



# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Permanent Deacons: **Randy Abele, Tom Sudsbear & Gordon Taylor**

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



January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord

## WEEKDAY LITURGIES (JAN 13 – JAN 16)

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 (JAN 17 & 18)

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)



The Baptism of Jesus

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

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sun, Jan 11:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am,11am & 12:30pm  
 New Parishioner Welcome at 2pm

**Mon, Jan 12:** Baptism Prep, 7 to 8:30pm

**Tue, Jan 13:** **Funeral of Kimberley Alex at 11am**  
 Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
 1st Reconciliation class, 6:15pm  
 Legion of Mary at 7pm  
 Knights of Columbus at 7pm

**Wed, Jan 14:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am  
 "Wills & Estate Planning" at 7pm

**Thur, Jan 15:** Game Zone, 12:30pm  
 Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
 Children's choir at 6:15pm  
 Adult choir at 7pm

**Fri, Jan 16:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am  
**Funeral of Sebastian Deck at 11am**  
 Wedding at 5pm

**Sat, Jan 17:** Baptism Prep at 10am  
 "Before I Do & After" Singles/Couples Marriage Coaching workshop ,12:30 to 4pm  
 Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

**Sun, Jan 18:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am,11am & 12:30pm  
 1st Eucharist Mass at 4:30pm

Mark your calendars

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**Wed. Jan. 21:** PPC Meeting at 7pm

**Sat. Jan 24:** Divine Mercy Planning meeting, 9 to 10:30am  
 Praesidium In-person Volunteer training, 9-12 & 1-3

**Sun. Jan 25:** Pancake breakfast after 8am & 9:30am Mass



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.

## Welcome, New Parishioner!

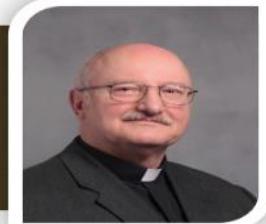
We are delighted to welcome you to our parish family. Whether you are new to the **New Parishioners** area, returning to the Church, or seeking a spiritual home, we are glad you are here. May you find friendship, faith, and a sense of belonging among us. Please join us on **January 11 at 2pm** in the hall—we look forward to getting to know you!



The **Knights of Columbus** will have a table set up at the back of the church to hand out the 2026 membership cards and to update personal information after the Jan 17&18 and Jan 24 & 25 Masses. Accepted payment for dues - Cash, Cheque or Debit.

# Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



## New hope, and a New way are about to begin (Matthew 3:13-17)

The Baptism of Jesus brings to a close the Christmas season. Jesus, our beloved Saviour, began his messianic mission, the mission of enabling the whole human race to be sons of God and heirs of heaven, with an act of self humiliation, by insisting on going through John's Baptismal Rite.

The Messiah of God may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

The Baptism of John was for sinners, a sign of change of heart and a turning to God. Jesus had no sin, he had never turned away from God, he was God, but he was the representative of our sinful humanity. He represented us sinners this day and opened the door of salvation for us.

The Spirit of God hovering over Jesus reminds us of how creation began in Genesis 1:2-4 "..., while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light." Jesus is the light of the world!

Jesus didn't need to be Baptized and insisted that it is necessary to fulfill all righteousness. Firstly, because he was the representative of all sinners, and had come "to take away the sin of the world," and secondly, to teach its necessity, later commissioning his disciples to administer it, "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

### 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 Sam Amelio, Amadeo Sosa, Albert Chrumka, Baby Leo Baetsen, Vern Maller, 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, Betty McGowan, Leticia Bondoc, Connie Reed, Guenivere Swan, Jayantha Wickrama, Bishop Greg Bittman, Leticia Amador, Robert Gibeault, Beth Garcia, Micheline Yu, Rudy Pisesky, Mariam Azizi, Greg Wademan, Anna Rayar, Lorraine Kasha, Kelly Fenrich, Charlotte Henderson, Irene Cote, Fr Len Cadieux & 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 Stella Rengasamy, Rebecca Sosa, Carmelo Grande, Abraham Hermosura & Birgit Fishwick.

You can register at <https://stm.caedm.ca/> for the sacrament of Confirmation:

#### CONFIRMATION

January 28, 6:30-7:30pm, Parent Orientation

February 4, 6:30-8pm

February 11, 6:30-8pm

March 11, 6:30-8pm

March 18, 6:30-8pm

March 25, 6:30-8pm

April 15, 6:30-8pm

April 22, 6:30-8pm

April 29, 6:30-8pm

May 9, 10am—2:30pm (Retreat & Confessions)

**Confirmation Mass, May 24 at 3pm**



### Divine Mercy Parish Knights of Columbus Appreciation

Father Bonner Council at St. Thomas More Parish was asked to help support the St. Thomas More Parish Divine Mercy Building Project. The council initially pledged \$5000 and then agreed on a best efforts basis to raise a further \$20,000 over 4 years. Since July 2025 the council conducted progressive auctions, hosted a Seniors Dinner and welcomed donations from Brother Knights and friends of the council. Over 120 members of the council participated with the net result being that over \$53,500 was provided for the building project. Thank you to all the Knights and their families and to all parishioners who assisted with this Council 7599 Special Fundraiser.

**Winter 2026 STM Scripture Study:** The scripture study will begin on Monday, January 26, 2026 from 7:30pm. to 9:00pm. There will be 10 weekly sessions – the last one on April 13, 2026. Sessions will be virtual meetings on Zoom so one would need to have this free app to access the study. We will be studying: "Faith, Hope, and Love: The Seven Catholic Epistles". These are the non-Pauline letters and are seen as the "pillars" of the early Church community in Jerusalem. I will bulk-order the workbooks to save money and the cost should be \$15.00 per book. Once I have your contact information (email and phone number), I can make arrangements to get the booklets to you. Those who have participated in other scripture studies have noted a positive impact upon their faith life. For registration or information call Deacon Randy Abele at Home (780) 435-5070 or cell:(780) 493-1972 or email: [randy.abele@caedm.ca](mailto:randy.abele@caedm.ca) .

### Christ at the Center – One-Day Marriage Retreat

This one-day retreat is your opportunity to refocus your marriage on Christ. Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it better.

It will be a time to step away from our everyday lives, to reflect and discuss our relationship individually with Christ, as a couple, and with our spouse. We will also receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and attend Mass together.

Register: <https://stmedmonton.flocknote.com/signup/221652>

Hosted By  
Peniel Vie Christian  
Marriage Coaching  
in collaboration with:  
St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

**Before  
I Do & After**

210 Haddow Close, Edmonton, AB T6R 2P3  
Saturday, January 17, 2026 | 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**ADMISSION**  
\$10 | FOR ALL SINGLES AND MARRIED COUPLES  
etransfer to: [penielvie@gmail.com](mailto:penielvie@gmail.com)  
Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact:  
Mildred: (780) 668-4175  
Lilian: (780) 607-2203  
Ifeoma: (780) 902-2612

### Birthday Blessing for Our Pastor

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of our pastor and for the years of life You have graciously given him. As he celebrates his birthday, bless him with good health, peace of heart, and renewed strength in his vocation.

Grant him the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as he shepherds Your people, the joy of the Gospel in his ministry, and the protection of Mary, our Blessed Mother, in all that he does.



May his life continue to be a faithful witness to Christ's love, and may his service bear abundant fruit for Your Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy Birthday Fr. Mark—January 17, 2026



Please join us for an evening of community and celebration.

WHEN:  
February 13, 2026 |  
6:00 PM Onwards

WHERE:  
St Thomas More Church  
Parish Hall

FEATURING: Food | Music | Dance | Children's Activities

#### TICKETS:

- Family: \$70 (includes 2 adults and 2 children)
- Single: \$25
- Youth (Ages 6 to 17): \$15
- Children under 6 years: Free

#### IMPORTANT BOOKING INFORMATION:

- **Limited Capacity:** Tickets are issued on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- **Pre-booking Required:** No tickets will be sold at the event. Tickets can be purchased after weekend masses (starting Jan. 17) or by calling the contacts below

ORGANIZED BY: The Knights of Columbus, Father Bonner Council  
CONTACT: Jason Kalapurakal @ 587-985-0450, Tony Joseph @ 780-977-4921



# be it done

## Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese

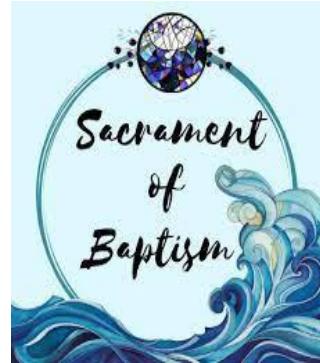
**worship**  
We are a faith community that understands and joyfully celebrates the Eucharist.

**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](http://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, **please come on Jan 11 at 2pm**.

**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 Feb. 7, 2026 is the only remaining Accommodated Baptism 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 Jan 25, or the in-person preparation sessions on Jan. 12 or 17, please contact Tracy Lam at (780) 434-6313 ext. 233, or email [Baptism.STM@caedm.ca](mailto: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 3 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](mailto: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!!**