

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



5th Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2025

WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (APR 08 – 11)

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (APR 12/13)

Saturday: Communal Rosary 3:55/Mass 4:30 pm
Mass at 7pm
Sunday: Mass 7:30am
Mass 9:30 am (Rosary in Private)
Mass 12pm (Rosary in Private)
Mass 7pm (Rosary in Private)



“Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon, Apr 07: Confirmation, cycle 2 (class 2), 6 to 8pm
In-person Baptism prep, 7pm to 8:30pm

Tue, Apr 08: Funeral of Patricia Smith at 1pm
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
CWL Fellowship, 5:30 to 7:30pm
Knights of Columbus meeting at 7pm
Grief as a Journey at 7pm
Easter Liturgy workshop, 7 to 10pm

Wed, Apr 09: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

Thur, Apr 10: Game Zone, 12:30 to 3:30pm
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
Children’s Choir 6:15pm to 7pm
Adult Choir 7pm to 9:45pm
RCIA 7pm to 9pm


Fri, Apr 11: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 **Funeral of Claudette Cecotka (Demers) at 11am**
Way of the Cross 7 to 8pm

Sat, Apr 12: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
 Palm Sunday Vigil Mass at 7pm

Sun, Apr 13: Palm Sunday Masses at:
 7:30am, 9:30am, 12pm & 7pm

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

 **Sat, Apr 19:** Blessing of the Easter Baskets at 1pm
Easter Vigil at 8pm

Sun, Apr 20: Easter Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 1:30pm

Mon, Apr 21: Office and church are closed

AS YOU CELEBRATE YOUR
25th Jubilee



The trustworthy will be richly blessed.

-Proverbs 28:20

Mass: at 5 pm
April 30, 2025

Where: STM
Dinner: 6:30 pm



Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Merciful Forgiveness (John 8:1-11)

This act of merciful forgiveness by Jesus has a few lessons for us. Though we are all sinners and have offended God in many ways, He is merciful and knows and understands our weaknesses and frailties.

No matter how many and how serious our sins may have been, no matter how low we may have fallen, the mercy and forgiveness of God is there for the asking.

Jesus was able to forgive this woman and send her away as he took the burden of her sin on his shoulders. In the not so distant future, Jesus will take her sin, the sins of her accusers and all our sins on His shoulders, to free us from the bondage of sin and reopen to us the gates of heaven. He would do this by His suffering and death, by His passion and crucifixion, by a death He voluntarily accepted.

We must also imitate Jesus's mercy by being more merciful and more compassionate towards sinners. While we must hate sin in ourselves and others we must learn from Jesus to love the sinner even while disapproving of the sin. He does not condemn the woman, but neither does He exonerate her.

Let us thank God for sending His divine Son to redeem us and for the merciful sacrament of forgiveness, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We should use this sacrament as often as necessary to keep our souls in the state of sanctifying grace and our penance a means of gaining eternal salvation.

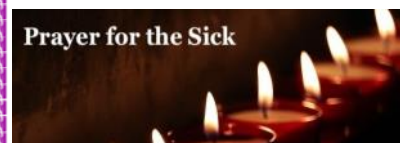


Way of the Cross

Fridays 7pm on
April 11.



Holy Saturday Basket Blessing
Saturday, April 19th at 12 noon



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, Lilian Magaya, Jayantha Wickrama & 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.

Please join us on Holy Saturday for this beautiful, yearly tradition. Families prepare their Easter Baskets and fill them with symbolic items. The baskets are later brought to our church to be blessed at 1 pm. After Easter Sunday Mass, each family and their guests share their blessed fare and exchange good wishes.



Volunteers needed

We will be stripping the palms for Palm Sunday on Wednesday, April 9 after the 9am Mass in the library. "Many hands make light work!"
All are welcome!



There are no scheduled confessions for Holy week and the Easter octave. Confession times in other churches are below:

April 9
St. Matthew: 7 to 8:30pm

April 10
Corpus Christi: 6:30 to 8:30pm
Holy Rosary, 6 to 8 pm

April 12
OLPH: 9 am to 6 pm
St. Joseph Basilica: 1 to 4 pm

April 13
St. John Bosco: 7 to 8 pm

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025

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

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

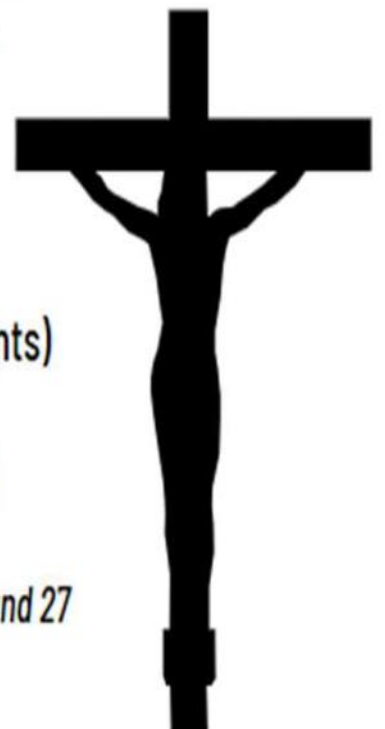
Tues. April 22 - Mass at 5 pm

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

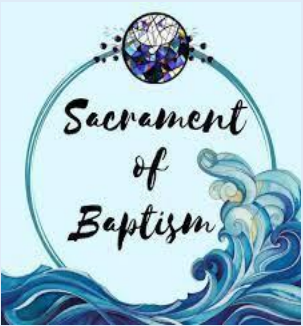
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

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.



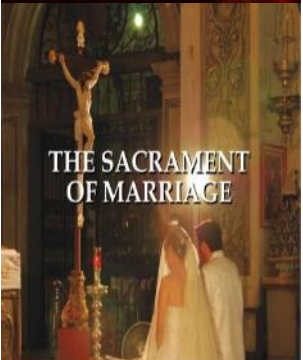
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized 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!!](#)