

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

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025



WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (MAY 20 – MAY 23) SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (MAY 24/25)

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

Saturday: Communal Rosary 3:55/Mass 4:30 pm

Wed: Confession/Mass: 5 pm

Sunday: Communal Rosary 7:25/Mass 8 am

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

Mass 9:30 am (Rosary in Private)

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

Mass 11am (Rosary in Private)

Mass 12:30pm (Rosary in Private)



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon, May 19: Office and church are closed, Victoria Day

Tue, May 20: Funeral of Jeff Wiltzen at 11am
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
CWL Fellowship, 5:30pm
1st Eucharist (cycle 4, class 2 of 3), 6pm
Grief as a Journey at 7pm
CWL general meeting at 7pm

Wed, May 21: Pastor/Principal meeting at 10am
Mass for Consecrated Religious Women, 5pm - Parishioners welcome

Thurs, May 22: Game Zone 12:30 pm to 3:30pm
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
1st Eucharist (cycle 4, class 3), 6 - 7 pm
Adult Confirmation, (session 1) at 7pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Fri, May 23: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Pastoral Care monthly planning meeting, 9:30am

Sat, May 24: DMP Steering committee meeting, 9am
Accom. 1st Recon & 1st Euch, 9:30am-12:30pm
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

Sun, May 25: Pancake breakfast after 8 & 9:30am Masses
Infant Baptisms at 2:30pm
1st Eucharist Mass #3, 4:30pm
Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tue, May 27: Liturgy Committee meeting at 7pm

Thurs May 29: Adult Confirmation, (session 2) at 7pm

Sat, May 31: Mass at 9am for the Feast of The Visitation

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 SSVF 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).



The Knights of Columbus are excited to host **Pancake Breakfast this coming Sunday, May 25th** after the 8 & 9:30 am Masses in the parish hall. Rekindle connections with your fellow parishioners while enjoying pancakes with all the fixings.



Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Love One Another (John 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35)

Love is the door to fully understanding Jesus' willingness to sacrifice himself for us. Jesus' whole life on earth was a supreme act of love. Out of love for us, he was born in the poverty of a stable in Bethlehem and out of love, Jesus willingly carried His cross to Calvary.

Love is the virtue that Jesus taught and proclaimed more than any other. Jesus washed the feet of Judas, His betrayer, and when Judas betrayed Him with a kiss, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus called him 'friend'. Later, while hanging on the cross, Jesus said of His executioners, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34).

As Jesus tells us, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another", we are to love one another with the same self-sacrificing

love that Jesus has shown us. Because God loves us with an infinite love, there should be no limit to our Christian love or charity.

When we look at our neighbour, let us see them as a person made in the image and likeness of God. We were all created by God, live on the same earth, and are travelling towards the same end, eternal happiness with God in heaven.

If the world is to know that we are Christians, by our love, we must live in such a way so that all people can see this. Let's show our love of God in some way, every day.

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

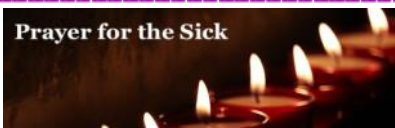
Reflections into the Heart of Who You Are. Deep in your soul is the story of who you are. In our weekend of guided reflections, Mary Dunn will help you open your heart to that story and discover the treasure that lies within. Following the wisdom teachings of Meister Eckhart, Fr. Thomas Keating and Fr. 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



**Special
Mass on
Saturday,
May 31
at 9am.**

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 Hadow Close, Edmonton**

**IN SUPPORT OF CWL SERVICE TO
PARISH AND COMMUNITY**

Indoor event

Table fee: \$50

Included - table and two chairs

BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE & DISCIPLESHIP

STM Divine Mercy Project

Together We Can!

Be part of this monumental journey

Your support will enrich lives, honour our call to make disciples of all nations, continuing the legacy of our faith, and invest in the future, ensuring that generations to come have a place to encounter God's love.

Please reflect on how you can contribute - through financial support, volunteerism, participation, and prayer.

Parishioner contributions

- If each **St Thomas More family contributes \$175 each month** over the next five years (or about **\$40 a week**), the goal is well within reach!

- \$75 per month will be allocated to maintain St Thomas More operations, with \$100 towards our twin parish building project.



May 2025

Youth & Family Ministry Events

May 01 - **Game-Zone**
(Cancelled)

May 02 - **YamJam**

May 08 - **Game Zone**

May 09 - **YamJam**

May 10 - **Duc in Altum**
& **Verso L'Alto** visit

ACTIVATE

May 11 - **Younger**
Family Mass & Rosary

May 14- **Moms & Tots**

May 15 - **Game Zone**

May 16- **YamJam**

May 22 - **Game Zone**

May 23- **YamJam**

May 24 - **Verso L'Alto**
& **Duc In Altum**

May 28 - **Moms & Tots**

May 29 - **Game Zone**

May 30- **YamJam**

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



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 - **Game Zone**

Jun 20- **YamJam**

Jun 25 - **Moms & Tots**


Jun 26 - **Game Zone**

Jun 27- **YamJam**

June 27-30 **Family**
Life Conference

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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.

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>