

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

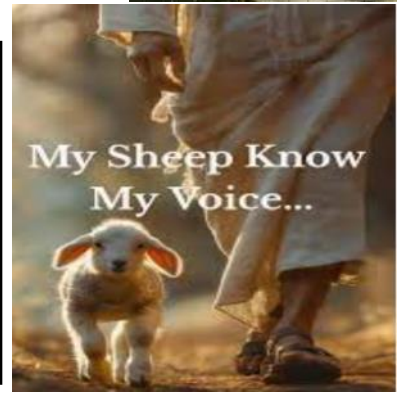


WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (MAY 13 – MAY 16)

Tue: No Mass, priests at Jasper assembly
Wed: No Mass, priests at Jasper assembly
Thurs: No Mass, priests at Jasper assembly
Fri: No Mass, priests at Jasper assembly

SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (MAY 17/18)

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)



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon, May 12: Confirmation (session 5), 6 to 8pm
Tue, May 13: No Mass, priests at Jasper assembly
 CWL Fellowship, 5:30pm
 Grief as a Journey at 7pm
 CWL Market planning meeting at 7pm
 Knights of Columbus meeting at 7pm
Wed, May 14: No Mass, priests at Jasper assembly
Thurs, May 15: No Mass, priests at Jasper assembly
 Game Zone 12:30 pm to 3:30pm
 1st Eucharist (cycle 4, class 1), 6 -7 pm
 Children's Choir 6:15pm to 7pm
 Adult Choir 7pm to 9:45pm
Fri, May 16: No Mass, priests at Jasper assembly
Sat, May 17: Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
Sun, May 18: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 3 to 4 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mon, May 19: Office and church are closed, Victoria Day
May 20 & 22 1st Eucharist (cycle 4, class 2&3)-6 -7 pm
May 22 & 29: Adult Confirmation, (session 1 & 2) at 7pm
Sat, May 24: Divine Mercy Project meeting, 9 to 10:30am



Habemus Papam!

"We have a pope!"

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



The Lamb has become the Shepherd (John 10:27-30)

Known as Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter has been designated by the Church as a day of prayer for priestly and religious vocations.

Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, tells us that he and the Father work together in the work of keeping the sheep entrusted to his care safe ("The Father and I are one").

The Father is greater than any power in the universe, even sin and death, so nothing can break the hold on the sheep that the Father has ("What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand"). This is the Shepherd's unconquerable power, to protect his flock against any and all dangers (visible or invisible).

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows our character, our strengths and our weaknesses better than we do ourselves, for this is the first duty of a shepherd, to know his flock.

Jesus' other duty as shepherd is to provide for and protect His flock which is why he is interested in our lives, has a deep love and concern for the soul of each of His sheep, offering us eternal life & everlasting happiness in heaven, as the reward for being a faithful member of His flock.

Let us hear and accept the message of Jesus, recognizing him to be the Good Shepherd of our flock and strive to be loyal sheep in His fold, for he promised eternal life to those who follow Him.

Thank you to all
who helped make
my 25th
Anniversary
celebration the
great success that
it was!
God Bless you all!



Catholic School Teachers Pastoral References are completed for 2024-2025 school year.

Catholic Renewal Services: The Lord is calling a company of people to an intensity of zeal and passion, to an intentionality and a focus as to advance His Kingdom. We are to fill the earth with the fruit of the knowledge of His glory (Habakkuk 2:14). It is time for restoration of hearts to the Lord! Join us for our Spring Conference 'Strike the Ground,' (2 Kings 13:16-19), in the hall at Corpus Christi church. Doors open on May 16 at 6 pm for registration & May 17 from 9-4 pm ending with a Mass and healing service, start time 6:30 pm. The Mass is open to everyone. Jim Murphy & Kevin Philip, lay evangelists, will be our guest speakers with our music ministry being led by Christine Paranych. Registration is \$50 with lunch before May 14 and for more information see: www.CRSedmonton.ca/events. Come, receive and grow in your relationship with the Lord!

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, Michael Cummings, Sandy Jungblut, Erin Gaudet, Tammy Massa, Felix Moya, Baby Elijah Bota, Ashley West, Stelios Kiliaris, Coen Padilla, Marcus Cruz, Alfred Morrill, Adaora Onyeje, Andrew Cave, Ruben Contreras, Barry French, Noe Roncesvalles, 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 & Pope Francis that He will raise them up to live forever.

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STM CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

VENDORS WANTED

Christmas Market

SATURDAY DEC 6, 2025

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
210 Haddow Close, Edmonton

IN SUPPORT OF CWL SERVICE TO PARISH AND COMMUNITY

Indoor event
Table fee: \$50
Included - table and two chairs



May 2025

Youth & Family Ministry Events

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| May 01 - Game Zone
(Cancelled) | May 14 - Moms & Tots |
| May 02 - YamJam | May 15 - Game Zone |
| May 08 - Game Zone | May 16 - YamJam |
| May 09 - YamJam | May 22 - Game Zone |
| May 10 - Duc in Altum
& Verso L'Alto visit
ACTIVATE | May 23 - YamJam |
| May 11 - Younger
Family Mass & Rosary | May 24 - Verso L'Alto
& Duc In Altum |
| | May 28 - Moms & Tots |
| | May 29 - Game Zone |
| | May 30 - YamJam |

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"I believe..."

A seven-part catechesis series on the Nicene Creed, marking the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

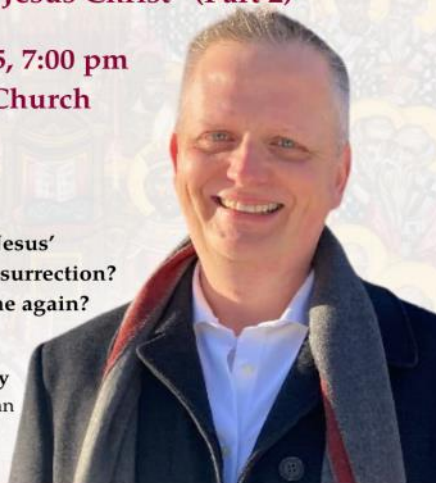
SESSION 4:

"I Believe in One Lord Jesus Christ" (Part 2)

Thursday, May 22, 2025, 7:00 pm
Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Join us to learn ..
Why did Jesus have to come?
Why did Jesus have to die?
What "scriptures" pointed to Jesus' suffering, death, burial and resurrection?
How and when will Jesus come again?
...and much more!

Speaker: Dr. Matthew Kostecky
Vice-President (Academic) and Dean
St. Joseph's College
University of Alberta



No cost, no registration required.
Event will be livestreamed at youtube.com/archedmonton



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).




June 2025

Youth & Family Ministry Events

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| Jun 05 - Game Zone | Jun 19 - Game Zone |
| Jun 06 - YamJam | Jun 20 - YamJam |
| Jun 08 - Younger Family
Mass & fellowship | Jun 25 - Moms & Tots |
| Jun 11 - Moms & Tots | Jun 26 - Game Zone |
| Jun 12 - Game Zone | Jun 27 - YamJam |
| Jun 13 - YamJam | June 27-30 Family
Life Conference |
| Jun 14 - Duc in Altum
& Verso L'Alto | |

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Learn more at: CAedm.ca

be it done

Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese

worship

We are a faith community that understands and joyfully celebrates the Eucharist.


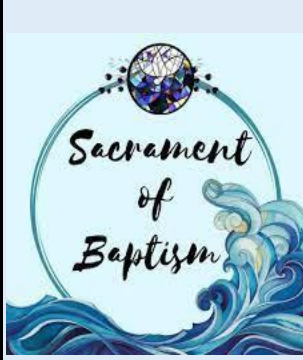

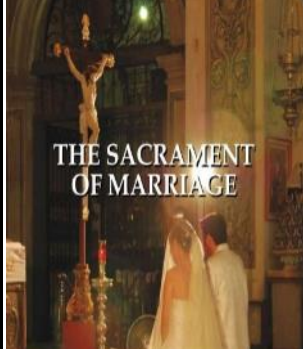


witness

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.

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

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