



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

August 24, 2025



WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Tue, Wed, Thurs & Fri: Mass at 8am
(except Friday August 29 at 12 noon)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

WEEKDAYS: follows MASS as needed & possible

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)



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tue, Aug 26: Mass at 8am, Confessions ff
Funeral at 11am
Liturgy Committee meeting at 7pm

Wed, Aug 27: Mass at 8am, Confessions ff

Thurs, Aug 28: Mass at 8am, Confessions ff
Pastoral working retreat, 9am to 2pm
ECSD School Music practice, 3 to 7:30pm

Fri, Aug 29 ECSD School Mass at 9am
Parish weekday Mass: 12 noon
Wedding rehearsal at 6pm

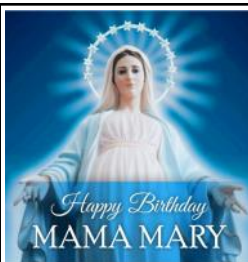
Sat, Aug 30: Wedding at 1pm
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

Sun, Aug 31: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 1: Church & Office are closed- Labour Day

Sept 1 to 5: Annual Priest's retreat, no weekday Masses!



**Special Mass on
Sept 8 at 7pm for the
Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary!**



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!

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



(Let us go Forth! (Luke 13:22-30)

Jesus tells us that simply believing, being a good person, or saying an occasional prayer is not enough.

At the end of every Mass we are sent out with the words, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!" This is not a polite dismissal, but our marching orders!

Jesus will bring all the people from the east, west, north and south to His kingdom when we take the Word of God to the people in our lives.

We are the Church militant, soldiers for Christ, called to carry His light into a dark and dangerous world and like the Disciples, we are to proclaim Him in word, deed, and love, wherever we go.

Many will hear and see the glory of God through us as we are sent to be the light shining on the hill for all to see and the yeast that enables

the dough to rise.

We proclaim the Word of God in the way we conduct our lives in our offices, in the supermarkets, in the classrooms, in our neighbourhood and in our families.

As we are baptized into the life of Christ, we are called to be Christlike to all we meet in the world, as our faith is not only about the salvation of our own soul, but the salvation of all peoples souls.

The door to heaven is a narrow one and the journey leading to it may seem long, but eternal happiness in the Kingdom of God is worth it.

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

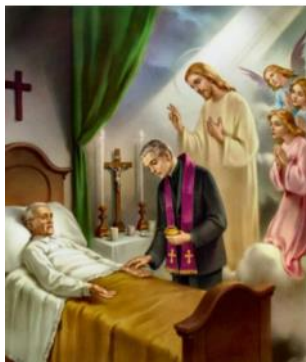
TRAINING

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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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, Sandy Jungblut, Erin Gaudet, Tammy Massa, Felix Moya, Baby Elijah Bota, Ashley West, Stelios Kiliaris, Alfred Morrill, Lillian Gartner, Bob Gerow, Mary Jane Olivier, Constantine Renzi, Guenivere Swan, Connie Reed, Jayantha Wickrama, Bishop Greg Bittman, Terry McGhee, Coen Padilla, Harry Buddle & 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 Clare Forton, Tim Mellot, Maria Wan, Marilys Coulombe, Barbara Bienvenue, Romeo Carlos & Maureen Chauvet that He will raise them up to live forever.

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/>

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 are always welcome! (Pls. see reverse of bulletin for more details including "NICODEMUS NIGHT").



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



REGISTER NOW!! @ <https://stm.caedm.ca/> for our Fall cycle sacraments:

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist, (Parent Orientation on Sept 9)
Confirmation (Parent Orientation on Sept 10)



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!

Fall 2025 STM Scripture Study: A scripture study will begin on Monday, September 15, 2025 from 7pm. to 9pm in the Marguerite d’Youville room (Library) at the parish. There will be 9 weekly sessions – the last one on December 1, 2025. We will be studying: “The Creed of the Church”. This year is the 1700th year anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, from which the Nicene Creed originated. Our study helps us reflect more deeply on the core truths that we profess. I will bulk-order the workbooks to save money and the cost should be \$15 per book. The books will be distributed at the first session. Join to learn, pray, and share your faith. Because of room space limitations there will be a limit of 15 participants. For registration or information call Deacon Randy Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or email: randy.abele@caedm.ca

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, description and value and deliver item(s) by mid August. You can help make this fund raiser a real success.



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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

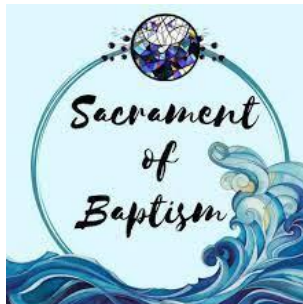
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

Learn more at: CAedm.ca

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



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.



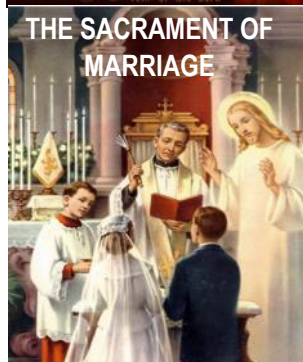
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized 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 Sep 13 & 15, Oct 6 & 18, Nov 3 & 8 and Dec 1 & 13. Baptisms will be celebrated on 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 2pm.**



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!!**