



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

September 7, 2025



WEEKDAY LITURGIES

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

WEEKDAYS: follows MASS as needed & possible

SATURDAY: 3 to 4 pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

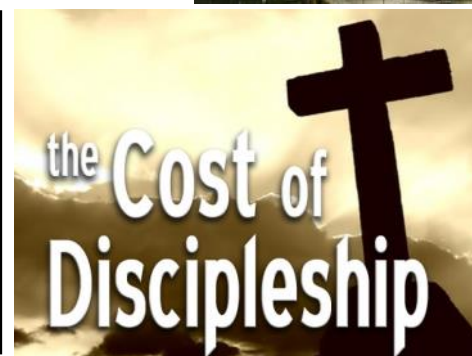
Saturday: Communal Rosary 3:55/Mass 4:30 pm

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

- Sun Sept 7:** Pastoral Care Training (1 of 2), 2 to 3:30pm
- Mon Sept 8:** **No Mass**
- Tue Sept 9:** Mass at 8am, Confessions ff
1st Recon/Communion(cycle 1), Parent info at 6:15pm
Knights of Columbus General Meeting at 7pm
- Wed, Sept 10:** Mass at 8am, Confessions ff
Finance Committee meeting at 10am
Confirmation (cycle 1), Parent info at 6:30pm
- Thurs, Sept 11:** Mass at 8am, Confessions ff
Youth & Family Steering Committee meeting at 6:30pm
- Fri, Sept 12:** Mass at 8am, Confessions ff
YamJam at 7pm
- Sat, Sept 13:** Baptism Prep at 10 to 11:30am
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
Accommodated Baptism/Profession of Faith for older children, starts at 4:30pm Mass
- Sun, Sept 14:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Pastoral Care Training (2 of 2), 2 to 3:30pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Tue Sept 16:** 1st Recon/Communion, Class #1 at 6:15pm
- Wed, Sept 17:** Parish Pastoral Council at 7pm
- Thurs Sept 18** Mass at 9am (AJM school Mass, parishioners to join)

In his prayer intention for September, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray that we might experience our interdependence with all creatures, who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

"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



The Cost of Our Choices (Luke 14:25-33)

The two stories involve calculating costs and making choices. Can we afford to follow Jesus? The price is high, as Jesus expects nothing more from us than that which he has already accepted for himself.

When we choose Jesus, we become sisters and brothers in Christ. "Hate" does not mean we are to have an emotional hate toward our family, but discipleship is a call to allegiance, and Jesus is to have first place over all, including family.

Taking up our cross is part of the cost. We must travel the high road: forgive offences committed against us; live simply so that others can simply live and be willing to bear the pain of persecution as a result of following Jesus. This way of living is very demanding but not very rewarding in this world.

Self-denial is also part of the cost. We must let go of all treasures and relationships that we feel are more important than Jesus. He deserves everything we are, everything we have, and everything we cherish and desire.

Can we afford not to follow Jesus? Are we willing to be cast out of God's presence and out of His kingdom (where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth)?

The challenge is having the courage to make the right choice. Let our choice be living in the right relationships, following the straight path, and choosing the wisdom of a true relationship with God, for the reward of being a true disciple is an eternity of happiness.

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

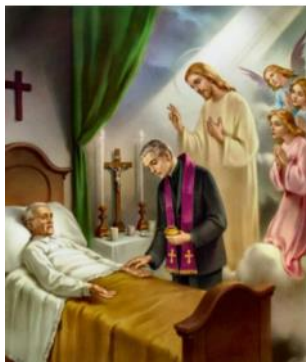
TRAINING

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)



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The ladies meet every Friday, 9:30-11:30am, Sept to June, in St. Joseph Room. Shawls/wraps are knit or crocheted with prayers and when completed blessed by a priest or deacon. These shawls/wraps can be given as gifts to those who are

Prayer Shawl Ministry



suffering an illness, enduring a loss, or celebrating a special occasion such as a birth, birthday, new home, sacramental celebration or a special friendship. New members are welcome as experienced knitters are usually present to help you get started. Needles and yarn are also available. For more information pick-up the Prayer Shawl brochure at the entrance of the church or call Linda 780-920-9359

Prayer Corner...

Prayer for the Sick



If you are interested in leading the Rosary at 3:55, before the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, please contact Pat Taylor at lakeviewgp@gmail.com or cell 780-623-0398.

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, Leticia Amador, Robert Gibeault, Sylvelyn Nuez, Micheline Yu & Mary Kutty Matthew that they may be given the strength and guidance they seek.

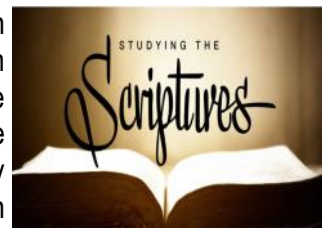


PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: for those who have gone into the presence of our Father, and for those

whose names are recorded in the parish Book of Remembrance, especially for Tim Mellot, Marilys Coulombe, Clare Forton, Maria Wan, Norma Zoleta, Hanaa Qandla, Harry Buddle, Francis Shen, Szeto Kee Sum & Maureen Chauvet that He will raise them up to live forever.

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



The Candlelight Rosary Event

Friday, October 17 at 7pm

praying

The Luminous Mysteries

in Scripture & Song

for world peace & the family

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.



The **Society of St Vincent de Paul** Edmonton Central Council will be having a Charity Sale October 23rd/24th (12 noon - 7pm) & Oct 25th (10am - 4pm) at St. Andrew Centre, 12720 - 111 Ave. Proceeds go to those in need. Gently used jewelry, scarves, and purses would also be appreciated for the sale so if it's time to clear out items you no longer want, those donations would be gladly accepted. Please bring items for donation to any of the weekend Masses on Sept 13 or 14.



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

September 23, 6:15-7:30pm

1st Confessions, October 4, 12 to 2pm

October 7, 6:15-7:30pm

October 14, 6:15-7:30pm

October 28, 6:15-7:30pm

1st Eucharist Mass, November 2 at 4:30pm



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

October 29, 6:30-8:30pm

November 5, 6:30-8:30pm

November 15, 9:30am—2:30pm (Retreat & Confessions)

Confirmation Mass, November 23 at 5pm



"I Believe"

A seven-part catechesis series on the Nicæan Creed, marking the 1700th Anniversary of the First Council of Nicæa.

Presented by the Archdiocese of Edmonton in partnership with Newman Theological College and St. Joseph's College-University of Alberta.



SEP
25

"I believe in the Holy Spirit" | 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sherwood Park
Presenter: Fr. Matthew Hysell

"I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church" | 7:00 pm
St. Thomas More, Edmonton
Presenter: Dr. Darren Dahl, Pres. NTC

OCT
23



NOV
20

"I confess one baptism..." | 7:00 pm

St. Joseph's Basilica
Presenter: Fr. Geoffrey Young

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 St. Thomas More Parish's Divine Mercy project. Thank-you for supporting our church.





be it done

Learn more at: CAedm.ca

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.

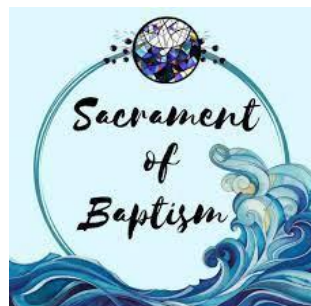
service

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

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!!**



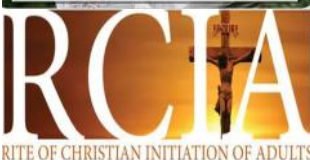
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, most young people receive the sacrament when they are 11-12 years old. **Confirmation Fall Cycle 1 is now open for registration.**



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!!**