



# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 9 pm | Fri 9 am - 4 pm | Sat 8:30am - 2 pm | Sun 1 pm - 4:30 pm, Closed on Stat Holidays

**December 21, 2025**

**4th Sunday of Advent**



## WEEKDAY LITURGIES (DEC 23 – DEC 26)

**Tue:** No Mass

**Wed:** 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 10:30pm & 12 Midnight

**Thurs:** 9am & 11am (with incense)

**Fri:** No Mass

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES (DEC 27 & 28)

**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:** REGULARLY SCHEDULED CONFESSION TIMES  
SUSPENDED DURING THE OCTAVE, RESUMES ON JAN 2, 2026



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sun, Dec 21:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm

**Tue, Dec 23:** No Mass-Church & Office is closed

**Christmas Eve** 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 10:30pm & 12 Midnight (with incense)

**Christmas Day** 9am & 11am (with incense)

**Thurs, Dec 25:**

**Fri, Dec 26:** No Mass, Church & Office is closed

**Sat, Dec 27:** Mass: 4:30pm (No Confessions)

**Feast of the Holy Family** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm

**Sun, Dec 28:**



The next **MARRIAGE PREPARATION** program at St. Thomas More will take place on March 20-22, 2026. For information and to register [bit.ly/MarriagePrep2026](http://bit.ly/MarriagePrep2026) and complete the form. The registration deadline is on February 20, 2026.

## 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 Albert Chrumka, Lucy Longo, Darren Day, Marcella Cloran, Carl & Jackie Blansjaar, Orest Witiw, Julie Lee, Ashley West, Stelios Kiliaris, Alfred Morrill, Lillian Gartner, Bob Gerow, Mary Jane Olivier, Guenivere Swan, Bishop Greg Bittman, Rudy Pisesky, Anna Rayar, Marion Coderre, Ron McCarthy & 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 Wilfred Borle, Michael Viola, Nenita Gatdula, Georges Chartouney, Amal Daher, Umberto Daher, Isabelle Daher, Jan Gonciarz, Walter Kurth, John Lazaruk, Joan Silberio, Michael Cummings, Carmelo Grande & William Petraschuk that He will raise them up to live forever.

# Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



## Trust in God's Faithfulness (Matthew 1:18-24)

This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas. Like Joseph, we may feel unworthy of the honour of welcoming Him into our hearts and our homes and today we are shown two examples of human response to the call of faith. Ahaz was unable to take the blind step of faith whereas Joseph trusted in God's faithfulness.

Paul offers us three ways of living out this faith: as a slave of Christ; as an apostle; as one set apart for service.

As a slave of Christ we must be devoted to the service of Christ, be decent, women and men, committed to the good of people and not possessions,

As apostles, we are all called to proclaim our faith in the way we live our lives, in the kindness with which we treat others, in the honesty of our work,

when we forgive those who have offended us and when we show compassion to those who suffer.

At Baptism we were all set apart for service. Service to others is often the most common way of living out our faith. We serve others when we teach our children, dedicate time to loved ones, visit the sick, care for the elderly and even when we car-pool.

Like Joseph, we are called to trust in God's faithfulness, to do as we are commanded, for God sent His divine Son to be with us in this world, so that we might be with Him for all eternity in the next world.



## St. Carlo Acutis

### *The Eucharistic Miracles* OF THE WORLD



St. Thomas More Parish is hosting the International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World, **created by St. Carlo Acutis**, from Friday **December 12th** until Friday **January 8th**.

This exhibit, printed and assembled by St. John Bosco Parish, has been travelling around the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Come check it out to learn more about these miracles. Consider stopping by the church outside of Mass times to be able to fully take in all 166 detailed panels.

**St. Thomas More**  
celebrates

# Advent & Christmas



## ADVENT WAITING HOLY HOUR

FRIDAYS IN ADVENT  
NOV. 28, DEC. 5, 12 & 19  
7 - 8:15 PM

## ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, DEC. 6  
11 AM - 4 PM

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24  
3 PM + 5 PM + 7 PM + 9 PM + 10:30 PM  
12 MIDNIGHT (WITH INCENSE)

THURSDAY, DEC. 25  
9 AM + 11 AM (WITH INCENSE)

## MASS SCHEDULE

MON. DEC. 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - 7 PM MASS

MON. DEC. 22 - NO MASS

TUES. DEC. 23 - NO MASS

FRI. DEC. 26 - NO MASS

SAT. DEC. 27 - 4:30 PM VIGIL MASS ONLY

**SUN. DEC. 28 HOLY FAMILY**

8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM

MON. DEC. 29 - NO MASS

TUES. DEC. 30 - 9 AM MASS

WED. DEC. 31 - 5 PM VIGIL MASS ONLY

**THURS. JAN. 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

(NEW YEAR'S DAY) 9 AM AND 11 AM (WITH INCENSE)

FRI. JAN. 2 - 9 AM MASS FOR 1ST FRIDAY WITH

ADORATION TO FOLLOW. BENEDICTION AT 11 AM

SAT. JAN. 3 - 9 AM MASS FOR 1ST SATURDAY,

FOLLOWED BY ROSARY TALK

### REGULAR WEEKEND SCHEDULE RESUMES JAN. 3/4

*The office will be closed Dec. 23 at noon until Jan. 2 at 9 am.  
No regularly scheduled confessions between Dec. 21 and Jan. 1.  
Regularly scheduled confession times resume on Jan. 2.*

2025 donations can be made  
at the office until Dec. 23 at  
noon, and up to Dec. 31  
online or by electronic money  
transfer to:  
[stm.etransfer@caedm.ca](mailto:stm.etransfer@caedm.ca)

## Christmas Blessings

My dear friends,

May the Spirit of this Advent bring us the peace and joy that come from giving, loving, and caring for one another.

May the celebration of Jesus' birth be a treasured gift for ourselves and for all — a gift of truth, faithfulness, and openness to the Spirit. May Jesus' love continue to guide us as we grow in faith and discipleship.

May the Blessings of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and your families this Christmas season and throughout 2026.

My heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the beauty and prayerfulness of our worship in this holy season.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Mark McGee, Pastor



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# Christmas Mass Gospels

## Christmas Mass During the Night

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an Angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the Angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Christ, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

<sup>15</sup> When the Angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Luke 2: 1-16

## Christmas Mass During the Day

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of the human race. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only begotten son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is God the only begotten Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

John 1:1-18

## Christmas Mass at Dawn

<sup>15</sup> When the Angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2:15-20

