

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

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
March 30, 2025



WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (APR 01 – 04)

Tue: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
Wed: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Thurs: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm
1st Fri: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (APR 05/06)

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)



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH


Mon, Mar 31: Confirmation, cycle 2 (class 1), 6 to 8pm

Tue, Apr 01: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
Funeral of Lucie Baril at 1pm
 CWL Fellowship, 5:30 to 7:30pm
 1st Recon. class 1 of 3 (cycle 3), 5:50pm to 6:50pm
 Grief as a Journey at 7pm

Wed, Apr 02: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 1st Recon. class 2 of 3 (cycle 3), 5:50pm to 6:50pm

Thur, Apr 03: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
 Game Zone, 12:30 to 3:30pm
 1st Recon. class 3 of 3 (cycle 3), 5:50pm to 6:50pm
 Children's Choir 6:15pm to 7pm
 Adult Choir 7pm to 9:45pm
 RCIA 7pm to 9pm

1st Fri, Apr 04: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 1st Friday Adoration & Benediction, 9:30-12pm
Way of the Cross 7 to 8pm


 Stations of the Cross

1st Sat, Apr 05: Mass at 9am
Altar Server's workshop cancelled, so they can come for confession at 1 to 4pm
 1st Reconciliation (cycle 3 & 4), 11am to 1pm
 Lenten Day of Confessions, 1 to 4pm
 Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

Sun, Apr 06: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mon, Apr 7: In-person Baptism prep, 7pm to 8:30pm
Tue, Apr 8: **Funeral of Patricia Smith at 1pm**
Fri Apr 11: **Funeral of Claudette Cecotka (Demers) at 11am**

LENTEN Day of Confessions

April 5, 1 to 4pm



Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Be reconciled with God (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

The gospel story of the brothers is unfinished. Each was guilty of sin: the younger one, of greed (or covetousness) and the older, of envy (or jealousy). Envy is the sin which caused Lucifer and some angels to fall from grace and Cain to kill his brother Abel. In response to the older son's envy, the father showed love.

The father was merciful and forgiving and his love for them went beyond their petty greed and jealousy. Were they ever reunited?

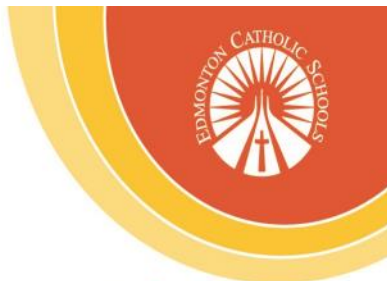
We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with one another. The act of reconciling is God's, but we must freely respond to Him.

God wants to be reconciled with us even more than we, at times, want

to be reconciled with God, and it's God's desire that we be reconciled with one another as well. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness.

The restoration of broken relationships may be characterized as being found alive ("this son of mine was dead and is alive again: he was lost and is found!"). The killing of the calf (enough to feed over a hundred people) meant that the whole village would participate in the reconciliation.

God does not prevent our sinning, but gives us free will, as the father gave his son free will to leave home. Once we recognize our sin and are sorry, God forgives us and receives us with open arms as the father of the prodigal son.



100 VOICES

Pre-Kindergarten
for 3 & 4 year olds

100 Voices provides personalized support and early intervention through play-based learning.

We welcome your application if you or your child are baptized Catholic or you already have children attending an Edmonton Catholic school.

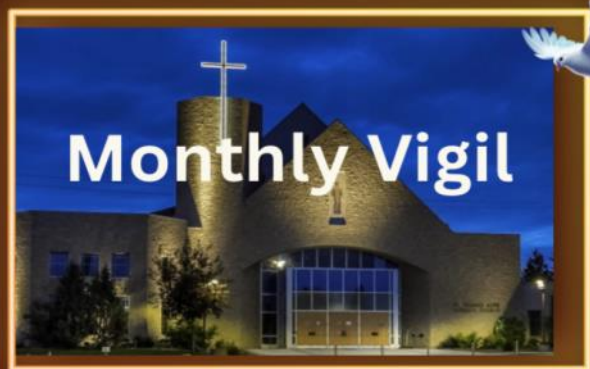
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Building Hope & Dignity Gala- Mark Your Calendar: The SSVP Edmonton Central Council is holding its first-ever fundraising Gala on **June 5 at the Chateau Lacombe**. Proceeds will be split between SSVP Edmonton Central Council and the North of 60 Project which sends food and other needed items to nine communities in the western Arctic. Please consider joining for an evening of fine dining, inspiring speakers, and a chance to win a great prize in the raffle or live auction. Tickets are \$250 each or \$2000 for a table of 8, part of which will be returned as a tax receipt. To buy your tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/SSVP-Gala-2025>. For more information: gala@ssvpedmonton.ca or 825-582-SSVP (7787).

THRONE OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

St. Thomas More Catholic Church Edmonton



Monthly Vigil

1st Fridays of Month

At

Venue: St. Thomas More Catholic Church Edmonton
210 Haddow Close NW, Edmonton, AB T6R 2P3

Time: 10pm - 2am

For Enquiry Contact:
Sis. Mildred - (780) 668-4175



AS YOU CELEBRATE YOUR
25th Jubilee



Fr. Jozef Wroblewski

Mass: at 5 pm

April 30, 2025

Where: STM

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Tickets \$25/person

Sold after all weekend Masses

The trustworthy will be richly blessed.

-Proverbs 28:20

The **STM Ladies Auxiliary** was formed in 1978. Although our activities have changed over the years, our mission has always been to support those in need. Right now we are making quilts for donation to WINGS (Women In Need Growing Stronger), the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Lurana Shelter, the Marion Centre, and other charities. Our group meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 in the choir room. We welcome new members and "guests" to come and see what we do or share a cup of coffee. No experience is necessary! We do sell some of our quilts and needlework items to provide funds for purchasing supplies. We appreciate donations of fabric and yarn for our crafts. Donations should be labeled "Ladies Auxiliary" and left in the choir room. Items that we don't use are passed on to other groups. Contacts: Judy, 780-462-1555, or Karen, otis9@shaw.ca

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, Charlotte Henderson, Felix Moya, Baby Elijah Bota, Ashley West, Stelios Kiliaris, Coen Padilla, Marcus Cruz, Alfred Morrill, Terry McGhee, Andrew Cave, Marion Coderre, Mary Anne Day, Barry French & 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 Barry Haubeur, Adolfo Cruz Jr., Joyce Makarowski, Lucie Baril, Blanche Gibeau, Patricia Smith & Claudette Cecotka (Demers) that He will raise them up to live forever.



Way of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 7pm on the following days:

April 4 & 11.



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

"Spaces for **Infant Baptism** on May 4, 2025 are filling up quickly! To begin the process, please email baptism.stm@caedm.ca or call the office to speak with Tracy or Dorothy".

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*

**with incense*

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

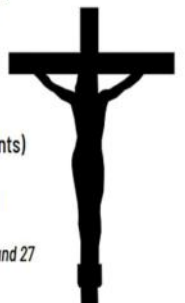
Tues. April 22 - Mass at 5 pm

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

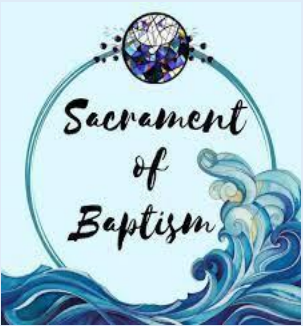
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

Learn more at: CAedm.ca

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.



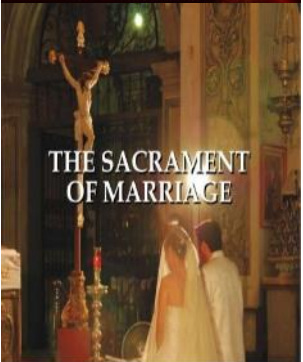
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized 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 April 7 & 26, May 5 & 10. Baptisms will be celebrated on May 4, 25 (full), June 22, July 13 & 27. 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. [Stay tuned for our Summer Intensive class!](#)



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, most young people receive the sacrament when they are 11-12 years old. [Stay tuned for our Summer Intensive class!](#)



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!!](#)