



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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October 05, 2025



WEEKDAY LITURGIES (OCT 07 – OCT 10)

Tue: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
Wed: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Thurs: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
Fri: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES (OCT 11& 12)

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 Oct 05: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Mon Oct 06: Baptism Prep, 7 to 8:30pm
 Scripture Study at 7pm
Tue Oct 07: **Funeral +Simon Boisvert at 11am**
 Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
 1st Communion Class#1, 6:15 to 7:30pm
Wed, Oct 08: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 Confirmation, Class#3 at 6:30-8:30pm
Thurs, Oct 09: **Funeral +Gerry Inglis at 1pm**
 Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
 Children's choir at 6:15pm
 Adult choir at 7pm
 Grief as a Journey at 7pm
 RCIA at 7pm
 Knights of Columbus Executive meeting at 7pm
Fri, Oct 10: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 Humanum Project, 7 to 9:30pm for High schoolers
Sat, Oct 11: Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
 Humanum Project, 7 to 10:30pm for Young adults
Sun, Oct 12: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
 Younger Families Ministry following 9:30 am Mass

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mon. Oct 13: Church & Office closed for Thanksgiving
Fri. Oct 17: The Candlelight Rosary event at 7pm
Thurs. Oct 23: "I Believe" Lecture series at 7pm

Congratulations!

Sharon & Jim Wilde

25th Wedding Anniversary

October 07, 2000 – October 07, 2025

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



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.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Increase Our Faith! (Luke 17:5-10)

Like the Apostles, we need to have a greater reliance and trust in God so that we can do the hard things God asks us to do. We must forgive those who hate us and sin against us and be the faithful forgivers that Jesus commands.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray and it enables us to accomplish marvelous things. Faith enables us to trust God in all the uncertainties of our lives and to provide us what we need. We do not earn faith, for it is a gift from God.

Like the Apostles, we should be proud of our status as servants, knowing that if we live as Jesus expects us to, we are making Jesus known to our neighbour and helping guide them to an eternal future.

We must stir into flame the gift of faith that is in us and never be ashamed of the faith which we profess, for the cross is a sign of our eternal salvation and the symbol of our present obligations.

It is through the cross that we shall earn the crown and it is by climbing Calvary with Christ that we shall reach our Mount of Ascension.

Jesus simply asks for our obedience, that we believe and have strong faith in Him and work continually to spread His gospel and teachings. Jesus is working with us and through our faith and good works to bring salvation to our souls and the souls of everyone we meet.



Under Phase 2 of the

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Silent Auction sponsored by the

Knights, this weekend there will be a display of twenty-two art work items and a Grandfather clock. All proceeds to Divine Mercy project.

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 Cimatu, 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, 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 Gerry Inglis, Simon Boisvert, Virgilio Rivera & Harry Buddle.

Quiche Sale

We are happy and excited to offer delicious quiches again this Fall!



Hosted by the CWL

(after all Masses on Saturday, October 18, 2025 and Sunday, October 19, 2025)

Cost: \$20.00 each (credit, debit or cash)



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>

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.



Marriage Preparation

The next **Marriage Preparation** program at St. Thomas More

will take place on March 20-22, 2026. For information and to register, go to bit.ly/MarriagePrep2026 and complete the form. The registration deadline is on February 20, 2026.

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.

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"I Believe"

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

SESSION 6: "I Believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church."

Thursday, October 23 | 7 pm
St. Thomas More Parish, Edmonton

Join us to learn...

- How was the Church called into being?
- What are the four marks of the church?
- In what way is the Church a unique reality?
- What does it mean to "believe" in the Church?

Presenter:
Dr. Darren Dahl, President
Newman Theological College



Give us this day our daily bread

Children learn better when they are not hungry. The Conquer Hunger Fund with the Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation provides 6,400 students in 28 schools with nutritious food choices for breakfast and lunch. At each Mass on October 5-6, members of the STM Catholic Women's League will be handing out lunch bags. At any subsequent Mass, put your cheque, made payable to the Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation, or cash in the bag and put the bag in the collection basket. Donations can also be left in the locked box outside the parish office. Tax receipts will be issued by the Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation for donation of \$20 or more paid by cheque. Thanks for your generous support!




Congratulations to the following 18 children who entered into the community of our Catholic church in August through the **Sacrament of Baptism & Profession Of Faith**, Noah Dhillon, Amara Dhillon, Emilia Arevalo Diaz, Isabella Rojas Diaz, Oscar Walker, Grey Calingasan, Chantelle Calingasan, Kaiden Tu, Levi Van den Brink, Amara Aguinaldo, Amelie Aguinaldo, Esele Asibor, Charmae Belgria, Hayden Cormier, Elise Igcálinos, Sarah Koelmans, Austin Nguyen & John Pagaoa

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



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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.

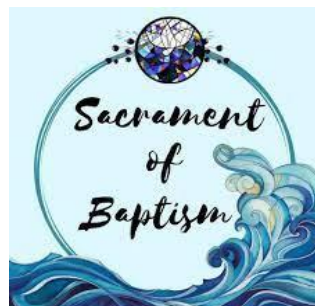
service

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.



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!!**