



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 9, 2025

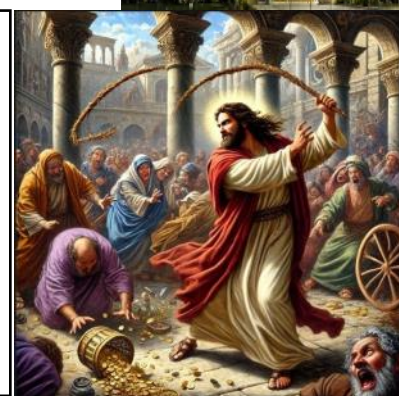


WEEKDAY LITURGIES (Nov 11 – Nov 14)

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 15 & 16)

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 09: Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm
Younger Families Ministry after 9:30am Mass

Nov 10 & 11: Church & Office closed– Remembrance day weekend

Wed, Nov 12: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am
Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7pm
Afro Heritage choir rehearsal at 7pm

Thurs, Nov 13: 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 to Emmaus, 7 to 9pm

Fri, Nov 14: Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

Sat, Nov 15: Catholic Later Marriage Prep, 9am to 2:30pm
Confirmation Retreat & Recon., 9:30am to 2:30pm
Retreat for Adult Confirmation prep, 1pm to 3:30pm
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tues. Nov 18: 1st Recon. Class #1, 6:15 to 7:30pm
Wed. Nov 19: Memorial Mass at 7pm
Thurs. Nov 13: No Game Zone today due to pastoral workshop

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

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



Anna & Antoni Rayar-52nd



Reg & Joanne Pointe – 60th



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



Let us Focus on Jesus (John 2:13-22)

Many centuries ago, the biblical King David composed psalms praising God. In the 10th verse of the 69th Psalm he wrote, "... zeal for your house consumes me." and little did he know that this verse would be quoted centuries later by the Apostles in describing the actions of Jesus in the temple.

With the arrival of Jesus, the kingdom of God has come in a new way with Jesus, the Son of God, being the center of worship.

Jesus is showing us that the Jewish practices of sacrifice, of devotion, of making confession, of seeking forgiveness, and of offering worship to God are no longer required. There is to be no counting of coins or cattle or sheep or doves as a way of buying our forgiveness or mercy or love, for all grace,

mercy, love and forgiveness comes from God through Jesus Christ.

In the re-building of the temple, by Jesus' rising from the dead, and through his resurrection Jesus becomes the sacrifice to end all sacrifices.

Jesus was letting the people of the Temple know they had lost their focus, and that Jesus was (and is) the one and only thing on which we should focus our prayers and worship.

Like the people in the temple, Jesus is reminding us that he is the one to whom we should direct our attention. Jesus' cleansing of the temple is about Jesus very clearly, very deliberately, and very loudly getting our attention and bringing it back to where it belongs.

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 Trisha Gariba-Glodon, Bill Hoffman, Helen Hecker, Erin Gaudet & Lori Jayne Bie that He will raise them up to live forever.



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

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.

You can now register on our website for :

Confirmation—Spring Cycle 2

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



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!!

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

Friday 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.

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

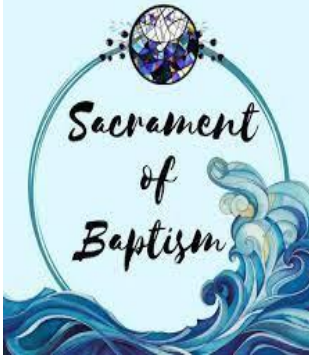
We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

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, 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 Baptism.STM@caedm.ca for 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 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!!**