

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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



**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
March 2, 2025

## WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (MAR 04- 07)

**Tue:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm

**Ash Wed:** **9am, 5pm & 7:30pm** (no regular confessions)

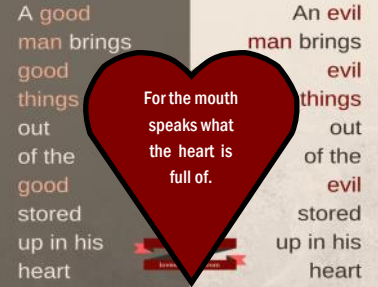
**Thurs:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm

**1st Fri:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (MAR 08/09)

**1st Sat:** Mass at 9am followed by Recollection  
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)



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Tue, Mar 04:**
- Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
  - CWL Fellowship at 5:30pm
  - CWL Executive meeting at 7pm
  - Grief as a Journey at 7pm
- Wed, Mar 05:**
- Masses: 9am, 5 pm & 7:30pm
  - (No regular confessions on this day)
- Thur, Mar 06:**
- St. John XXIII Catholic school visit 9 to 11am
  - People of Mission day, 10am to 2pm
  - Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
  - Children's choir 6 to 7pm
  - Adult Choir 7 to 9:45pm
  - RCIA 7 to 9pm
- Fri, Mar 07:**
- Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am, Adoration to follow with Benediction at noon
- First Friday**
- CWL World day of prayer at 1:30pm
  - Way of the Cross 7 to 8pm (Youth group Lectors)
- Sat, Mar 08:**
- Mass at 9am, Recollection to follow
  - Junior servers workshop at 8:45 am -11:30 am
- FIRST SATURDAY**
- Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
  - RCIA Rite of Sending at 4:30pm Mass
  - Verso L'Alto/Duc in Altum at 5:30pm
- Sun, Mar 09:**
- Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
  - Younger Families ministry 9:30am to 10:30am



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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Mon, Mar 10:** Confirmation (cycle 2) Parent Info. & Orientation, 6 to 7pm
- Tue, Mar 11:** MMM Catholic school Retreat, 9am to 2pm
- Wed, Mar 12:** 1st Recon/1st Comm, (cycle 4) Orientation, 6 to 7pm
- Sat, Mar 22:** Junior High- "Fast & Feast" Retreat.

## Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

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

**Baby & Mary Joseph**

**36th Wedding Anniversary on March 2nd**

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



**World Day of Prayer 2025 on March 7 at 1:30 PM:** Join us for the **World Day of Prayer**, a global movement that invites us to deepen our faith by connecting with the experiences of Christians from other countries and cultures while bringing hope to women affected by injustice.

**Location:** St. Thomas More Parish

**Time:** 1:30 pm

**Theme:** This year's ecumenical service, hosted by St. Thomas More, was written by women of the Cook Islands. For more information, contact STM's CWL at [stmowl@gmail.com](mailto:stmowl@gmail.com).

# Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



## Words and Actions (Luke 6:39-45)

The words spoken by Jesus centuries ago to his fellow Jews are as true and as crystal clear today as they were then.

When Jesus spoke these words, his purpose and intention was not to condemn those of us who were listening, but to open our minds and our hearts to our shortcomings so that we may change for the better and learn to live with our neighbour's faults, and do all in our power to correct our own.

Jesus is telling us that our actions flow out of the nature of our heart (a good person brings forth good fruit; an evil person brings forth evil fruit) and if we pretend to be what we are not, then we are hypocrites, producing nothing but harmful thorns which sting and poison ourselves and our neighbours.

Jesus is telling us that the fruit reveals the tree and we should look at our words and our actions to know the condition of our heart. The only way to overcome weaknesses and sins that we struggle with is to change our heart.

Jesus assures us that if we turn this criticism on ourselves and judge ourselves honestly and sincerely, in a short time we may, with God's grace helping us, notice a change in our Christian conduct.

We may not become saints in a week or a month but little by little we may find ourselves becoming more Christian and more charitable towards our neighbour and less critical of the faults of others.

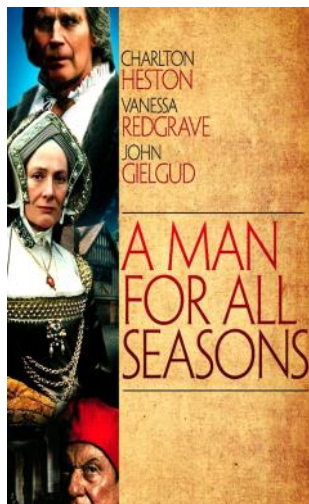


### Open House

School	Date and Time	Website
Father Michael McCaffery Catholic High School	March 4, 2025 at 6:30pm	<a href="https://fathermich-aelmccaffery.ecsd.net/school-open-house">https://fathermich-aelmccaffery.ecsd.net/school-open-house</a>
St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School	March 6, 2025 at 6:30pm	<a href="https://staugustine.ecsd.net/school-open-house">https://staugustine.ecsd.net/school-open-house</a>

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** The **Knights of Columbus** invite parishioners to participate in Rosary prayer services to pray for a culture of life. A **Silver Rose**, part of a nine-month international pilgrimage, will be the centerpiece of special prayer services on **Sunday, March 16th**. This event will honor **Our Lady of Guadalupe** and express international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life. The **Silver Rose** journey begins in March and will end its pilgrimage at the **Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe** in Mexico on **December 12th**.

### Knights of Columbus Family Movie Night - March 28th



Join us for a special evening of faith and history at the Knights of Columbus Family Movie Night, which will take place **following the Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. We will be screening the multiple Academy Award-winning film, **A Man for All Seasons**, which powerfully depicts the final six years of the life of **St. Thomas More**, our parish patron saint. The movie explores the courageous stand of Thomas More, the 16th-century Lord Chancellor of England, who refused to sign a letter petitioning Pope Clement VII to annul King Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon. More also refused to take the **Oath of Supremacy**, declaring Henry VIII as the Supreme Head of the Church of England. This inspiring story of integrity, faith, and moral conviction will be a meaningful way for families to come together and reflect on the example of St. Thomas More. We hope to see you there!

### Catholic Women's League Lenten Quiche Sale

The Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to our **Lenten Quiche Sale** after all Masses on the weekend of **March 8-9**. Enjoy delicious, homemade quiches prepared by CWL members in three flavors: **Bacon-Swiss, Broccoli-Cheese, and Roasted Vegetables**.



**Price:** \$20 each (cash, credit, or debit accepted).

All proceeds support the CWL's charitable outreach and parish service projects. Thank you for your support!

### Sacramental Preparation At St. Thomas More

Register on [stm.caedm.ca/sacraments](http://stm.caedm.ca/sacraments)



### Youth Confirmation

(Registration closing soon!)



Our second (100-youth) cycle of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins March 10 and is nearing capacity. Register your child today!

**Together We Serve** annual donations for pre-authorized donors will be collected this



weekend, on March 2nd. Thank you for supporting Together We Serve, which provides funding for many initiatives that help those in need in our community. Together We Serve demonstrates to both Catholics and the wider community that we are one church, working together to advance the mission given to us by Jesus Christ.



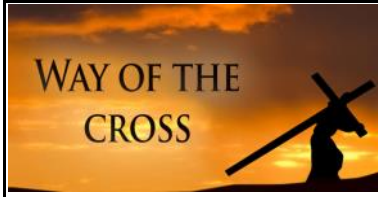


## Masses on Ash Wednesday

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return

Mass times: **9am, 5pm & 7:30pm**

*Let's prepare for the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection*



### Way of the Cross

every Friday during Lent at 7pm on the following days:

March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 4 & 11.

**Lenten Retreat for Women:** The Catholic Women's League invites all women of the parish to a Lenten Retreat on Ignatian spirituality in daily life, presented by Faith Nostbakken.

**Date:** Saturday, March 15 **Time:** 9:30 am to 3pm

**Location:** Providence Renewal Centre, 3005 - 119 Street NW

**Includes:** Lunch **Reg. Fee:** \$10 for CWL members, \$20 for non-members

To register, please e-transfer to [stmcwl@gmail.com](mailto:stmcwl@gmail.com) and include "2025 Lenten Retreat" in the message. **Registration deadline: March 5.**

### 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](mailto: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, Veronica Sprysak, Julie Lee, Jack Macken, Ashley West, Luciana Fung, Joan Rempel, 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, Anni Mary, Diane Costigan & Pope Francis 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 Macrina Kan, Lorelle Wheat, Nicole Lacousiere, Gail Turchansky, Dirk Machtans, Laurier LaPrise, Leonardo Meneses, Fred Shinkaruk, Ralph Falvo, Wayne MacDonald, Helen Ulep & Joyce Makarowski that He will raise them up to live forever.



Mar 7 - YamJam

Mar 7 - Verso L'Alto & Duc In Altum: Stations of the Cross

Mar 8 - Verso L'Alto & Duc In Altum

Mar 9 - Younger Family Mass & Brunch

Mar 12 - Moms & Tots

Mar 13 - Game Zone

Mar 14 - YamJam

Mar 18 - Mass with Archbishop Smith

Mar 20 - Game Zone

Mar 21 - YamJam

Mar 22 - Verso L'Alto & Duc In Altum: Fast then Feast Retreat

Mar 26 - Moms & Tots

Mar 27 - Game Zone

Mar 28 - YamJam

Email [shavi.perera@caedm.ca](mailto:shavi.perera@caedm.ca) or Scan for more information



## ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025

### LENTEN SERVICES

#### ASH WEDNESDAY March 5

9 am, 5 pm, 7:30 pm

*There will be no confessions on Ash Wednesday*

#### DAY OF CONFESSIONS Saturday April 5

12 noon - 1 pm for First Reconciliation

1 pm - 4 pm for all parishioners

#### WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings during Lent at 7 pm

March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11

#### LENTEN MISSION

Celebrated by Archbishop Richard Smith

Tuesday March 18

Mass at 7 pm followed by Adoration



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### HOLY WEEK

Palm (Passion) Sunday - Sat. April 12 - 4:30 pm, 7 pm

Sun. April 13 - 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 12 noon, 7 pm

Mon. April 14 - no mass (Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Basilica)

Tues. April 15 - Mass 8:30 am

Wed. April 16 - Mass 8:30 am

Holy Thursday - April 17: 7 pm\*

Good Friday - April 18: 9 am, 12 noon, 3 pm

Holy Saturday - Apr. 19: 1 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter Vigil - April 19: 8 pm\*

Easter Sunday - April 20: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm\*

*Regularly scheduled confessions are suspended during Holy Week and the week after Easter during the Easter Octave.*

### EASTER OCTAVE

Mon. April 21 - no mass

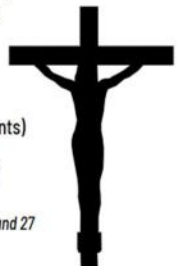
Tues. April 22 - Mass at 5 pm

Wed. April 23 - Mass at 9:30 am (with school students)

Thurs. April 24 - Mass at 5 pm

Fri. April 25 - Mass at 10 am (with school students)

*The regular weekend mass schedule resumes on April 26 and 27*



### 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

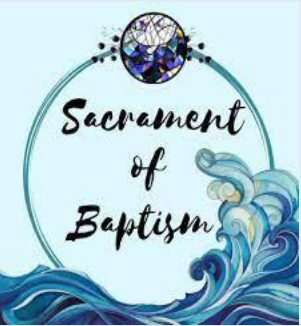
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

Learn more at: [CAedm.ca](http://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.



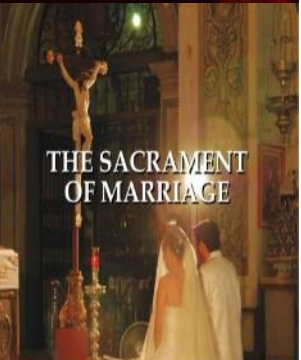
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized 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 8 & 17, April 7 & 26. Baptisms will be celebrated on May 4, 25 & June 22. 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](mailto: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.



**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! Step one is to meet with the priest, even before booking a hall. 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.



**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!!**