, Lacousiere and Olga Frost that He will raise them up to live forever.





Hope does not disappoint!" (Rom 5:5)

In 2025, the Church will celebrate The Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 – a special time of forgiveness, reconciliation, conversion, and re-commitment to our mission to serve God through the Church. In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Catholics will have a number of opportunities to embark on the "Pilgrimage of Hope."

Watch for more information in the parish bulletin, Window, social media and on the Archdiocesan website.



The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

caedm.ca/jubilee



Save the Date!
NATIONAL VISITATION OF THE RELICS OF
St. Jean de Brébeuf and of St. Kateri Tekakwitha



Wednesday, January 22, 2025

9:00 am-12:00 pm | Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, 10821 96 Street NW, Edmonton

2:00-8:00 pm | Corpus Christi Parish, 2707 34 Street NW, Edmonton

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

January 2025

Youth & Family Ministry Events

- Jan 11 - Duc In Altum & Verso L'Alto
- Jan 16 - Game Zone
- Jan 17 - YamJam
- Jan 23 - Game Zone
- Jan 24 - YamJam
- Jan 25 - Duc In Altum & Verso L'Alto
- Jan 30 - Game Zone
- Jan 31 - YamJam

Scan to sign up for more information




THE THIRD ANNUAL EDMONTON ARCHDIOCESE

ELEVATE CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY FACETO FACE MINISTRIES

COME TO ENCOUNTER THE LORD
HAVE FUN AND BE EMPOWERED TO BECOME A MODERN-DAY SAINT!
THE CONFERENCE INCLUDES LOTS OF FUN, KEYNOTE TALKS, PRAISE AND WORSHIP, ADORATION, AND MORE.
REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES LUNCH.

Registration: 9:15 am EARLY BIRD | \$40
Retreat: 9:30 am to 4:15 pm AFTER DEC 13 | \$50

REGISTER HERE



GRADE 6-8
Saturday January 25, 2025
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH
13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park AB | 780-467-5470



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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.

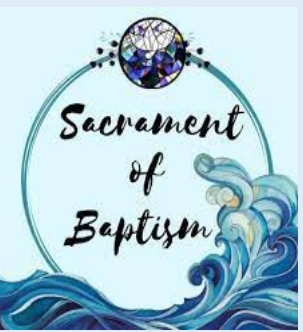
service

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

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. The next welcome is Sunday January 19th at 2 pm.



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. A Baptism Preparation program is required for both parents and godparents. We offer 3 different options for both in-person and online preparations. Upcoming In-person preparation classes are on Jan 18, Feb 15 & Mar 15 from 10-11:30 am while the Zoom meetings for the 2nd part of the "Belonging" online program are available on Jan 11, Feb 8 & Mar 8 from 10-11 am. We encourage families to register and complete their preparation as early as possible. Baptisms will be celebrated on January 26, Feb 23 and March 15. More dates for the remainder of 2025 are available on our website.

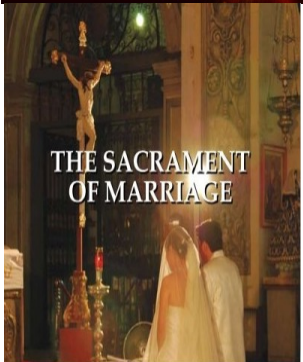
For Later Baptism: We are happy to accommodate children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized and receive all other age appropriate sacraments. All infant and children baptism requirements, preparation options and schedule details are available on our website in the [Baptism Requirements](#) 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 \(Spring Cycle 3\) 2025 is 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 2025 \(Spring Cycle 2\) is 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: This one day, "Christ at the Center" retreat (Feb. 22nd, 2025) is your opportunity to refocus your marriage on Christ. Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it work better.



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.