



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Saints Peter and Paul

June 29, 2025



WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (JUL 01 – JUL 04) SUNDAY MASS TIMES, (JUL 05/JUL 06)

Tue: No Mass (Canada Day)

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

Wed: Confession/Mass: 8/8:30am

Sunday: Communal Rosary 7:25/Mass 8 am

Thurs: Confession/Mass: 8/8:30am

Mass 9:30 am (Rosary in Private)

Fri: Confession/Mass: 8/8:30am

Mass 11am (Rosary in Private)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 30 MINUTES
BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS & Saturday, 3 to 4 pm.

Mass 12:30pm (Rosary in Private)

"ON THIS ROCK
I WILL BUILD
MY CHURCH.
AND THE GATES
OF HELL SHALL
NOT PREVAIL
AGAINST IT."

Matthew 16:18



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon, Jun 30 & Tue, Jul 01: Canada Day, church & office are closed



Wed, Jul 02: Confession/Mass: 8/8:30am

Thurs, Jul 03: Confession/Mass: 8/8:30am

1st Fri, Jul 04: Mass at 8:30am followed by Adoration
First Friday Benediction at noon

Sat, Jul 05: Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

Sun, Jul 06: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm



DIVINE MERCY FUNDRAISER

Calling for Silent Auction items. Knights of Columbus, Father Bonner Council will be hosting a Silent Auction. All proceeds

will go to the Divine Mercy Building Fund. Silent Auction items will be sourced over the summer months. If you can provide an item(s), (minimum value \$75 each), please call Wally Streit at 780 988 8719 to provide your name and contact information. Time line, description and value during July and deliver item(s) by mid August.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jul 7-11: Summer intensive Confirmation class, 10am to 2:30pm

Jul 14-18: Vacation Bible school, 9am to noon

Jul 21-25: Summer intensive 1st Recon/Communion class, 10 to 11:30am

Summer Schedule Changes: Starting July 2 until August 22, all weekday Masses will be at 8:30 AM. First Saturdays are cancelled for July and August.

Nave Roof Replacement: As we continue to share the vision of the Divine Mercy Project—St. Thomas More's future daughter parish—we also remain committed to the ongoing care of our current parish home. Recent inspections have confirmed the need to replace the 27-year-old cedar shakes on the roof of the church nave. Based on the recommendation of our Parish Building Maintenance Lead, Peter Semchuk, and drawing on the successful approach used at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we will be replacing the existing cedar shakes with a metal roof expected to last 50 years. The installation of the new roof is scheduled to take place through August and September.

This work is being funded through the parish's Building and Maintenance Reserve—an account carefully built up over time through regular Sunday offerings, specifically to support major upkeep projects like this. Preventative maintenance is also continuing on our flat roofs to help extend their lifespan by another 5 to 10 years.

If you would like more information, please contact Paul Givens at the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



The Keys of The Kingdom (Matthew 16:13-19)

Today we celebrate Peter and Paul, two pillars on which our religion was built. Peter is associated with the community in Jerusalem and Paul with the Gentile converts. Together they represent the universality of the Church and the red vestments worn on this day remind us of the price that was demanded of them.

Both Peter and Paul are examples of how God can take those who are weak in faith and transform them into champions for the cause of the Gospel. Once transformed, each of them threw himself wholeheartedly into their mission. Their fate should not surprise us for they were disciples of Jesus, who gave his last breath for the life of the world.

Jesus is going to leave and take His rightful place on His throne in

heaven, but He is entrusting the keys to heaven (and the authority over His kingdom) to Peter, opening the door of heaven and giving the disciples direct access to the Father.

When Jesus says that He will build His Church on Peter, this is the first time Jesus uses the word "church". Peter will become our first Pope and a line of succession will follow to our present Pope Leo XIV, all who have been given the authority to continue Jesus' work.

The gates of Hades will not prevail against it as Hades represents the power of death and Jesus, by redeeming us, removed the power of death so that we have no reason to fear anything in this life.

Feeling Called to a Ministry of Healing? Do you sense the Holy Spirit stirring in your heart—perhaps calling you to pray with and for others, to step more fully into a ministry of healing?

If so, **STM's Encounter Conference WATCH SESSION – July 16–18** at St. Thomas More Parish may be just for you. This event is especially suited for those who feel drawn to healing ministry or are open to exploring how the Lord may be inviting them into this work.



Join us as we gather in-person at STM for this virtual online event: **Wednesday at 3:30 PM, Thursday at 5:30 PM, Friday at 4:30 PM**

Expect to be renewed and empowered through Spirit-led worship, pre-recorded talks from internationally recognized speakers, and a practical session on praying over others. Whether you're discerning your call or seeking to grow in this area of ministry, come and be encouraged.

To RSVP or learn more, contact **Monica** at 780 434 6313 ext. 223. **Limited seating is available.**

Prayer Corner...

Prayer for the Sick



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, 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, Lillian Gartner, Anni Mary, Mary Jane Olivier, Constantine Renzi, Elizabeth McGowan, Jayantha Wickrama & Mary Kutty Matthew 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 Rita Kinsman, Hugh Ramos, Irene Dimitri, Kent Haryett, Yvette MacCallum, George Marion, Rita Kinsman, Virginia Cordova & Mona Billington that He will raise them up to live forever.

THE MARKET AT GIANNA

Handcrafted gifts • Fresh produce • Tasty lunch specials •
Local food products • Baby accessories

Shop Local Act Social

Come shop, eat, and enjoy the community!



This week's featured cuisine is Filipino: come and enjoy a hearty, homemade Gianna lunch and bring home delicious, locally made goods such as:

- Artisan soups & frozen treats
- Handcrafted body care products
- Fresh veggies from our garden
- Individually designed gift baskets

Gianna Centre offers free pregnancy support with a wide range of pre and post-natal services to women and their babies.

Thursdays, June 12 to September 12

10:00AM - 3:00PM

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GOD'S PROMISES

CAMPERS AGE 5-10
CAPTAINS AGE 13-17

\$75 PER CAMPER
+\$25 PER SIBLING

1 WEEK ONLY
JULY 14-18

SCAN FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER




ENCOUNTER

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
EDMONTON CAMPUS

Join us for the **Summer Intensive**, a dynamic 4 evening introduction to the **Encounter School of Ministry!**

Experience sessions on:
Identity
Hearing God's Voice
Power and Healing
Inner Healing & Freedom

July 28-31 6 PM-9 PM
Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Spruce Grove

For more information or to register click below or email edmonton@encounterschool.org



REGISTER HERE

You can now register for:

Confirmation—Summer Intensive program July 7 to 11



Vacation Bible School, July 14 to 18



1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist—
Summer Intensive program July 21 to 25



Our Stewardship Prayer

Jesus said, from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." (Luke 12:48b). God of all Blessings, in gratitude for the abundant gifts you have so graciously given to St. Thomas More parish, help us to be faithful stewards that we might return to you the first fruits of these gifts, by generous acts of regular giving, service to our parish & support of the Divine Mercy project.



In the one Christ we are one.

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

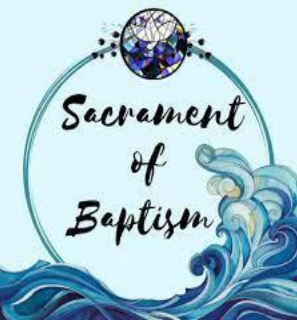
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

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.



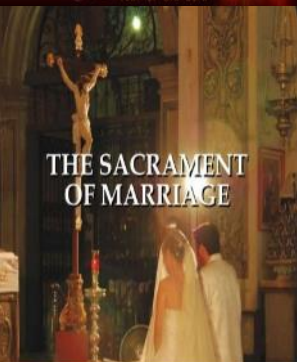
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized 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 July 7 & 19, Aug 11 & 16, Sep 13 & 15. Baptisms will be celebrated on 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 class, 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!!**