



# 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 14, 2025



### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Tue, Wed & Fri: Mass at 8am,  
Thursday, Sept 18 at 9am

### 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)

### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

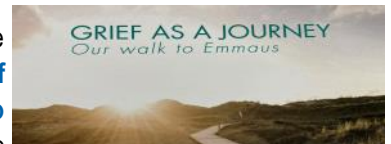
- Sun Sept 14:** Pastoral Care Training (2 of 2), 2 to 3:30pm
- Mon Sept 15:** Baptism Prep, 7pm to 8:30pm  
Scripture Study, 7 to 9pm
- Tue Sept 16:** Mass at 8am, Confessions ff  
1st Recon/Communion(class #1), 6:15-7:30pm  
CWL General meeting at 7pm
- Wed, Sept 17:** Mass at 8am, Confessions ff  
Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7pm
- Thurs, Sept 18:** Mass at 9am (AJM school Mass w/parishioners)  
Children's choir at 6:15pm  
Adult choir at 7pm
- Fri, Sept 19:** Mass at 8am, Confessions ff  
**Memorial Mass, 1pm for +Donald Torgerson**  
YamJam at 7pm
- Sat, Sept 20:** Adult Server workshop, 9am to noon  
Accom. 1st Recon/Eucharist prep, 9:30am-12:30pm  
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
- Sun, Sept 21:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm  
Nicodemus Night at 2pm  
Infant Baptisms at 2:30pm

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Mon, Sept 22:** **Funeral of +Harry Buddle at 1pm**
- Tue, Sept 23:** 1st Recon/Communion, Class #2 at 6:15pm
- Wed, Sept 24:** Confirmation, Class#1 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](mailto:Randy.abele@caedm.ca) for more information or to register.

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](mailto:lakeviewgp@gmail.com) or cell 780 623 0398.

# Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



## Our Cross (John 3:13-17)

Today, on the feast of the exaltation of the cross, this sign of shame and misery becomes a symbol of glory and exaltation. On Good Friday we stand before the bare cross and mourn the death of our innocent Messiah, but today we stand before the glorious cross and praise God for His divine love for us.

It is through the cross that Jesus conquered sin and death and won for us access to God, and it is through the cross that we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ.

As painful as the crosses of our lives may be, they give us hope in our pain, and suffering for God did not get rid of the serpents, but heals us from their deadly bites.

Through the goodness of God, which has been poured out for us, we have been granted eternal life and though it is hard to think that death is the way to life, that is Jesus' message today, that we might be saved and share eternal life with Him.

We are being asked to truly exalt the cross in our hearts, recognizing ourselves in it, and allowing the truth to heal us so that we might trust and follow Jesus.

Let us put our complete faith in Jesus, receive His forgiveness and healing, and express our faith through acts of love to those in need. He let us lift Him up in death so that He could raise us up to eternal life.

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

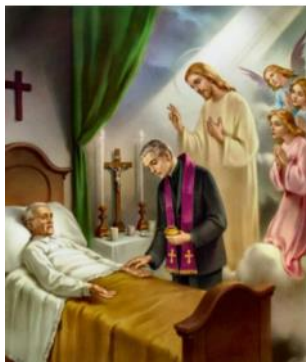
### TRAINING

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 group meets every Friday, 9:30-11:30am, Sept to June, in the St. Joseph Room. Shawls/wraps are knitted 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 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**



### 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 & Virgilio Rivera 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 Gordon Fung, 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.

**Encounter Ministries** is coming to St. Thomas More for a healing service following the Saturday, October 4 vigil Mass. The healing service will begin at 6 pm. There will be a talk on what the Gospel says about healing, followed by corporate healing service, and individual prayer ministry for anyone who needs further breakthrough. Please bring family and friends who you believe will benefit from the healing service. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Sosa at 780 686 8886 or Monica Bober at 780 434 6313.

## 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 1700<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:randy.abele@caedm.ca)





# "I Believe"

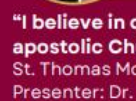
A seven-part catechesis series on the Nicæan Creed, marking the 1700th Anniversary of the First Council of Nicæa.

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



**"I confess one baptism..." | 7:00 pm**  
St. Joseph's Basilica  
Presenter: Fr. Geoffrey Young



NOV  
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## The Candlelight Rosary Event

Friday, October 17, 2025 at 7pm

October  
Month of  
the Holy Rosary

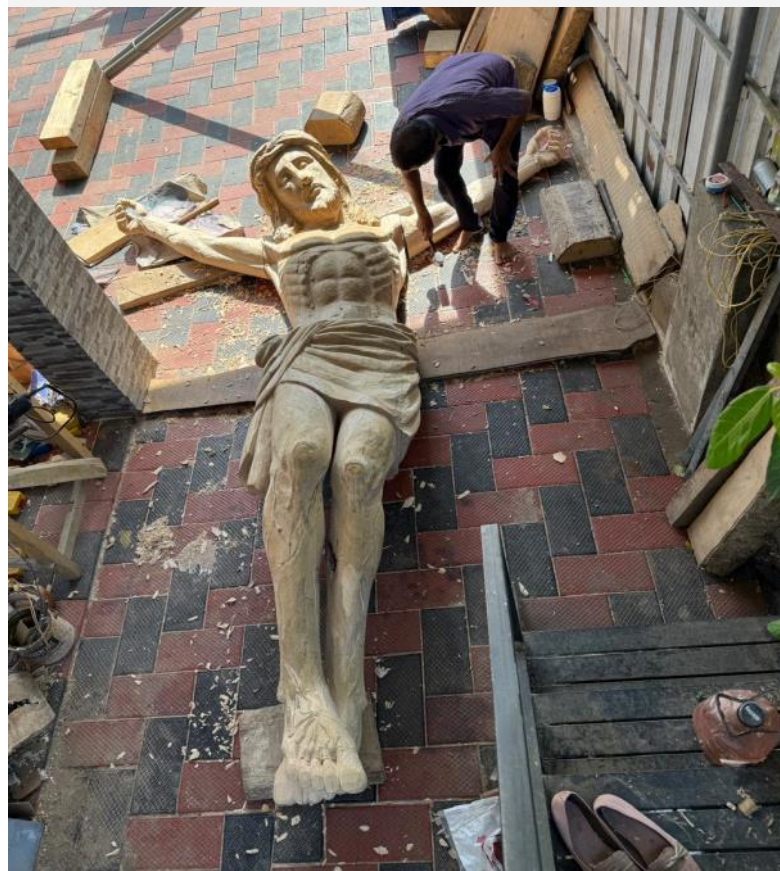
praying  
**The Luminous Mysteries**  
in Scripture & Song  
for world peace  
& the family

featuring the  
St. Thomas More Choir  
& parishioners

Bring a Rosary and a small battery  
operated candle, flashlight, or  
phone light.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
210 Haddow Close  
Edmonton, Alberta

## CUSTOM CRAFTING OF OUR NEW CRUCIFIX!



## Exciting updates to our parish!!

We are very excited to share some important updates to our parish church that will deepen our worship and devotion. First, a new crucifix is being crafted for our sanctuary. Our current cross, while beautiful, presents a glorified image of Christ already risen. This depiction misses central aspects of Catholic devotion to the cross—the wounds, the nails, the crown of thorns, the title INRI (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews), and even the wood of the cross—all of which draw us into the reality of our Lord's Passion. The Mass makes present for us the Last Supper, which is inseparably linked to Christ's sacrifice on Calvary and we hope that this new crucifix will help us to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's sacrifice made present at every Mass.

Along with the new crucifix, our tabernacle will be moved into the sanctuary, placed directly beneath the crucifix. This placement beautifully highlights the truth that it is from Christ's love poured out on the cross that we receive the Eucharist. It is also fitting that the Eucharistic Lord, the very heart and center of our faith, be placed centrally and prominently in our Church and in the sanctuary. The chapel will be transformed into a space dedicated for adoration. This will give us a quiet, prayerful place to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We are truly blessed to have this new space and we look forward to all the graces it will bring to our parish community.

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.



## Reverence for Life Prayer

We pray that, as with the Prodigal Son, those who have turned away from God and embraced the culture of worldly pleasure and fear of sacrifice will turn back to our loving Father, especially by refusing abortion and medical assistance in dying.





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

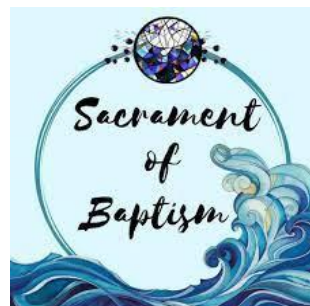
**service**

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 Oct 6 & 18, Nov 3 & 8 and Dec 1 & 13. Baptisms will be celebrated on 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](mailto: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.



**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, most young people receive the sacrament



**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](mailto: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!!**