



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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September 28, 2025



WEEKDAY LITURGIES (SEP 30 – OCT 03)

Mon: Church & Office closed
Tue: No Mass (**Truth & Recon.**)
Wed: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Thurs: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
Fri: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES (OCT 4 & 5)

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 28: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
 Pancake Breakfast after the 8 and 9:30am Mass

Mon Sept 29: **Church & Office closed, Truth & Recon.**
 Scripture Study at 7pm

Tue Sept 30: **Church & Office closed, Truth & Recon.**

Wed, Oct 01: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 Confirmation, Class#2 at 6:30-8:30pm

Thurs, Oct 02: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
 Children's choir at 6:15pm
 Adult choir at 7pm
 Grief as a Journey at 7pm
 RCIA class #1 begins, 7pm

Fri, Oct 03: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
First Friday First Friday Observances, Adoration & Benediction at 12pm
 YamJam at 7pm

Sat, Oct 04: Rosary at 8:45am
FIRST SATURDAY Mass at 9am, Rosary Talk to follow
 Junior Server Workshop at 8:45am to 11:45am
 Blessing of Pets after Mass in Mary's Garden
 1st Reconciliation, 12pm to 2pm
 Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
 Encounter Ministry Healing Service, 5:30pm

Sun, Oct 05: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mon. Oct 6: Baptism Prep. 7-8:30pm
Tue. Oct 7 : 1st Communion, class #1 at 6:15pm
Wed, Oct 8: Confirmation, class #3 at 6:30pm
Fri. Oct 17: The Candlelight Rosary event at 7pm
Thurs. Oct 23: "I Believe" Lecture series at 7pm

St. Thomas More Parish Stewardship Prayer

God of all Blessings, in gratitude for the abundant gifts you have so graciously given to St. Thomas More parish, help us to be faithful stewards that we might return to you the first fruits of these gifts, by generous acts of regular giving, service to our parish, and support of the Divine Mercy Project, Amen.

Giving to St. Thomas More Parish is giving to the Divine Mercy project. *Jesus said, "From the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded."* (Luke 12:48b).

Help build a legacy of Faith, Hope, and Discipleship.



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

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



It is not a sin to be Wealthy (Luke 16:19-3)

We are to use our wealth generously, to help the poor and needy, and to bring justice and equality into the world. We must not allow our wealth or possessions to become our master, to ignore our neighbour or God. This is the sin of omission and indifference, the real sin of the rich man.

In our wealthy, secularized world, it is very easy for us to insulate ourselves from the poor, the needy, and those whom we would rather not associate with.

The gospel parable has two parts. In the first, Jesus describes the situations and fates of the two men and in the second, Jesus states that even a messenger from the dead cannot give repentance to those whose hearts have been hardened against the poor.

The theme in these readings (which we may not like to face) is that though God is merciful and compassionate, he will call us to judgment.

Paul advises us to pursue righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most are directed toward our relationship with others, our less fortunate sisters and brothers, the Lazaruses at our gates.

We must make proper use of the material possessions God has given us, sharing them with others so that we may spend our eternity with Lazarus in the kingdom of heaven. If we do not, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.



Under Phase I of the **Silent Auction** sponsored by the Knights, this weekend

there will be a display of two Art Works. They are: **FULL HOUSE FOX FAMILY** - Artist Carl Benders and, **BRIGHT FALL DAY** - artist Kathryn Bourbonniere. All proceeds to Divine Mercy project.



On this weekend marking the **Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul**, and in light of the upcoming World Day of the Poor as declared by Pope Leo, your Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St Thomas More Parish invites you to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters, especially at this

retain time. We encourage you to lend a hand by making a financial gift. In this very busy period, we also need volunteers who are willing to serve the poor in our community. Please read our letter of appeal. You may donate online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/The-Society-of-Saint-Vincent-de-Paul-Divine-Mercy-Conference/> or by using the envelopes that will be available at the church on the weekend of September 27/28. Cheques can be made out to "SSVP Divine Mercy Conference" and dropped off in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. This year, we need your help more than ever. For more information, contact Agnes Fung at agnes.ssvp@gmail.com

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, Emma Cimat, 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, John Lazaruk & 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 Adam Hukulak, Virgilio Rivera, Harry Buddle, Szeto Kee Sum, Fr. Len Gartner & Maureen Chauvet that He will raise them up to live forever.

Thank You to Our Mary Garden Volunteers

Throughout the spring and summer, the Mary Garden has been a place of prayer, beauty, and community. From wedding photos to quiet moments of reflection before Mass, the garden has lifted hearts and drawn us closer to Mary and her Son.

"I can't count how often I've come to Mass, looked through the doors, and felt daily joy at the beauty of the garden." – Fr. Mark



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.



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/>

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

ENCOUNTER
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
EDMONTON CAMPUS


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

HEALING SERVICE

COME & EXPERIENCE GOD'S
SUPERNATURAL LOVE!

4:30PM | OPTIONAL VIGIL MASS
6:00PM | PRAISE & WORSHIP
6:30PM | GOSPEL HEALING PRESENTATION
7:00PM | CORPORATE PRAYER FOR HEALING & TESTIMONIES
7:30PM | INDIVIDUAL PRAYER MINISTRY

encounterschool.org/edmonton



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

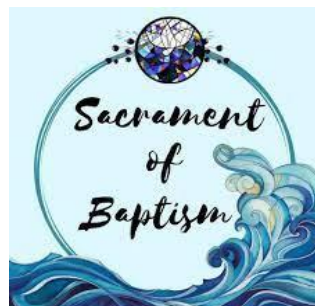
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

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 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.



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!!**