

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

## July 2025



### WEEKDAY LITURGIES, (JUL 08 – AUG 22) SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**Tue:** Confession/Mass: 8/8:30am

**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)



## SUMMER HOLIDAYS

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Jul 19 at 11am: Funeral of Andrew Cave**

**Jul 23 at 1pm: Funeral of Barry French**

**Jul & Aug:** First Saturdays will take a pause but First Friday will be observed.

### FAREWELL MASS FOR

**OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR,**

**FR. AVINASH FRANCIS**

**ON JULY 15 AT 6 PM**



### Knights of Columbus Culture of Life



THANK YOU to all parishioners who supported the Knights "Culture of Life " fundraising over the past year. Through your generous support for Mothers Day Rose sales and the Movie Nights, Fr. Bonner Council #7599, disbursed **\$4274.54** amongst the following Life Advocacy and Pregnancy support organizations like March for Life, The Back Porch, Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform, Giana Centre, Wilberforce Project & Edmonton Pro Life



### 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. You can help make this fund raiser a real success.

**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



(Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 / Luke 10:25-37 / Luke 10:38-42 / Luke 11:1-13)

**Luke 10:1-12** We are being sent out into the world to heal the sick and cast out demons. A friendly smile, word of gratitude, or soothing touch can help heal and ease someone's pain. By our good works, forgiveness and understanding we can cast out the demons of poverty, hatred and violence. If they are not cast out by us, then by whom?

**Luke 10:25-37** Jesus reveals to us what it means to be a loving person, to love without deciding who is deserving. As disciples of Jesus we are called to have the love of God in our mouths and in our hearts. It is to be reflected in our way of living, of loving God and loving others, even those we are not inclined to love.

**Luke 10:38-42** We are to share the best we have to offer, giving our time and meeting the needs of those who come to us. At times, serving God and carrying out His mission is the best way to know and experience God whereas at other times it is more important to sit quietly at His feet and listen to what He is saying.

**Luke 11:1-13** Our prayer is always directed toward God, as we see in the 'Our Father', even if we pray to a Saint, say a prayer of praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition. Jesus assures us that if we turn to God and humbly acknowledge our needs, God is more than willing to give us what we request.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Divine Mercy Conference** would like to thank everyone who participated in the most recent reverse collection by donating food items or by making a financial donation to help those in need. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will go a long way towards helping us provide for those facing hardship in our community.

**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, Lillian Gartner, Anni Mary, Mary Jane Olivier, Constantine Renzi, Elizabeth McGowan, Jayantha Wickrama, John Dunkin, Terry McGhee & 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 Aurele Beaudoin, Rita Kinsman, Virginia Cordova, Barry French, Mely Bagalacs, Andrew Cave & Marilyn Radosh that He will raise them up to live forever.



**Congratulations** to the following 14 children who entered into the community of our Catholic church in June through the **Sacrament of Baptism** Hugo McLeod, K'yanna Amenyaglo, Natalia Conley, Gavin Florendo, Olivia Irving, Annie Le, Clark Acheson, Arjen Mina, Aiden Nguyen, Damian Nitin, Lotachukwu Onyebuchi, Adaora Onyeje, Samantha Roque & Joaquin Taira. **Please remember our new little brothers and sisters in Christ, in your prayers.**



You can register on our website for our Fall cycle of:

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist, (Parent Orientation on Sept 9 )

Confirmation (Parent Orientation on Sept 10)



The **Catholic Renewal Services** of the Archdiocese of Edmonton is hosting their next Mass with Healing Service on Saturday July 19, 6:30 pm, with Fr. Matthew Hysell presiding. It will be held at St. Emeric's Hungarian Catholic Church (12960-112 St NW Edmonton). [www.crsedmonton.ca/events](http://www.crsedmonton.ca/events)

All bulletin items and announcements should be directed to: [communications.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:communications.stm@caedm.ca) by Wednesday @ noon.

### 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.***



#### THURSDAY, August 14

6:30 p.m. - Reconciliation  
7:00 p.m. - Rosary  
7:30 p.m. - Vespers  
8:00 p.m. - Mass at the Grotto

Solemn Mass  
Presided by His Excellency  
Most Rev. Bishop Gary Franken

The Blessed Sacrament  
Procession with lit candles  
will follow the blessing of the  
religious articles.

#### FRIDAY, August 15

10:00 a.m. - Mass at the Grotto  
with the Sacrament  
of the Sick

The Blessed Sacrament  
Procession with lit candles  
will follow the blessing of the  
religious articles.



August 14 - 15, 2025

Skaro Shrine

107th  
Annual  
Pilgrimage  
2025

**St. Thomas More has booked a school bus to go to Skaro however seats are limited. A sign up sheet is available at the entrance of the church.**

### Dear Church Family,

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support. Whether through your presence, service, or quiet acts of kindness, you reflect the love of Christ in powerful ways. I am truly blessed to walk alongside each of you in this journey of faith.

Throughout this time, I have enjoyed working with all of you in the various ministries of the Church. Together, we have worshipped, prayed, celebrated every moment of grace and on this journey of faith.

My sincere thanks to Fr. Mark, Deacons and our Church staff for your friendship, support and encouragement. And to every member of this parish, thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of your lives.

Few words to express my feelings and its so hard to convey on how deeply I appreciate the love and support that you gave me. From the very bottom of my heart, I thank you for these amazing and fruitful days together. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Thank you for the beautiful memories. And thank you for being the church. May the Lord bless you and remain with you always. May we continue to seek God's will together and be a light to our community. Thank You

With gratitude and love in Christ,

**Fr. Avinash Francis**

**Associate Pastor**



# 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

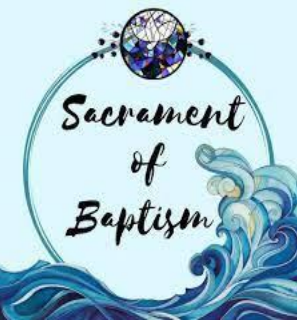
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

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



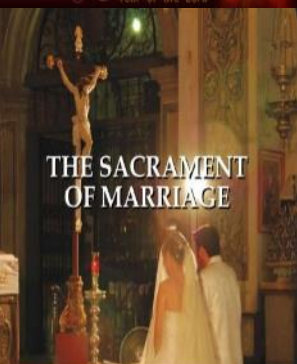
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized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



**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, most young people receive the sacrament when they are 11-12 years old. **Confirmation Fall Cycle 1 is now open for registration.**



**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!!**