



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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October 12, 2025



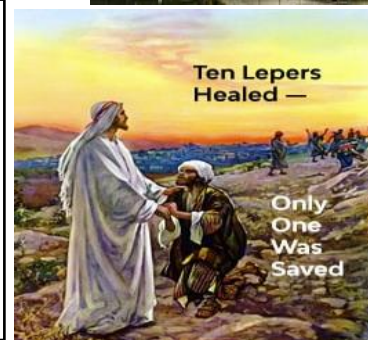
WEEKDAY LITURGIES (OCT 14 – OCT 17)

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 18 & 19)

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)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 45 MINUTES
 BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS & Saturday, 3 pm to 4 pm.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun, Oct 12: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Mon, Oct 13: Church & Office closed 
Tue, Oct 14: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
 1st Communion Class#2, 6:15 to 7:30pm
 Knights of Columbus meeting at 7pm
Wed, Oct 15: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 Confirmation, Class #4, 6:30-8:30pm
Thurs, Oct 16: Game Zone, 12:30pm—3:30pm
 Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
 Children's choir at 6:15pm
 Adult choir at 7pm
 Grief as a Journey at 7pm
Fri, Oct 17: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 Annual Candlelight Rosary event at 7pm
Sat, Oct 18: Lectors, Welcoming & EMHC workshop, 9am—3pm
 Baptism Prep, 10 to 11:30am
 Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm
Sun, Oct 19: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
 Infant Baptisms, 2:30pm to 3:30pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mon. Oct 20: Edmonton Civic Elections in the Hall
Wed. Oct 22: Confirmation, Class #4, 6:30-8:30pm
Thurs. Oct 23: "I Believe" Lecture series at 7pm at STM

The shelves of our **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY** here at the parish is currently very low due to increased demand. In addition, planned school food drives have been delayed because of the school strike. We are in need of donations of **all non-perishable**



food items to help restock our shelves and continue assisting those in need within our community. Items can be dropped off in the donation box at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity and support in helping us serve those who rely on the Food Pantry. A big "Thank you" to all who contributed to the Reverse Collection!

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Gratitude (Luke 17:11-19)

The Samaritan Leper was as delighted as the others with his cure, but being generous and thoughtful for others, he felt it his duty to return and thank the man who had healed him.

Gratitude is one of the four main elements of prayer and often in His teachings Jesus lifted His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, I thank you."

We all need to be more grateful to God every day of our lives, for He has not only given us life on this earth with its joys and its sorrows, but He has prepared for us a future life where there will be much joy and no sorrows.

God is assisting us daily to get there and yes, we all need assistance.

We are shown today that one of the best ways of getting further grace from God is to show true gratitude for all that we have received.

We should thank God for the gift of faith, for coming down to earth and redeeming us; for the waters of Baptism, by which original sin was washed from our souls; for giving us penance, by which other sins are washed away; for giving us His body and blood as our food and drink in the Holy Eucharist; and for dying on the cross to open to us the gates of heaven.

Let us not be like those who refused to give thanks, but be like the grateful leper, thanking God every day for His blessings in our lives.



Under Phase 2 of the

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **SILENT AUCTION** sponsored by the Knights, this week-

end there will be a display of twenty-two art work items. 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 Marian Coderre, Lucy Longo, Darren Day, Marcella Cloran, Carl & Jackie Blansjaar, Orest Witiw, Julie Lee, Emma Cimatu, 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 Erin Gaudet, Claudette Cecotka Demers, Gerry Inglis, Simon Boisvert & Harry Buddle.

Sr. Catherine reflects on her vocation: 'I have called you by name'



My name is Sr. Catherine, daughter of the Father and Servant of Mary. I am from Edmonton and grew up attending and then working at St. Thomas More Parish.

I had many plans for my life, and becoming a sister was not one of them, but God's love for me changed my heart.... He 'called me by name' and I wanted to respond with my whole life. So in September 2022, I joined the religious community of the Queenship of Mary Community, in Ottawa.

Read the full story here...



NORTH OF 60 FORT GOOD HOPE SEA CONTAINER

The people of Fort Good Hope (FGH) thank the people of St. Thomas More, through SSVP, for the generous donations of food, clothing and other items. Unfortunately, last year's sea container did not make it up to FGH until the end of January 2025 because the Mackenzie River was too low. The original 20 foot sea container was sorted (freezable items were removed and put in the STM food bank), clothing sorted, and repacked onto 4 pallets and placed in a 10 foot sea container that was shipped by a FGH company on the winter road. This year it looks like the same situation is going to happen. So, we are planning to get the sea container filled, starting the weekend of Thanksgiving and we will ship it (via a FGH transport company) in January/February when the winter road opens to heavier traffic.

This Fall's donation requests are for: **Dry Goods** (flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, ...); **Kitchen Items** (pots, pans, utensils, cups, ...); **General Household items** (towels, sheets, blankets); **Mattresses** (stain free); and, **Workshop Items** (tools, lumber...). **Monetary** donations are also needed to ship the container.

Please – **NO food that can freeze** and **NO clothing or footwear** this year. The sea container will remain until October 27th. Thank you!

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

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)

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 <https://stmedmonton.flocknote.com/signup/226736> and

complete the form. The registration deadline is on February 20, 2026.

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.

"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



The Catholic
Archdiocese
of 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

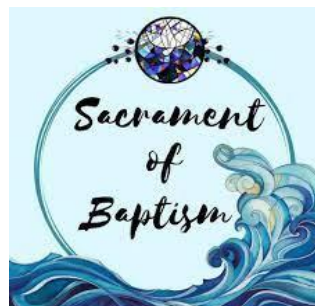
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

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 26th at 2pm.**



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We celebrate Infant baptisms year-round for Infants and children under the age of 7-year-old, except during Advent and Lent. We also celebrate Later Baptism followed by other age-appropriate sacraments for older children from 7 to 15-year-old, 2-3 times per school year with the next two ceremonies on Nov. 1, 2025 and Feb. 7, 2026. Baptism Preparation program is required for both parents and godparents, available both in-person or online. Please check out the Baptism Requirements document available on our website under the page of Sacraments & Baptism for details in Baptism registration on page 1 & 2, preparation options on page 3 and available schedules on page 4 -6. We are on-going accepting registrations, but bookings are filling up quickly. Parents are encouraged to start the registration process as early as possible even for those expecting a baby soon. If you would like to register for the next Baptism celebration on Oct. 19 & 26 or the in-person preparation sessions on Oct. 18, Nov. 3 & 8, please submit all the Baptism enquires 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. **Registration for Cycle 2 is now open!**



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!!**