



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

210 Haddow Close, Edmonton, AB T6R 2P3 Tel: 780 434 6313 Website: stm.caedm.ca email: communications.stm@caedm.ca

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

September 21, 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 21:** RCIA Intro. session "Nicodemus Night" at 2pm
Infant Baptisms at 2:30pm
- Mon Sept 22:** **Funeral of +Harry Buddle at 1pm**
Scripture Study at 7pm
- Tue Sept 23:** Mass at 8am, Confessions ff
1st Recon/Communion(class #2), 6:15-7:30pm
CWL Christmas Market planning at 7pm
- Wed, Sept 24:** Mass at 8am, Confessions ff
Pastor/School Principals meeting at 10am
Confirmation, Class#1 at 6:30-8:30pm
- Thurs, Sept 25:** Mass at 8am, Confessions ff
Children's choir at 6:15pm
Adult choir at 7pm
Grief as a Journey at 7pm
- Fri, Sept 26:** Mass at 8am, Confessions ff
YamJam at 7pm
- Sat, Sept 27:** Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
- Sun, Sept 28:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Pancake Breakfast after the 8 and 9:30am Mass



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mon & Tues, Sept 29 & 30: **Church & Office closed, Truth & Reconciliation**

Effective Oct 1: Weekday Mass back to regular schedule.

Wed, Oct 1: Confirmation, Class#2 at 6:30pm

Congratulations!

MaryAnn & Kasper Szott
65th Wedding Anniversary

September 24, 1960 – September 24, 2025



May God bless you and deepen your love for each other!

"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 randy.abele@caedm.ca for more information or to register.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



The Money is not Ours (Luke 16:1-13)

We may think that how we use our possessions and money is our choice and has no bearing on our souls, but Jesus is reminding us that how we use our earthly wealth does matter to God.

God created all that exists in this world and all that we have is not ours. We are only managers of our worldly goods (talents) and are accountable for the wealth that we have received.

We will not be condemned for putting resources aside for future use, for the education of our children, possible medical needs or retirement, but how much do we really need?

Jesus is teaching us that we should use what we can spare of our earthly possessions in helping those who are in need of our help. By

doing that, we will be making friends, who will help us at our final judgement to get a lasting place in heaven.

Remember the description of judgement which Jesus gave when he said, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was naked and you clothed me"? What we do for the needy we do for him.

Those whom we help, as much as we can, will be witnesses testifying for us when we report to God on how we handled our wealth and possessions, and where our eternity will be spent.

Let us use our "talents" for the honor and glory of God, for it is in serving him that we shall become deserving of His eternal reward.

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 Shawl Ministry



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 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, Virgilio Rivera, Maria Wan, Norma Zoleta, Hanaa Qandla, Harry Buddle, Francis Shen, Szeto Kee Sum, Rev. Len Gartner & Maureen Chauvet that He will raise them up to live forever.

Municipal Election – October 20, 2025

The Catholic Bishops of Alberta urge all Catholics to vote, especially in the election of Catholic school trustees. Even if you don't have children in the system, you are eligible and encouraged to vote. Trustees help ensure our schools remain places where Christ is encountered and the Gospel is proclaimed. Let your Catholic faith guide your vote for trustees, mayor, and council.

Rev. Leonard 'Len' Gartner



Apr. 9, 1936 - Sept. 12, 2025

Vigil Prayers on 22 September, 7pm

Funeral on 23 September, 10am

at St. Joseph's Basilica

ENCOUNTER
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
EDMONTON CAMPUS

OCTOBER 4, 2025
ST. THOMAS MORE
210 HADDOW CLOSE NW EDMONTON, ALBERTA

HEALING SERVICE



JESUS PROMISED, "THESE SIGNS WILL ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO BELIEVE...THEY WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK AND THEY WILL RECOVER." MARK 16:17

JESUS CHRIST IS THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN. LET US ENTRUST OUR HEARTS & BODIES TO HIM.

COME & EXPERIENCE GOD'S SUPERNATURAL LOVE!

encounterschool.org/edmonton

5:30pm
6pm
6:30pm
7:30pm

Optional Praise & Worship
Gospel Healing Presentation
Corporate Prayer for Healing & Testimonies
Individual Prayer Ministry

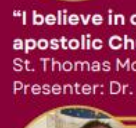
"I Believe"

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



**OCT
23**

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



**NOV
20**

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

**BIG THANKS to
our foreman
Jenya and his
ace team on
completion of
the new roof
on our nave!**



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

FAMILIES OF NAZARETH (in the Arms of Mary.org) will start on Thursday, Sept 18. We will meet at 2pm to 3pm at St. Thomas More in the Library. We are reading *Amazing Nearness* by Fr. Tadeusz Dajczer. For more information please call 780 430 9745.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

From **September 24 to November 2**, you are encouraged to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40 day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Women's Health Options (124409 109 A Ave.). If you would like more information-and especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Edmonton Prolife (780-425-1637) or info@edmontonprolife.org.

For more information and to sign up for vigil hours:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/edmonton/>

LIFE CHAIN

• SUNDAY • OCT • 5 • 2025 •

Join thousands across Canada standing against
abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration!



ANNUAL DAY OF PUBLIC WITNESS FOR CHILDREN KILLED BY ABORTION

Life Chain is a public witness to the sanctity of life, which takes place annually across North America. Participants peacefully gather for an hour and pray silently for an end to abortion and for those harmed by this injustice. Life Chain is held simultaneously in ~300 locations across Canada each year. Life Chain

Edmonton takes place:

When: Sunday, October 5, from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Where: 111 Ave NW between 124 St & Groat Rd NW

St. Thomas More Parishioners are invited to gather and pray outside St. Andrew's Parish.


Please join this prayerful and peaceful witness.

For more information:

<https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain>



**Blessing of pets on the
Feast of St. Francis of
Assisi Saturday, Oct 4
after 9am Mass in our
Mary's Garden**



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.

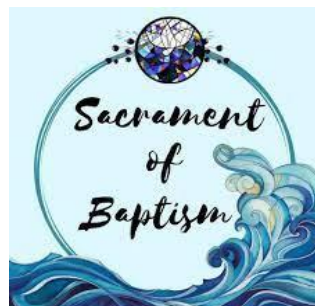
service

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 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 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 for cycle 2 is now open!**



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, most young people receive the sacrament when they are 11-12 years old.



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!!**