



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

Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025



WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (JUN 03 – JUN 06)

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

Wed: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

Thurs: Mass: 9:45am w/school

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (JUN 07/JUN 08)

1st Saturday: Rosary/Mass: 8:30/9am
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)

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun, Jun 01: 1st Eucharist Mass at 4:30pm

Mon, Jun 02: Confirmation catechism (#7), 6 to 8pm

Tue, Jun 03: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
CWL Fellowship, 5:30pm

Wed, Jun 04: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

Thurs, Jun 05: Mores Men at 6am

MMM school Mass, 9:45am w/parishioners

Game Zone 12:30 pm to 3:30pm

Knights of Columbus Exec meeting at 7pm

1st Fri, Jun 06: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
First Friday Adoration & Benediction, 9:30am to noon
St. John XXIII gr. 9 Farewell Mass, 5:30pm

Wedding Rehearsal at 7pm

1st Sat, Jun 07: Rosary/Mass: 8:30/9am
FIRST SATURDAY Recollection after Mass in the Rosary room

Wedding at 1pm

Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

Sun, Jun 08: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Confirmation Mass (cycle 2), 2:30pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mon, Jun 09: In-person Baptism Prep, 7 to 8:30pm

Tue Jun 17: **Funeral of Joyce Makarowski at 11am**

Wed Jun 18: 1st Recon & 1st Communion, parent info at 6pm

Thurs June 19: Confirmation, parent info/Orientation at 6pm

THRONE OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

St. Thomas More Catholic Church Edmonton



1st Fridays of the 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



Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Look to Heaven (Luke 24:46-53)

Today Jesus walks with His disciples, blesses them, withdraws from them and ascends to heaven. With shouts of joy and exaltation, Jesus is enthroned in heaven in both His divinity and His glorified humanity. Like the conquering creator-God, He has overcome His enemy (death) and now reigns over His new creation (the Church).

For our part, we live between the time of His departure and the time of His return. Today we rejoice in one aspect of this mystery, His triumphant Ascension and soon we will celebrate the second, the coming of His Spirit. For He will appear a second time, "... to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him." (Hebrews 9:28)

Like Jesus, our goal in this life is to be centered on heaven and not become attached to the possessions of this earth. In His Sermon on

the Mount, Jesus tells us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be." (Matthew 6:19-21)

Though Jesus has left us physically, we do not live without Him as we wait. He is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the Church.

Let us look to heaven, not just today but each and everyday of our life, so that when Jesus calls us in judgment, heaven will become our permanent home also.

The Star of the North Retreat Centre: Your Story, Your Legacy:

Reflections into the Heart of Who You Are. Deep in your soul is the story of who you are. In our weekend of guided reflections, Mary Dunn will help you open your heart to that story and discover the treasure that lies within. Following the wisdom teachings of Meister Eckhart, Fr. Thomas Keating and Fr. Richard Rohr, we will begin the spiritual journey of self-discovery, stepping into the light to better understand God's grace in our lives. We will engage you in a thoughtful and inspiring look at the stories of how you came to be the person you are, and the qualities of your life that are your true gift ... and your legacy to future generations. **Friday, July 4 at 4 pm to Sunday, July 6 at 1 pm.** Early Registration (Limited): Commuter \$445 | Live-in \$545.

Full information at www.starofthenorth.ca/legacy

Building Hope & Dignity Gala- Last weeks to get a ticket:

The Society of St Vincent de Paul 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).



Catholic Renewal Services

WANTED! Passionate lovers of Jesus the Christ! Anointed! Full of the Holy Spirit! **REIGNITED! RENEWED!** The Flame of heaven burning aglow within (Romans 12:11). Come and celebrate Pentecost, Sat. June 7, 2025 at **Corpus Christi Church, 2707-34 St. Edmonton, start time 7:00 pm.** Healing ministry to follow. Celebrant Father Matthew Hysell.

Acts 13:52 "And the disciples were continually filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

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, Darren Day, Clare Forton, Marcella Cloran, Carl & Jackie Blansjaar, Orest & Therese Witiw, Veronica Sprysak, Julie Lee, Jack Macken, Luciana Fung, Joan Rempel, Flor John Villacillo, Sandy Jungblut, Erin Gaudet, Tammy Massa, Felix Moya, Baby Elijah Bota, Ashley West, Stelios Kiliaris, Alfred Morrill, Andrew Cave, Barry French, Laurie Beresnak, Lillian Gartner, Anni Mary, Mona Billington, Mary Jane Olivier & Jayantha Wickrama 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 Mary Anne Day, Eric Pinnington, Suzanne Adamowski, Dulce Sigua, Jane Boyse, Cynthia Fox-Hamilton, Jeff Wiltzen, Cristina del Rosario, Patria De Pazos, Joyce Makarowski, Alberto Calma & Pope Francis that He will raise them up to live forever.



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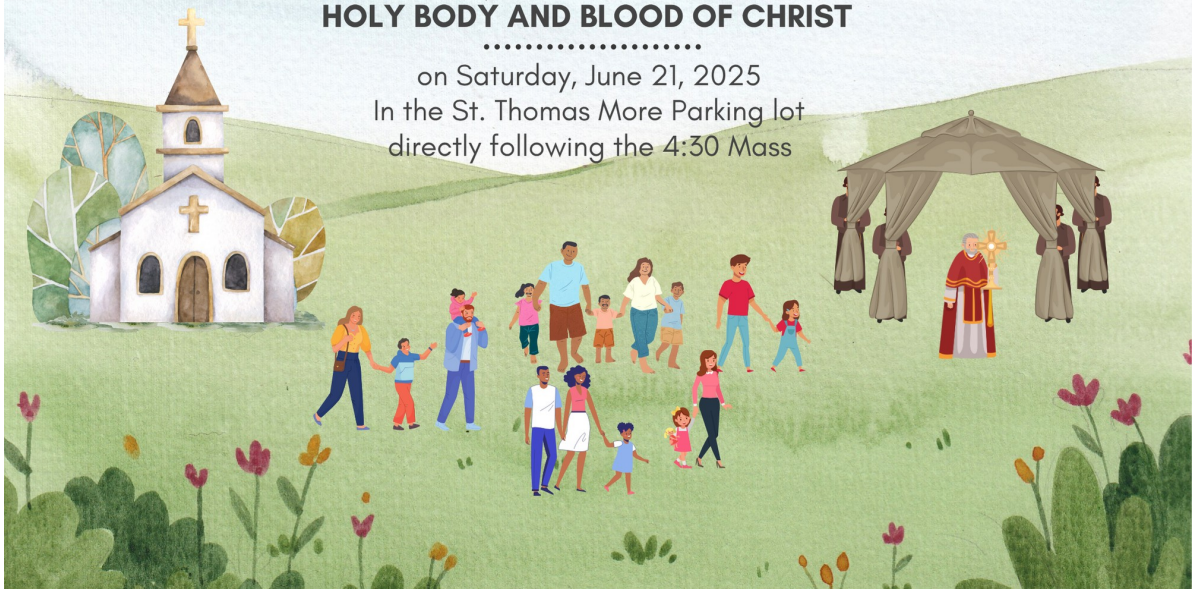
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ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN
ST. THOMAS MORE'S
1ST ANNUAL

"CORPUS CHRISTI" EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
TO CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST
HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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on Saturday, June 21, 2025
In the St. Thomas More Parking lot
directly following the 4:30 Mass



June 2025

Youth & Family Ministry Events

Jun 05 - Game Zone
Jun 06 - YamJam
Jun 08 - Younger Family
Mass & fellowship
Jun 11 - Moms & Tots
Jun 12 - Game Zone
Jun 13 - YamJam
Jun 14 - Duc in Altum
& Verso L'Alto

Jun 19 - Last Game
Jun 20- YamJam
Jun 25 - Moms & Tots

**Summer Schedule
begins**

June 27-30 Family
Life Conference

Scan for more information
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Email shavi.perera@caedm.ca



Do your children like to sing? Are you looking for ways to involve them in Sunday Mass?

Consider enrolling your children in the St. Thomas More Children's Choir for children in Grade 3 through 9. Children must have already received their First Communion. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 6:15 p.m. for 45 minutes and sing regularly at Sunday Masses and special occasions in the parish. Call the office or Johanna Dietrich, Music Ministry Coordinator, at johanna.dietrich@caedm.ca or 780 919 3747 for more information or to register for the fall.



Music Ministry – Do you like to sing? Are you looking for a way to



develop and share your musical talents with our parish? STM Music Ministry is looking for voices to help the choir lead the congregation in worship through sung prayer. The Massed choir sings at all parish special events (including Christmas and Easter Triduum) and smaller groups sing at all Sunday Masses. Combined rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm September to June. For more information, please contact Johanna Dietrich, Music Ministry Coordinator, at johanna.dietrich@caedm.ca or 780-919-3747.

Sound Ministry – We are looking for volunteers to assist with the operation of the sound board during parish liturgies and celebrations. No technical experience is necessary; training and mentoring is provided. Please contact Johanna Dietrich, Music Ministry Coordinator, at johanna.dietrich@caedm.ca or 780 919 3747.

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Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese

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

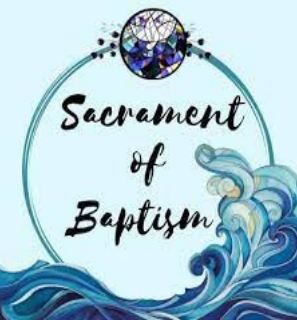
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

Learn more at: CAedm.ca

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR SEE THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT:

Welcome New Parishioners

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.



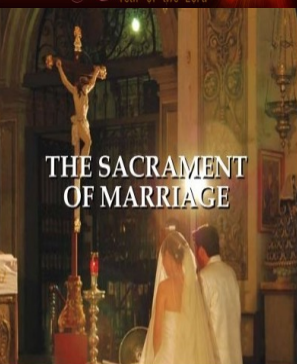
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized 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 June 9 & 14, July 7 & 19, Aug 11 & 16, Sep 13 & 15. Baptisms will be celebrated on June 22, July 13 & 27, Aug 24, Sep 21, 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. **Summer Intensive and Fall Cycle 1 classes—registration is now open!!**



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, most young people receive the sacrament when they are 11-12 years old. **Summer Intensive class, registration is now open!!**



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. Inquirers 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!!**