



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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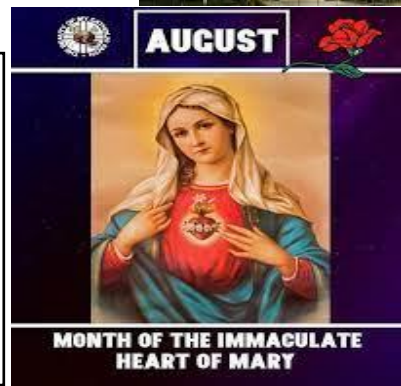
Pastor: **Fr. Mark McGee**

Seminary Intern: **Noah Kungel**

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

August 2025



WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Tue, Wed, Thurs & Fri: Mass at 8am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

AFTER WEEKDAY MASS &
Saturday, 3 to 4 pm.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Aug 04: **Church & Office are closed- Civic holiday**

Aug 15: **Sp. Mass at 7pm for the Feast of The Assumption (no morning Mass).**

SUMMER CATHOLIC LIFE REMINDERS

As you enjoy the summer season, don't forget to tend to the spiritual life of your household!

HOME & CAR BLESSINGS

New home? New car? Summer is a great time for a blessing! Send us an email communications.stm@caedm.ca to schedule.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME: October 19 at 2pm.

BAPTISM & FAITH FORMATION

Register now for infant baptism and Fall catechesis (First Communion, Confirmation, etc.). Early registration helps us plan well! Adult scripture studies start again this Fall.

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Feeling called to the church? We invite you to explore the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Inquiries welcome! (Pls. see reverse of bulletin for more details).

Contact the Parish Office 780 434 6313 or visit our website.



Hello everyone! My name is **NOAH KUNGEL** and I'm super excited to do my internship here at St. Thomas More this year. I grew up on an acreage near the small town of Hay Lakes with two older brothers and one younger sister. I entered seminary straight after high school and now will be starting my 7th year at St. Joseph Seminary in the fall. In my free time I enjoy all sorts of sports but most recently I have really been enjoying rock climbing, running and snowboarding. The past couple of summers I have also been blessed with the opportunity to do Wildland Firefighting up in Valleyview as my summer job which has been a great opportunity to be in the outdoors and do a bit of manual labour to be refreshed for each new year at the seminary. I can't wait to meet you all this year!



If you have signed up to take the bus at St. Thomas More church and are not going, please call the office as we now have a wait list.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



(Luke 12:13-21 / Luke 12:32-48 / Luke 12:49-53)

Luke 12:13-21 The man's death is not a punishment for his greed, but simply an end of a life collecting what does not last and is valueless. True wealth is our relationship with God through Jesus, measured in the exercise of virtue, the performance of good deeds, the practice of charity and the amount of love we have for God and our neighbour. The time we have in this life flies by, so let us focus our time and efforts towards giving it away in love!

Luke 12:32-48 We will all be held accountable and our vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We must be vigilant so we can recognize God in the people with whom we live and work; always ready to respond to the call of discipleship and to serve where there is

a need. We are called upon to trust in the promises of God through faith and prayer, living a life of faith in the expectation of the full and ultimate coming of God.

Luke 12:49-53 Jesus came to set the world and our hearts on fire, enduring the cross as an example for us to follow. As disciples we do not have to do heroic deeds but live our lives in heroic ways. As parents sacrifice themselves for their children; soldiers, police and firefighters put themselves at risk for perfect strangers, let us pray that Jesus will grant the gift of unity to all members of our families, to all peoples, and to help heal the divisions in this world.

All those involved or interested in Pastoral Care to shut-ins, sick, senior's homes & care centers:

TRAINING

September 7, 2 to 3:30pm (1 of 2)

September 14, 2 to 3:30pm (2 of 2)

RETREAT: November 22,

At: 10am to 5:30pm



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Classes start Monday Sept 8th. Come and See for FREE Sept 8, 15, 22, 6-9pm Holy Trinity Catholic Church or Register today!

<https://encounterschool.org/edmonton/>

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, Marcella Cloran, Carl & Jackie Blansjaar, Orest 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 Therese Witiw, Clare Forton, Kathy Bourbonniere, Rita Kinsman, Virginia Cordova, Barry French, Mely Bagalacs, Carmen Remo, Margo McLean, Andrew Cave & Marilyn Radosh that He will raise them up to live forever.



Congratulations to the following 20 children who entered into the community of our Catholic church in July through the **Sacrament of Baptism**, Beckett Skaaning, Bryer Skaaning, Alexandra Chan, Rebekah Perez, Cooper Gregorio, Renee Russell, Ezekiel Russell, Gia Sargeant, Isabella Ballesteros, Jian Bendulo, Ronen Chai, Khaleesi Khounxay, Oscar MacLean, Matteo Maraan, Alexander Miranda, Jace Navarro, Nova Rutachokoziwa, Anayah Umasor, Kobichimdi Uraih & Jayden Lanzona.

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

Dear Parishioners,

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, taken from the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Jesus says to us, draw our “neighbour” circle bigger. We are all connected and we should care.

Who is our neighbour?

In these days in facing our capacity challenges, where in these recent years we have been welcoming thousands of new people to Edmonton and especially in South West Edmonton we are definitely being stretched. Our capacities are being tested.

Some of us want to say: “Not my problem”.

That sounds too much like the temple priest and Levite who passed by on the other side to avoid the problem.

We have seen that too. I have spoken to several people who have decided to just go to a different parish rather than help with the problems we are facing here.

The invitation to reach out and to re-imagine-to reinvent our sense of community and responsibility on a larger scale-to draw our circle bigger-is a challenge that lies at the heart of Christian living.

Some people want to say: “It’s not my problem. I have already done my part.” It describes a higher level of generosity and moral accountability. The financial generosity of the Good Samaritan should inspire us to a selflessness that puts the well-being of a brother or sister ahead of our own. That we should be willing to share from our own resources to give strength and encouragement to our neighbour in need.

Taking from the motto of Pope Leo XIV: *“In the one Christ we are one”*.

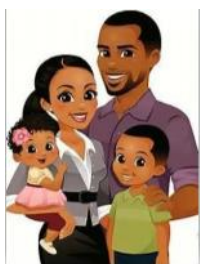
Yours in Christ,

Fr. Mark McGee



Great Churches get built by great, generous and faith filled people! Without devout parishioners nothing can be accomplished. Pray for the success of St. Thomas More’s Divine Mercy Project. Please consider increasing your level of regular financial giving. Pitter Patter let’s get at ‘er! Thank you for your support!

St. Thomas More Afro-Heritage Mass (STMAHC)



“St. Thomas More Afro Heritage Mass” &
BBQ will be on August 24 at 3pm
at Capilano Park Site 1
10810 54 st NW

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.



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

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

Confirmation (Parent Orientation on Sept 10)



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

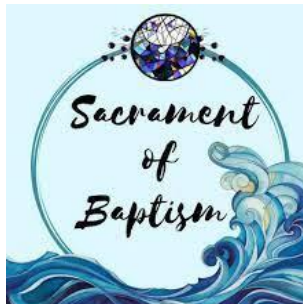
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

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. We welcome New Parishioners on October 19th at 2pm.



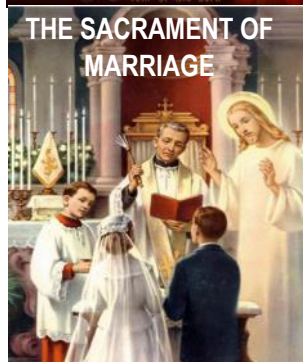
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized 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 Aug 11 & 16, Sep 13 & 15, Oct 6 & 18, Nov 3 & 8 and Dec 1 & 13. Baptisms will be celebrated on Aug 24, Sep 21, Oct 19 & 26 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 COMMUNION: Most Catholic children receive their First Holy Communion when they are 7 or 8 years old, as this is considered the age of reason. **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. **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. **NICODEMUS NIGHT RCIA Intro session is 21 Sept at 2:30pm.**



Dear Teachers, **Pastoral/Teacher references** for registered parishioners of STM are completed twice a year, once in the fall and in late spring. Please complete your portion of the reference provided by your school district and send it via email to communications.stm@caedm.ca or drop off a copy at the office.

SICK OR SHUT-INS: To request Holy Communion please call the parish office, (780) 434 6313. **Volunteers needed!!**