



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 31, 2025



WEEKDAY LITURGIES

No weekday Masses,
Annual Priest's retreat, Sept 1 to 5

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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)

Humility



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon Sept 1: Church & office closed, Labour Day

Tue Sept 2: No Mass, annual priest's retreat
CWL Executive meeting at 7pm

Wed, Sept 3: No Mass, annual priest's retreat

Thurs, Sept 4: No Mass, annual priest's retreat

1st Fri, Sept 5: No Mass, annual priest's retreat

First Friday

Adoration at 9am

Benediction at noon

1st Sat, Sept 06: Rosary before Mass

FIRST SATURDAY

Mass at 9am

Rosary Talk is cancelled due to Funeral
Accom. Baptism Prep. for older children
9:30am to 12:30pm

Funeral of Maria Wan at 12pm

Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

Sun, Sept 07: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Pastoral Care Training (1 of 2), 2 to 3:30pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

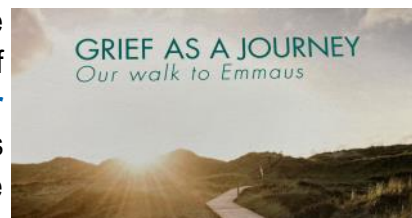
Tue Sept 9: 1st Recon/Communion, Parent info at 6:30pm

Wed Sept 10 Confirmation, Parent info at 6:30pm

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" –
Matthew 5:4

At St. Thomas More, we are beginning the Fall session of **"Grief as a Journey: Our Walk to Emmaus"**. This program is from the Archdiocese of Edmonton

and is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. The format is a weekly seminar/support group for those who are trying to cope with the troubling effects of grief. In this faith-based program, you will learn valuable information that will help you heal in this difficult time in your life. You will be together with others who are able to empathize with you about the questions and the pain of your loss. We are commencing the meetings at St. Thomas More parish, in the St. Marguerite Room (Library) on Thursday, September 25, 2025 from 7-9 pm. Please contact Deacon Randy or Roseanne Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or by email: Randy.abele@caedm.ca for more information or to register.



Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Stay Humble (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

Humility may be the noblest of all virtues, for out of it springs love and deeds of sacrifice and mercy. The blessings of God are given to us so that we can give them to others and only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God.

Jesus gave us the greatest example of humility through his actions and teachings. Jesus, though God, humbled himself by taking on the body of man and being born in a stable. He lived in an obscure town and chose poor fishermen as his Apostles. Before willingly sacrificing himself on the cross for our sins, he washed the Apostles' feet and said, "learn of me; for I am gentle and humble in heart." (Matt 11:29) He is our example of selfless, loving, humble sacrifice for others and

obedience to the Father, putting the needs of others before our own and recognizing our dependence on God.

Our Blessed Mother is also an excellent example of the virtue of humility, for it allowed her to be open to God's will "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (Luke 1:38), an ultimate act of humble submission.

Let us imitate Jesus and our Blessed Mother in the practice of humility, one of the greatest and most important of virtues. Jesus has promised us that the humble shall possess the kingdom of heaven and he is always true to his promises.

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

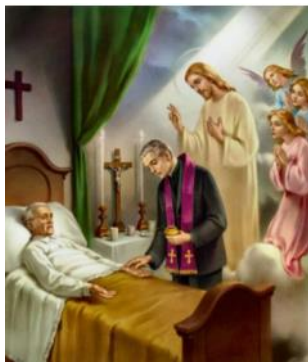
TRAINING

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 includes Mass @ 4:30pm



Senior's 50+ Dinner and Silent Auction

sponsored by Knights of Columbus on Saturday November 29, 2025, includes: Special Dinner, Silent Auction, Entertainment and Door Prizes. Tickets (\$40 each) are on sale after all weekend Masses until sold out. If you wish to book a ticket(s) or book a table call Wally at 780 988 8719. All proceeds for this fundraiser will go to Divine Mercy Church. Thank-you for supporting our



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, Ashley West, Stelios Kiliaris, Alfred Morrill, Lillian Gartner, Bob Gerow, Mary Jane Olivier, Constantine Renzi, Leticia Bondoc, Connie Reed, Guenivere Swan, Jayantha Wickrama, Bishop Greg Bittman, Terry McGhee, Coen Padilla, Robert Gibeault, Sylvelyn Nuez, 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 Tim Mellot, Marilys Coulombe, Clare Forton, Maria Wan, Hanaa Qandla, Francis Shen, & Maureen Chauvet that He will raise them up to live forever.

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 (1st Recon./ Communion, Confirmation, etc.). Early registration helps us plan well! Accommodated programs for adults & older children are also available in September.

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.

**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



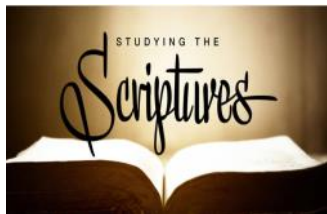
Masses. Combined rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm September to June. For more information, please contact Johanna Dietrich, Music Ministry Coordinator, at johanna.dietrich@caedm.ca or 780 919 3747.

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.



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



You can register at <https://stm.caedm.ca/> for our Fall cycle sacraments:

1ST RECONCILIATION & 1ST EUCHARIST

September 9, 6:15-7:15pm Parent Orientation
September 16, 6:15-7:30pm Class 1
September 23, 6:15-7:30pm, Class 2
October 7, 6:15-7:30pm, Class 3
October 14, 6:15-7:30pm, Class 4
October 28, 6:15-7:30pm, Class 5
November 2, at 4:30pm (Celebration)



CONFIRMATION

September 10, 6:30-7:30pm Parent Orientation
September 24, 6:30-8:30pm
October 1, 6:30-8:30pm
October 8, 6:30-8:30pm
October 15, 6:30-8:30pm
October 22, 6:30-8:30pm, Class 4
November 5, 6:30-8:30pm
November 15, 9:30am—2:30pm (Retreat & Confessions)
Confirmation Mass, November 23, 2025 at 4:30pm



"Take Time to Forgive"

Tuesday Public Presentation with Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU
Christ is indeed the gardener of a new creation—a forgiving community. Together we will consider the meaning of forgiveness, five stages of forgiveness and what forgiveness teaches us about ourselves, others and God. **Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm.** Please register by September 15th: \$25. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/gardener

Congratulations to the following 14 children who entered into the community of our Catholic church in August through the **Sacrament of Baptism**, Zachary Bacaron, Ezekiel Bacaron, Murial Akateh, Arielle Ashiedu, Aiden Boldt, Elijah Boota, Clara Bourque, Leroy Sanni, Lois Sanni, Eleanor Muzongwe, Tayshia Carino, Ojike Chukwukelu, Isabella Geronimo & Amelia Publico

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



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

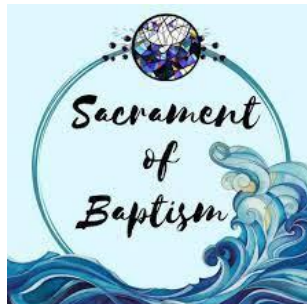
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

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.**



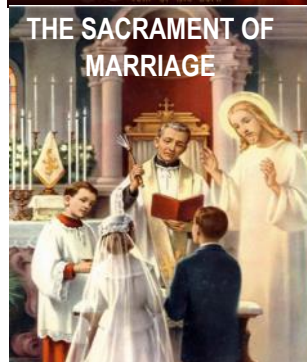
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant Group Baptisms are celebrated year-round, except during Advent and Lent. We accept **Infant Baptism** registrations from unborn baby to children under the age of 7 and **Later Baptism** registrations for children between the ages of 7 and 15, who would like to be baptized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



PASTORAL/TEACHER REFERENCES Dear Teachers, for registered parishioners of STM, teacher references 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 AND SHUT-IN'S: To request Holy Communion please call the parish office, (780) 434 6313. **Volunteers needed!!**