



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

October 19, 2025



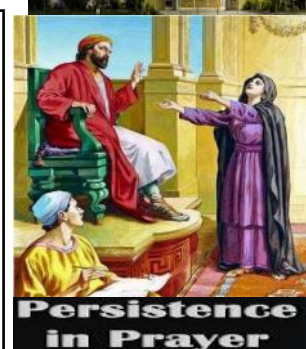
WEEKDAY LITURGIES (OCT 21 – OCT 24)

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 25 & 26)

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 19: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
 Infant Baptisms, 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Mon, Oct 20: Edmonton Civic Elections
 Scripture study at 7pm

Tue, Oct 21: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
Funeral of Erin Gaudet at 1pm
 Liturgy Committee meeting at 7pm
 CWL meeting at 7pm

Wed, Oct 22: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
 Confirmation, Class #5, 6:30-8:30pm
 STM Afro Heritage choir rehearsal at 7pm
 Grief as a Journey at 7pm

Thurs, Oct 23: Game Zone, 12:30pm—3:30pm
 Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
 "I Believe" Lecture series at 7pm
 Children's choir at 6:15pm
 Adult choir at 7pm

Fri, Oct 24: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

Sat, Oct 25: Praesidium Training, 9am—1pm
 Knights of Columbus Exemplification, 9-11am
 Accom. Baptism prep, 9:30am to 12:30pm
 Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

Sun, Oct 26: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
 Pancake breakfast after 8am & 9:30am Mass
 Pumpkin carving at 9am
 New Parishioner Welcome at 2pm
 Infant Baptism, 2:30pm to 3:30pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wed. Oct 29: Confirmation, Class #6, 6:30-8:30pm

Wed. Oct 29: Confirmation Prep. for Catholic Adults (session 1), 7 to 9pm

Sat. Nov 01: All Saints Day Mass at 9am

Sat. Nov 22: **Pastoral Care Retreat day**, 10am to 5:30pm (includes Mass at 4:30pm)

QUICHE SALE



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)

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. Please consider increasing your regular sustainable donations.

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



Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Perseverance in Prayer (Luke 18:1-8)

Like Moses and the woman in the Gospel, we must be ceaseless in our prayer and not be discouraged by any difficulties we might have to face.

Jesus' parable teaches us two lessons. First, we can learn from the widow to be persistent, and never lose heart in prayer, and second, be reassured that God answers those who pray, for, in the words of the Psalm, "Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

There is great power in prayer. The prayer of Bartimaeus, the blind man, won him his sight and the prayer of the crippled leper won him his health.

We can pray for anyone, everyone or anything that is good in the sight of God. Hezekiah prayed for a long life; Daniel prayed for help in the lions' den;

King David prayed for mercy; and St. Peter prayed for forgiveness.

We can pray at any place or time. Jonah prayed when he was thrown into the sea; St. Peter prayed on the rooftop; King David prayed in a cave; the good thief prayed when nailed to the cross; and Jesus prayed on a mountain top and in the Garden of olives.

Prayer is not merely reciting words but is about inviting God into our daily life and reassuring us that we are never alone.

St Paul tells us to, "Always rejoice, pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)", to pray every day, as prayer has been called the key to the kingdom of heaven.

"NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME"

OCTOBER 26 AT 2PM



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, Michael Nazareth, Ashley West, Stelios Kiliaris, Alfred Morrill, Lillian Gartner, Bob Gerow, Mary Jane Olivier, Chloe Aranha, Leticia Bondoc, Connie Reed, Guenivere Swan, Jayantha Wickrama, Bishop Greg Bittman, Terry McGhee, Leticia Amador, Robert Gibeault, Beth Garcia, 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, Gerry Inglis, Simon Boisvert & Harry Buddle.



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul

CHARITY SALE

Antiques * Jewellery * Housewares & More



Don't Miss It -

New Stock Is Added Daily!

October 23 - 25, 2025

Thursday-Friday : 12 Noon - 7pm

Saturday : 10am - 4pm

St. Andrew's Centre Auditorium
12720 - 111 Avenue, Edmonton

Proceeds Help Support The Society's Work With Those
Living In Poverty



THE LEGION OF MARY



The 35th Annual Juniors Retreat

"Junior Legionaries: Walking together with Mary as Pilgrims of Hope"

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 15, 2025
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Corpus Christi Parish
2707 34 St NW, Edmonton, AB T6T 1P5

AGES 6-17 YEARS OLD
FREE LUNCH AND SNACKS INCLUDED



SCAN HERE TO RSVP
Must RSVP before October 31, 2025

For inquiries please email us at
lom.juniorsretreat@gmail.com

MAN & WOMAN

He Created Them

An electrifying event that sparks positive change in your Christian community around identity, sexuality, & relationships.

WITH **BRENDAN MCCAULEY**
Music by Rachel & Matthias Barter

St. Thomas More Parish
EDMONTON, AB

Fri, Nov 7 | Gr. 7-12
7:00pm-9:30pm

- Dynamic Presentation
- Praise and Worship
- Q&A discussion
- Appetizers & Drinks

Sat, Nov 8 | YA (18+)
7:00pm-11:00pm

- Dynamic Presentation
- Praise and Worship
- Dancing
- Appetizers & Drinks






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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL SAINTS DAY



PUMPKIN CARVING

Enjoy pancake breakfast and family bonding time.
\$5 per pumpkin (Proceeds go towards charity)

Date: 26 OCT 2025
After 8 AM & 9.30 AM Mass

First Come, first served. Limited Quantities



"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




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!



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.

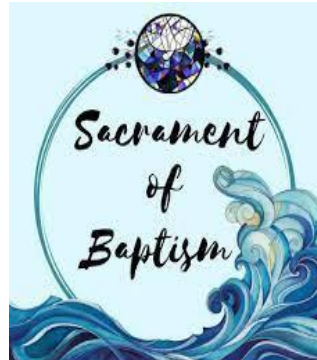
service

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, this is 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, 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, two to three 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 the "Baptism Requirements" document available on our website under, Sacraments & Baptism. For details on Baptism registration on page 1 & 2, preparation options on page 3 and available schedules on page 4-6. We are accepting on-going 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. Later marriage preparation is 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 Teacher references for registered parishioners, are completed twice a year, in the Fall and 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!!](#)