

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

3rd Sunday of Easter
May 04, 2025



WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (MAY 06 – MAY 09)

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, (MAY 03/04)

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 05: Confirmation (session 4), 6 to 8pm
Baptism Prep, 7pm to 8:30pm

Tue, May 06: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
1st Eucharist (cycle 3, class 1)-5:50pm-6:50pm
CWL Fellowship & Exec, 5:30 & 7pm
Grief as a Journey at 7pm

Wed, May 07: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Finance meeting, 10am to 12pm
1st Eucharist (cycle 3, class 2)-5:50pm-6:50pm
PPC meeting at 7pm

Thurs, May 08: Game Zone 12:30 pm to 3:30pm
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
1st Eucharist (cycle 3, class 3)-5:50pm-6:50pm
Children's Choir 6:15pm to 7pm
Adult Choir 7pm to 9:45pm
RCIA, 7pm to 9pm

Fri, May 09: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Funeral of Mary Anne Day at 11am

Sat, May 10 : Baptism Prep, 10am to 11:30am
Wedding at 1pm
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

Sun, May 11 : Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Young Families, 9:30am to 12:30pm

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 12-16: Priests are away at assembly in Jasper, no Mass

Thurs May 15: 1st Eucharist (cycle 4, class 1)-6pm to 7pm

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

MAY 8, 2025 | ALBERTA MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

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10:00AM Pro-Life Mass at St. Joseph Basilica, 10044 113 Street, Edmonton

12:00PM Rally and March at Violet King Henry Plaza, north of the Legislature Grounds

2:30PM Afternoon sessions at Polish Hall. Featuring CCBP: Meet the Movement and Apologetics

6:30PM Rose Dinner at Polish Hall. An inspiring evening featuring the stories of two abortion survivors. Cost: \$60 per person. 10960 104 Street NW, Edmonton

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR THE ROSE DINNER, PLEASE VISIT ALBERTAMARCHFORLIFE.COM

A DAY TO REMEMBER!



ROOTED IN LOVE

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Our New Beginning (John 21:1-19)

Today Jesus brings Simon Peter right back to the beginning, back to his original calling and like us, to a new moment and a new beginning.

Jesus has fish on the fire and yet asks the disciple for some of their fish. By accepting the disciples' fish, Jesus is showing us that he values the fruit of our labors and what we offer to him. Like the little boy who comes to Jesus with five loaves and two fish (the feeding of the 5000), the little quantity we can offer has value and worth and is our gift for him to multiply.

Sitting down to eat with Jesus, he offers them bread. The last time that Jesus gave them bread was at the Last Supper, where the denials, the betrayals and the cowardice all began.

The scene of Peter's denial at the charcoal fire is reset, and each one of us, when we look at our past failings, stand with Peter at this moment, but Jesus does not condemn.

Jesus tells us, like Peter, that he forgives us and loves us, asking only one thing: "take care of my sheep" - take care of one another, share with one another, forgive one another, have compassion, show tolerance and patience towards one other and to love one another "as I have loved you."

As with Peter, Jesus has forgiven our past failings and all has been put right in this moment. Now Jesus says, again, to each one of us, "Follow me."

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!



Knights of Columbus, Mothers Day Rose Sales

Weekend of May 10th and 11th after all Masses, roses will sell for \$4 each or 3 for \$10. All proceeds go towards Pregnancy Support & Life Advocacy efforts



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, Charlotte Henderson, Felix Moya, Baby Elijah Bota, Ashley West, Stelios Kiliaris, Coen Padilla, Marcus Cruz, Alfred Morrill, Terry McGhee, Andrew Cave, Marion Coderre, Barry French, Lilian Magaya & Jayantha Wickrama that they may be given the strength and guidance they seek.

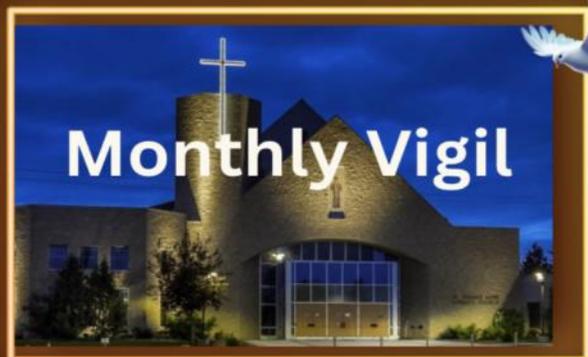


PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED, for those who have gone into the presence of our Father, and for those whose names are

recorded in the parish Book of Remembrance, especially for Mary Anne Day, Eric Pinnington, Suzanne Adamowski, Maria Longo & Pope Francis that He will raise them up to live forever.

THRONE OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

St. Thomas More Catholic Church Edmonton



Monthly Vigil

1st Fridays of 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





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 |

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



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 | |
| Jun 14 - Duc in Altum
& Verso L'Alto | June 27-30 Family
Life Conference |

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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 3 - April 24 "I Believe in One Lord Jesus Christ" (Part 1)

*Lord from Lord? Light from Light?
True God from True God? Begotten
not made? What does it all mean?*

Watch the video replay on the ArchEdmonton YouTube channel!



Dr. Lorne Zelyck
Associate Professor,
St. Joseph's College,
University of Alberta



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

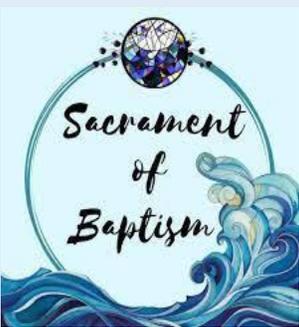
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

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.



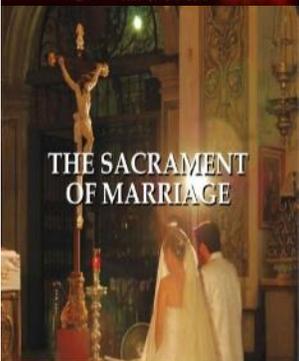
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized 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 May 10, 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



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!!](#)