

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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**Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Tom Sudsbear & Gordon Taylor**

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

**6th Sunday of Easter**  
May 25, 2025



## WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (MAY 27 – MAY 30) SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (MAY 31/JUN 01)

<b>Tue:</b> Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm	<b>Saturday:</b> Communal Rosary 3:55/Mass 4:30 pm
<b>Wed:</b> Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am	<b>Sunday:</b> Communal Rosary 7:25/Mass 8 am
<b>Thurs:</b> Confession/Mass: 4:15/5 pm	Mass 9:30 am (Rosary in Private)
<b>Fri:</b> Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am	Mass 11am (Rosary in Private)
	Mass 12:30pm (Rosary in Private)

"WHOEVER LOVES ME WILL KEEP MY WORD, SAYS THE LORD, AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM AND WE WILL COME TO HIM."

JOHN 14:23

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sun, May 25:** Infant Baptisms @ 2:30pm  
1st Eucharist Mass at 4:30pm

**Mon, May 26:** Confirmation catechism (#6), 6 to 8pm

**Tue, May 27:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
CWL Fellowship, 5:30pm  
EPS Community engagement, 6 to 9pm  
Liturgy Committee meeting at 7pm

**Wed, May 28:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

**Thurs, May 29:** Game Zone 12:30 pm to 3:30pm  
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
Adult Confirmation, (session 2) at 7pm

**Fri, May 30:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

**Sat, May 31:** Sp. Mass at 9 am for the Feast of The Visitation  
Baptism Prep, 10 to 11:30am  
Confirmation Retreat day, 9:30 am to 2:30pm  
Confirmation candidates confessions, 12:30pm  
Adult Confirmation class, 1 to 2:30pm  
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

**Sun, Jun 01:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm  
1st Eucharist Mass, 4:30pm

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

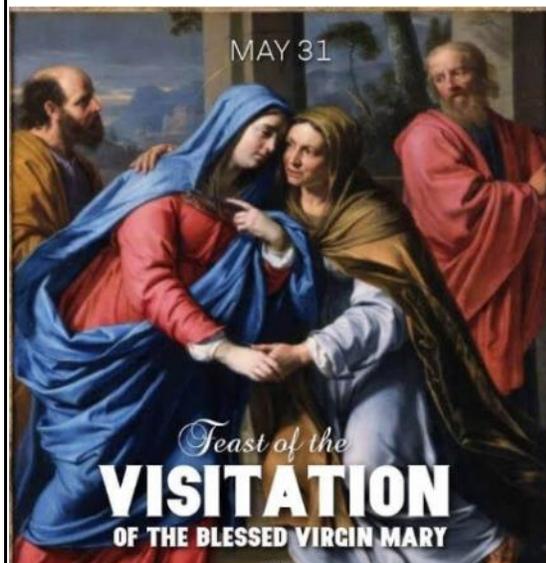


## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

**Wed Jun 04:** PPC meeting at 7pm

**Thurs Jun 05:** MMM year end school Mass, 9:45am, with parishioners



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

# Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



## Peace be with You (John 14:23-29)

John's gospel emphasizes the link between love, obedience and the presence of God with the one who loves, as it announces Jesus' farewell wish of peace, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

Peace is the virtue most sought after in our world today. It is the virtue frequently prayed for, and is the subject of many encyclicals written by church leaders. Pope John XXIII stated that there can be no peace among men unless there is peace in each one of them.

The virtue of peace cannot be achieved by governments making gestures to each other or large powers signing a treaty. It is a virtue that takes root and grows in our hearts, embracing a love of God and of our neighbour.

It was in the message brought by the angels on the night of Jesus' birth, as they hovered over the stable in Bethlehem singing, "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men of good will."

The sign of peace has been instituted as a part of every Mass. The Priest, after consecrating the Sacred Eucharist, conveys the sign of peace by bowing or shaking hands with those around him and it is passed throughout the church. He extends the greeting that Jesus expresses for His church, as spoken today, "my peace I give to you."

Let us all accept Jesus' peace in our souls and extend it to others that we may bring peace to all the world.

### 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](http://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](mailto:gala@ssvpedmonton.ca) or 825-582-SSVP (7787).



**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.

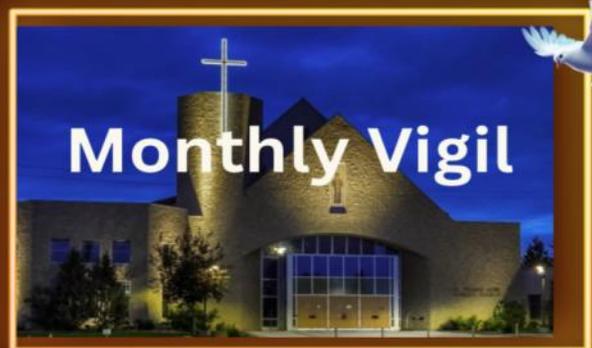


**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED,** for those who have gone into the presence of our Father, and for those whose names are recorded in the parish Book of

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.

### 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 Hadow Close NW, Edmonton, AB T6R 2P3

**Time:** 10pm - 2am

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



# 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

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

## June 2025

### Youth & Family Ministry Events

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| Jun 05 - <b>Game Zone</b>                                      | Jun 19 - <b>Last Game Zone</b>  |
| Jun 06 - <b>YamJam</b>   | Jun 20- <b>YamJam</b>           |
| Jun 08 - <b>Younger Family</b><br><b>Mass &amp; fellowship</b> | Jun 25 - <b>Moms &amp; Tots</b> |
| Jun 11 - <b>Moms &amp; Tots</b>                                |                                 |
| Jun 12 - <b>Game Zone</b>                                      |                                 |
| Jun 13 - <b>YamJam</b>   |                                 |
| Jun 14 - <b>Duc in Altum</b><br>& <b>Verso L'Alto</b>          |                                 |

#### Summer Schedule begins

June 27-30 **Family Life Conference**

Scan for more information  
OR  
Email [shavi.perera@caedm.ca](mailto:shavi.perera@caedm.ca)



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### 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

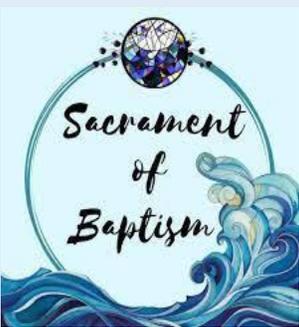
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

Learn more at: [CAedm.ca](http://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.



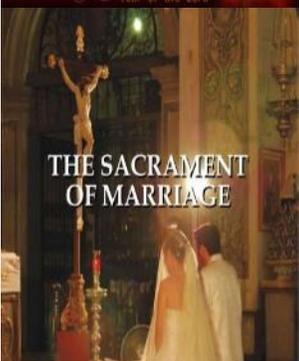
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized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