

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



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2025

WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (FEB 18- 21)

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (FEB 22/23)

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)



THE BEATITUDES

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon, Feb 17: Church & Office is closed for Family day!
Tue, Feb 18: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
 CWL Fellowship at 5:30pm
 CWL General meeting at 7pm
Wed, Feb 19: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7pm
Thur, Feb 20: Game Zone 12:30 to 3:30pm
 Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
 Children's choir 6 to 7pm
 RCIA 7 to 9pm
Fri, Feb 21: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 Funeral of Fred Shinkaruk at 11am
 YAMJam at 8pm
Sat, Feb 22: Marriage retreat, 9:30am to 5:30pm
 Baptism prep for ages 7 to 15, 9:30am to 12:30pm
 Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
 Verso L'Alto/Duc in Altum; 5:30 to 7:30pm
Sun, Feb 23: Pancake breakfast after 8 & 9:30am Masses
 Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
 Infant Baptisms at 2:30pm

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wed, Feb 26: • ECSD special event in the nave, 8am to 1pm
 • Mass: 4:15/5 pm (No regular confessions)
Sat, Mar 01: Divine Mercy Steering Committee meeting, 9 am to 10:30am
Wed, Mar 05: Ash Wednesday; Masses at 9am, 5pm & 7:30pm (No regularly scheduled confessions on this day)

St. Vincent De Paul Pantry is in need of the following items: pancake mix and syrup, jams, canned tomatoes, pasta sauces, Cheez Whiz, canned fruit, juices, & canned meats (ham, chicken). These items go towards helping those in need.



The **later Baptism** for children (age 7-15) will be accommodated only on March 2, 2025 for this school year. The accommodated children baptism preparation will be on Feb. 22, 2025. Commitments to prepare and receive other age appropriate sacraments are required. Please call the office for details or check out this [Baptism Requirements document](#) which is also available on [our website](#). Thank you for your attention!

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



The Path to Our True Home (Luke 6:17,20-26)

The distinction Jesus makes between rich and poor, full and hungry, laughing and weeping is a reflection of the two paths of life mentioned by Jeremiah: one based on faith in God and the other foolishly trusting in human ideals.

The cursed life is the path of rebellion and resistance to God's decrees, seeking happiness in this life from wealth or fleeting pleasures whereas the blessed life is the path of obediently following God's plan for the world, trusting God and setting our sights on the eternal happiness of heaven.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus are telling us that the wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings we might think they are. They are not condemning all who enjoy some of the fruits of this earth but

those who make them an end in themselves.

We are called to trust God and the ways of God, which we cannot always see or understand, rather than the ways of man. In both his beatitudes and lamentations, his blessings and his woes, Jesus is telling us that our eternal goal is the happiness of heaven and to achieve it we must set aside the pleasures and tolerate the suffering of this world.

As Jesus voluntarily endured the cruel death of crucifixion and the Apostles were asked to endure martyrdom for the faith, we must always keep in mind that the eternal happiness of our true home in heaven is worth any worldly sacrifice we can make to get there.



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JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH:

Open House:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 @ 7PM

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH

ACADEMY SHADOW DAYS:

Hockey:

MARCH 13



Soccer:

MARCH 13



Programs:

Enhanced Academic Program (EAP)

Advanced Placement (AP)

Fine Arts

Hockey Academy

Soccer Academy

Spanish Bilingual

Spark Academy (STEM)

Athletics:

Badminton

Basketball

Cross-Country Running

Curling

Flag Football

Ninja Warrior

Slo-Pitch

Soccer

Swimming

Track and Field

Unified Sports

Volleyball

Clubs:

Alberta Youth Theatre Collective

Academic Café

Art Club

Black Student Alliance

Chess Club

Drama Productions

Drumline

Esports

Fashion Club

Fine Arts Club

Yearbook Club

Gardening Club

Green Team

In Crowd

Skittle Squad

Jazz Band

Junior High Leadership

Junior Louis Crew

Student Union

Worship Band

Christ at the Center – One-Day Marriage Retreat

"Putting Christ at the center of our married lives is crucial for maintaining a strong marriage"

This one-day course will be a chance to step away from our everyday lives, to reflect on our relationship with Christ, our relationship with our spouse and on how we can build and 'grow' in our marriages

**Saturday, Feb 22: 9:30am to 5:30 pm
(including Mass & Reconciliation)**

We will encounter Christ and be cleansed through Reconciliation, be fed through the Word and the Blessed Sacrament and go out to be leaven to the world. Marriage and family life are the domestic Church and through our marriages we proclaim God's love to others.

[One-Day Marriage Retreat Feb 22, 2025 \(9:30 am - 5:30 pm\) | Flocknote](#)



The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Bonner Council #7599, invites all boys and girls ages 9 to 14, to our **"Basketball Free Throw Championship"** on February 22.

Registration and practice will be from 9 to 9:45 a.m., with the competition from 10 to 1pm. The event will be held at Joan Carr Catholic school, 1140 Keswick Drive SW, Edmonton.



Certificates and pizza/drinks will be provided to participants, along with door prizes. Information packages, including entry forms, are available at the grocery card counter at the back of the church or in front of the parish office.

FAMILY PRAYER & PROPHECY WORKSHOP

Strengthen Your Domestic Church!

Join us at **Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Spruce Grove**

Sunday, Feb 23, 2025 | 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

A Family Workshop for All Ages

Discover how to hear God's voice through engaging sessions for parents, children, and teens!

Register: Michael.Barry.Paul@gmail.com

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. – Matthew 5:4

At St. Thomas More, we are beginning the Spring session of "Grief as a Journey: Our Walk to Emmaus". This program is from the Archdiocese of Edmonton and is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. The format is a weekly seminar/support group for those who are trying to cope with the troubling effects of grief. In this faith-based program, you will learn valuable information that will help you heal in this difficult time in your life. You will be together with others who are able to empathize with you about the questions and the pain of your loss. We are commencing the meetings at St. Thomas More parish, in the St. Marguerite Room (Library) on Tuesday, March 4, from 7-9 pm. Please contact Deacon Randy or Roseanne Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or by email: randy.abele@caedm.ca for more information or to register.

Prayer for the Sick



PRAYER CORNER.....

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, Mattis Grimoin, Veronica Sprysak, Julie Lee, Marion Coderre, Ashley West, Luciana Fung, Joan Rempel, Tom Kennelly, Murt Kennelly, Flor John Villacillo, Michael Cummings, Sandy Jungblut, Erin Gaudet, Kelli Lavigne, Felix Moya, Baby Elijah Bota, Theresa Imlah, Ashley West, Stelios Kiliaris, Adolfo Cruz Jr, Coen Padilla, Marcus Cruz, Alfred Morrill & Diane Costigan 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 Grace Lintz, Gerald Trisko, Nicole Lacousiere, Gail Turchansky, Dirk Machtans, Leo George, Dorothy Risling, Fred Shinkaruk, Ralph Falvo, Wayne MacDonald & Joyce Makarowski that He will raise them up to live forever.

February 2025 Youth & Family Ministry Events

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| Feb 06 - Game Zone | Feb 13 - Game Zone |
| Feb 08 - Duc In Altum & Verso L'Alto | Feb 20 - Game Zone |
| Feb 09 - Younger Family Ministry | Feb 21 - YamJam |
| Feb 12 - Moms & Tots | Feb 22 - Duc In Altum & Verso L'Alto |
| | Feb 26 - Mom & Tots |
| | Feb 27 - Game Zone |
| | Feb 28 - YamJam |



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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

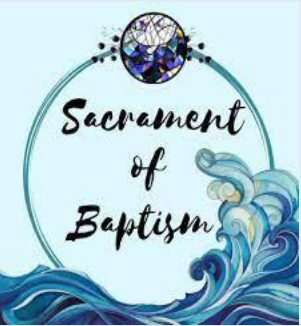
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

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.



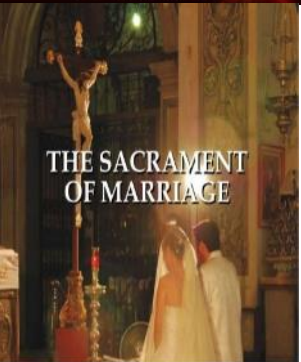
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized and receive all other age-appropriate sacraments. A Baptism Preparation program is required for both parents and godparents, and we offer both, in-person and online preparation options. Upcoming In-person preparation classes for Infants are on Mar 15, Apr 26 & May 10 from 10-11:30 am. Preparation for **Later Baptism** will be held in-person on Feb 22 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. We encourage families to register and complete their preparation as early as possible. Baptisms will be celebrated on Feb 23 and May 4 & 25. More dates for preparation and Baptism for 2025—2026 are available on our website in the [Baptism Requirements](#) document under [Sacraments-Baptism](#). Please email all baptism enquiries to Baptism.STM@caedm.ca or contact Tracy 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 2025 \(Spring Cycle 4\) 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 Thursday evenings 7 to 9 pm.



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