

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 2025



WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (JUN 10 – JUN 13)

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, (JUN 14/JUN 15)

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

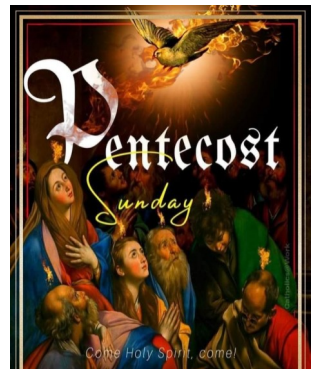
Sunday: Communal Rosary 7:25/Mass 8 am

Mass 9:30 am (Rosary in Private)

Mass 11am (Rosary in Private)

Mass 12:30pm (Rosary in Private)

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



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun, Jun 08: Confirmation (Cycle 2) Mass at 2:30pm

Mon, Jun 09: In-person Baptism Prep, 7 to 8:30pm

Tue, Jun 10: **Funeral of Mona Billington at 11 am**

Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm

CWL Fellowship at 5:30pm

Knights of Columbus meeting at 7pm

Wed, Jun 11: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

Thurs, Jun 12: Game Zone 12:30 pm to 3:30pm

Fri, Jun 13: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

YamJam at 7pm

Sat, Jun 14: Later Marriage Prep, 9am to 3pm
In-person Baptism Prep, 10 to 11:30am
MMM Catholic school Grad Mass at 1pm
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

Sun, Jun 15: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Sr. Emily introducing Catechism of the Good Shepherd, 2pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mon, Jun 16: St. Stanislaus Catholic School Mass, 1:15pm

Tue Jun 17: **Funeral of Joyce Makarowski at 11am**

Wed Jun 18: 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion, Summer Intensive Program—Register today! Parent Info at 6pm

Thurs June 19: Confirmation—Summer Intensive Program, Parent info/Orientation at 6pm—Register today!



Congratulations to the following 30 children who entered into the community of our Catholic church in May through the **Sacrament of Baptism.**

Chinedu Amaechi, Raya Fung, Anderson Huson, Evangeline Niyibizi Ponce, Brielle Ntchongwu Nwaogu, Michael McCormick, Beckett McCormick, Luke McCormick, Scottie Buban, Henrik McCormick, Oaklyn McCormick, Cru McCormick, Marken Osmenaj, Elina Orukpe, Elora Orukpe, Khumo Pfupa, Micah Ubah, Marcela Wilcox, Olivia Gajes, Mystical Simeon, Miracle Simeon, Éléa Bussiére, Keeley Gilmet, Lauren Hilvo, Sheja Nkwaya, Mikayla Nwakwue, Emma Przybyla, Finley Ulbrich, and Mia Timmerman

Please remember our new little brothers and sisters in Christ, in your prayers.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



The Spirit of God (John 20:19-23)

Pentecost day is called the "Birth-day" of the Church. It is the anniversary of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, a sign of the infinite love of God for us, his Chosen People of the new Covenant. Today, Jesus breathed on the Apostles, and the Holy Spirit came upon them, allowing them to give life to all who hear and obey them. Like Jesus, the Holy Spirit is sent by the Father, not as a substitute for Jesus but an emissary, continuing the mission of Jesus by reminding the Apostles of the things Jesus taught them.

The spirit of God (the Holy Spirit) is also the breath of God. It is mentioned in the creation of Adam (Genesis 2:7) and the restoration of Israel after the Exile (Ezekiel 37).

Through our Baptism we become members of Christ's body, his Church and in Confirmation, we are made children of God by the Holy Spirit. As God's 'Spirit-guided' children can escape the slavery of sin and with Jesus are able to address God as "Abba! Father!" The experience of Pentecost is to come upon us like the sound of the rush of a violent wind, giving us tongues, as of fire and filling us with the Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit opened to us the way of salvation, putting grace and truth within our reach. Let us follow the lead of this grace, for it will lead us to an eternity of happiness with Jesus forever, in heaven.

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

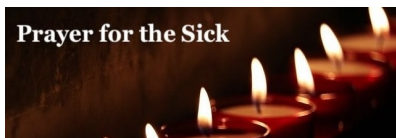
Register now for:

Confirmation—Summer Intensive Program July 7–11, 2025

Vacation Bible School—July 14-18, 2025

1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist—Summer Intensive Program July 21-25, 2025

Prayer for the Sick



Prayer Cor-

ner.....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, Sandy Jungblut, Erin Gaudet, Tammy Massa, Felix Moya, Baby Elijah Bota, Ashley West, Stelios Kiliaris, Alfred Morrill, Andrew Cave, Barry French, Laurie Beresnak, Lillian Gartner, Anni Mary, Mary Jane Olivier, 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 Mary Anne Day, Eric Pinnington, Suzanne Adamowski, Dulce Sigua, Jane Boyse, Cynthia Fox-Hamilton, Jeff Wiltzen, Cristina del Rosario, Patria De Pazos, Joyce Makarowski, Alberto Calma, Pope Francis & Mona Billington that He will raise them up to live forever.



Remembering
Our Dead

ENCOUNTER
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
EDMONTON CAMPUS

LAST SATURDAY
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
200 BOUNDARY ROAD SPRUCE GROVE, ALBERTA

HEALING SERVICE



JESUS PROMISED, "THESE SIGNS WILL ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO BELIEVE...THEY WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK AND THEY WILL RECOVER." MARK 16:17

JESUS CHRIST IS THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN. LET US ENTRUST OUR HEARTS & BODIES TO HIM.

COME & EXPERIENCE GOD'S
SUPERNATURAL LOVE!

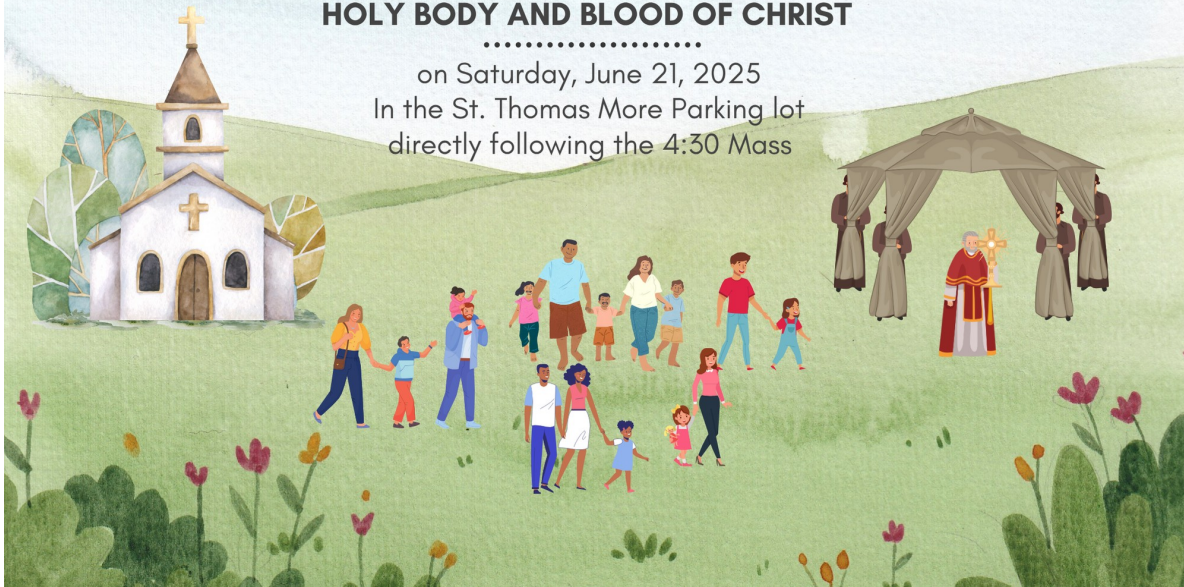
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5:00PM | OPTIONAL MASS
6:30PM | OPENING PRAISE & WORSHIP
7:00PM | GOSPEL HEALING PRESENTATION
7:30PM | CORPORATE PRAYER FOR HEALING & TESTIMONIES
8:30PM | INDIVIDUAL PRAYER MINISTRY

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN
ST. THOMAS MORE'S
1ST ANNUAL

"CORPUS CHRISTI" EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
TO CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST
HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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on Saturday, June 21, 2025
In the St. Thomas More Parking lot
directly following the 4:30 Mass



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 - **Last Game Zone**
Jun 20 - **YamJam**
Jun 25 - **Moms & Tots**

Summer Schedule
begins

June 27-30 **Family**
Life Conference

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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Next weekend (June 14/15) we will have a 'reverse collection' Food Drive. Parishioners will be given a slip of paper with the name of a suggested food donation. If you are able, please bring the grocery items to the church the following weekend (June 21/22) or at another time that is convenient for you. We would prefer that the food items be in smaller portions. If you would prefer to make a financial donation to our local conference, cheques payable to "SSVP Divine Mercy Conference" can be placed in the St Vincent de Paul donation box at the back of the church or dropped off or mailed to the parish office. A donation receipt will be sent to you. Financial donations can also be made online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/The-Society-of-Saint-Vincent-de-Paul-Divine-Mercy-Conference/>

Thank you in advance for your generosity in feeding



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

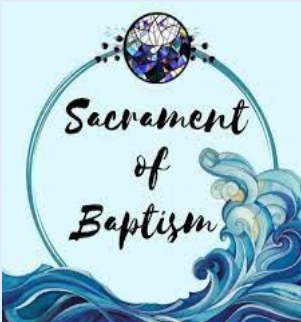
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

Learn more at: CAedm.ca

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

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.



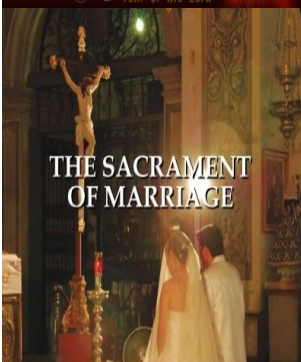
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized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



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!!**