



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



November 16, 2025-World Day of the Poor

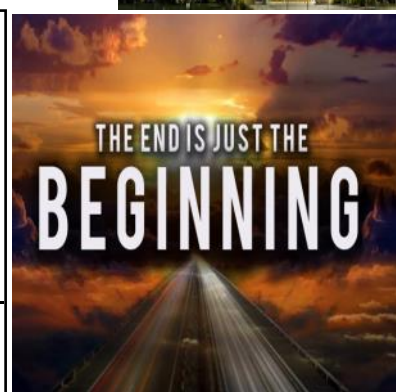
WEEKDAY LITURGIES (NOV 18 – NOV 21)

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 (Nov 22 & 23)

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, Nov 16: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
 Infant Baptisms at 2:30pm
 Afro Heritage Mass at 4:30pm

Mon, Nov 17: Scripture Study at 7pm

Tue, Nov 18: Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
 1st Recon. Class #1, 6:15 to 7:30pm
 CWL General meeting at 7pm

Wed, Nov 19: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Parish Memorial Mass at 7pm-All are welcome!

Thurs, Nov 20: Marriage Formation Workshop, 9am to 4pm
No Game Zone today due to pastoral workshop
 Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm
 Children's choir at 6:15pm
 Adult choir at 7pm
 Grief as a Journey to Emmaus, 7 to 9pm

Fri, Nov 21: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Funeral of William Petraschuk at 1pm

Sat, Nov 22: Knights of Columbus Exemplification, 9 to 11am
 Pastoral Care Retreat, 10am to 5:30pm
 Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

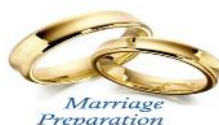
Sun, Nov 23: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
 Infant Baptisms at 2:30pm
 Confirmation Mass at 5pm



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tues. Nov 25: 1st Recon. Class #2, 6:15 to 7:30pm
Fri. Nov 28: Advent Waiting Holy Hour, 7 to 8:15pm
Sat. Nov 29: Knights of Columbus Senior's Dinner at 6pm
 Children (7 to 15 years) Baptism Prep., 9:30 am to 12:30pm

ADVENT GIVING TREE The Advent Giving Tree is a St. Thomas More Advent tradition. The support of our parish is needed for the women and children of **Lurana Shelter**, a refuge for those fleeing from family violence. Take one of the stars and angels from the Giving Tree with a needed item or refer to the posted list of items beside the tree and on the parish website. All items must be new, not promoting violence, and unwrapped. Drop off your gifts by the Giving Tree located in the gathering space of the church during Advent (from Nov. 29 to Dec. 21). Giving gift cards is strongly encouraged (suggested maximum amount per card is \$50). The Catholic Women's League is coordinating this project once again and thanks all for their support.



The next **Marriage Preparation** program at St. Thomas More will take place on March 20-22, 2026. For information and to register <https://stmedmonton.flocknote.com/signup/226736> and complete the form. The registration deadline is on February 20, 2026.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Christ Will come Again! (Luke 21:5-19)

The Day of the Lord is believed to be the time when God will come in majesty and power to judge the whole human race. Each one of us will receive final judgement from our time on earth and we will either enter into eternal glory, with God, or go to the place of suffering, sorrow and remorse.

God does not come at the end to condemn but to save, as the suffering that comes before the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. God's people are vindicated for their faith, but redemption comes through suffering

Paul offers his own way of life as a model to be imitated in how we are to live in expectation of the end. We are to work hard, diligently and conscientiously, not being a burden to others and not interfering with another's work, waiting

for the final coming of Christ, without knowing precisely when that will be.

The suffering that we endure as a result of this way of living will act as the purifying fire.

Jesus urges us to have patient endurance, rooted in faith, love and hope. We are not to be frightened or led astray but be assured, in whatever persecution may come, Jesus will give us strength and wisdom.

Jesus tells us today, "By patient endurance you will save your lives." The 'lives' he is speaking of are the lives of our souls and he is promising eternal happiness to those who endure persecution for His sake.

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.

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, Albert Chrumka, Lucy Longo, Darren Day, Marcella Cloran, Carl & Jackie Blansjaar, Orest Witiw, Julie Lee, Emma Cimat, 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, Sam Amelio, John Lazaruk, Rudy Pisesky, Mariam Azizi, Michael Cummings, Greg Wademan & 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 Rekha Lancy Choudhary, Trisha Gariba-Glodon, Walter Kurth & William Petraschuk that He will raise them up to live forever.



Congratulations to the following 10 children who entered into the community of our Catholic church in October through the **Sacrament of Baptism** **Emery Duyongco, Nehizogie Ighodaro, Isaac Jingco, Ziorachi Obi, Karen Oboh, Levi Gallego, Isabelle Allen, Jaze Tolentino, Phoenix Laus and Sadie Haley.**

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

Silent Auction: Over 85 items on display this weekend. Please drop by- All proceeds to Divine Mercy Project.



CWL Marian Centre Collection



For the entire month of November, the CWL will be collecting items to support the work of the Marian Centre. Winter is nearly upon us, and many vulnerable people need warm clothes to help them get through the cold weather months. The Marian Centre is asking for:

- men's long johns in all sizes (women just wear men's)
- good quality gloves for winter (no red gloves please)

There will be a box inside the front doors where you can put your donations.

Our Tabernacle: In the coming weeks, St. Thomas More Parish will be relocating the tabernacle from the side chapel to the center of the sanctuary. This important change places the Eucharistic Presence of Christ visibly at the heart of our church and reflects our Archdiocesan priority of *Formation for Eucharistic Worship*. Father Mark has written a special letter to the parish explaining the meaning and purpose of this change, including reflections on the altar as the center of our worship and the continuing importance of the side chapel for prayer and adoration. Copies of the full letter are available in the church and on our parish website. Please take a moment to read it and join us in prayer for a deepening love and reverence for the Lord truly present in the Eucharist.

CWL Membership Drive on the weekends of **November 8/9 and 15/16**. We encourage all women of St. Thomas More Parish to join us in our work for faith, service and social justice. If you are 16 or older please consider being a member of the CWL and adding your voice to ours. If you are already a member you can renew your membership at the CWL table either weekend. Membership is \$40 and the fellowship, fun, and faith are included!!

You can now register on our website for :

Confirmation—Spring Cycle 2

- Parent Orientation is on Jan 28
at 6:30pm



Used Books Puzzles and Games: The CWL is looking for used Books Puzzles and Games for our Christmas Market fundraiser. This is your chance to clear your shelves of all the Books Puzzles and Games you no longer want. We are looking for children, youth

and adult materials and please check the games for all the necessary pieces. Put your donated books, puzzles and Games in the box outside the Rosary Room that is marked CWL Books Puzzles Games. And be sure to come to the Christmas Market to pick out new Books Puzzles and Games for your family.



Calling all Bakers!! The CWL is asking all parishioners to contribute Christmas Baking to the Christmas Market fundraiser. The bake sale at the Christmas Market has been wonderful thanks to our great bakers and the magnificent Christmas treats they donate. There is no such thing as too much Christmas Baking for this fundraiser as we have sold out early every time. Thank you in advance to all the bakers for their time and talent in making this part of our fundraiser a huge success.



NOTE: because of storage room, baking can only be accepted between 2:00 and 7:00pm Friday December 5th OR 8:00-9:00 am Saturday December 6th.

Mass of Remembrance

Wednesday, November 19 at 7pm



STM CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Christmas Market

Saturday December 6

9am - 4pm

St. Thomas More Church Hall
210 Haddow Close, Edmonton

40+ VENDORS *RAFFLE *BAKING *BOOKS *PUZZLES & GAMES

DOORS OPEN AT 9AM

Advent Waiting Holy Hour

Fridays: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, & 19 from 7pm to 8:15pm

Join us for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior this Christmas.

- Reflect on the mystery of Christ's incarnation
- Experience the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist
- Prepare your soul for the beauty of Christmas



Through reflection, scripture & prayerful recollection, let us embrace the gift of Advent—awaiting Emmanuel, God with us.



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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

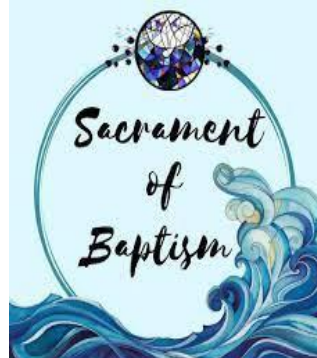
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

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, 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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We are delighted to celebrate the Sacrament of Children's Baptism throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent. For infants and children under 7 years old, baptisms are typically held once or twice monthly. For older children, aged 7 to 15, we offer "Later Baptism" followed by other age-appropriate sacraments 2-3 times per school year. Please note that Nov. 30, 2025, and Feb. 7, 2026 are the only 2 remaining Accommodated Baptisms available for the older children during this school year. Parents and godparents are required to complete a Baptism Preparation program. We encourage you to review the [Baptism Requirements document](#) on our website [under the page of Sacraments & Baptism](#). This document provides details on registration (pages 1-2), preparation options (page 3), and available baptism schedule (pages 4-6). Please be aware that registration requirements must be completed 2 weeks prior to the baptism date, and bookings fill up quickly. We strongly encourage all parents, including expectant parents, to begin the registration process as early as possible. If you wish to register for the upcoming baptism celebrations on Nov. 16, 23 or 30, or the in-person preparation sessions on Nov. 8, please contact Tracy Lam at (780) 434-6313 ext. 233, or email



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 9pm.



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!!**