



# 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



January 18, 2026  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WEEKDAY LITURGIES (JAN 20 – JAN 23)

**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)

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

**Behold**  
the **Lamb of God**  
that takes away  
the sin of the World

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

**Tue, Jan 20:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
CWL General meeting at 7pm  
Legion of Mary at 7pm

**Wed, Jan 21:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am  
Pastor/Principal meeting, 10am to 12pm  
PPC Meeting at 7pm

**Thur, Jan 22:** Game Zone, 12:30pm  
Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
Children's choir at 6:15pm  
Adult choir at 7pm

**Fri, Jan 23:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

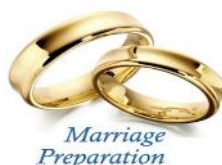
**Sat, Jan 24:** Praesidium In-person Volunteer training, 9-12 & 1-3  
Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm

**Sun, Jan 25:** Pancake breakfast after 8am & 9:30am Mass  
Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm  
Infant Baptisms at 2:30pm  
Friends of Frasatti, 2pm at Victoria park

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Wed. Jan 28:** Confirmation cycle 2-Info & Orientation-6:30 to 8pm

**Sat. Jan 31:** Junior Servers workshop, 9am to 11:30am  
Accommodated Baptism Prep., 9:30am-12:30pm



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.

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 24 & 25 Masses. Accepted payment for dues - Cash, Cheque or Debit.

The Knights of Columbus are excited to host **Pancake Breakfast** this coming Sunday, Jan 25th after the 8 & 9:30 am Masses in the parish hall. Rekindle connections with your fellow parishioners while enjoying pancakes with all the fixings.



# Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



## The Lamb of God (John 1:29-34)

Jesus was not only the lamb of God, he was the servant of the Lord, who came to unite all people and bring new life to those who suffer. His baptism was not only for the forgiveness of sins, but for reopening heaven for us.

In the Old Testament a lamb without blemish was slaughtered by each Jewish family before the Exodus from Egypt and sacrificed at the feast of the Passover.

By calling Jesus the lamb John is declaring his sacrificial death. Like a lamb, Jesus would allow himself to be led away to be slaughtered, willingly enduring the death of crucifixion.

Paul tells us that we have been called to be Apostles, a call we received when we were baptized, as through our Baptism our sins are forgiven (washed away) and

we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As Apostles, we are to work to unite broken families, bring new life to those in despair and be a light in the midst of darkness. The saving grace of God shines through when we love those in our lives with the love of God, treat others with the compassion of God and preach the gospel through the way we live our lives.

Let us go forward in this new year as apostles of Jesus, faithful members of His flock, continuing to honour him by receiving the sacraments of His church, and enabling the blood of the lamb to wash away our sins and lead us to eternal salvation.

### 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 Baetson, 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 Piscesky, Mariam Azizi, Greg Wademan, Anna Rayar, Lorraine Kasha, Kelly Fenrich, Charlotte Henderson, Irene Cote, Diane Demers & Mary Kutty Matthew that they may be given the strength and guidance they seek.



Remembering  
Our Dead

**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 Lorraine Heber, Fr Len Cadieux, Kevin Shostak, Rebecca Sosa & Mike Deck.

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

#### CONFIRMATION

January 28, 6:30-8pm, 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



Weekends of January 31 & February 14, 2026 The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Bonner Council #7599 invites all boys and girls 9 to 14 years to participate in our **"Basketball Free Throw Championship"**.

This free event is being held on February 21, 2026. Registration and practice from 9:00 am to 9:45 am with the free throw competition commencing at 10:00 am. (wrap up by 1 pm.) The event will be held at Joan Carr Catholic School, 1140 Keswick Drive SW, Edmonton. Certificates and pizza/drinks are provided to participants with door prizes. Information packages including entry forms are available at the back of the Church or in front of the parish office.



**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).

**MANY THANKS FOR ADVENT GIVING TREE DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF LURANA SHELTER:** Once again, the parishioners of St. Thomas More opened their hearts and wallets, generously donating to the women and children at Lurana Shelter. Gift cards with a total value of just over \$2,700 were donated. In addition, nearly 2,850 items, including toiletries, women's clothing, toys, crafts, books, baby items (including diapers), and other gifts were placed under the tree. These generous donations provide comfort and support at Christmas and throughout the year for women and children who are fleeing domestic violence. The success of the Giving Tree demonstrates how the parishioners of our parish truly reflect the meaning of Christmas.  
—St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League

## Younger Family Ministry 2025-26 EVENT SCHEDULE

⑦ **ALL ARE WELCOME**  
AIMED TOWARDS FAMILIES WITH KIDS BETWEEN 0-10 YEARS OLD

⑦ **SUNDAYS** ⑦ **IN THE HALL AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS**

**NOV 09** Lesson 1: The Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World

**DEC 05** \*Advent Waiting Holy Hour

**DEC 28** \* Feast of the Holy Family Potluck Social

**FEB 08** Lesson 2: Marriage - The Foundation of the Family

**MAR 08** Lesson 3: The Gift of Children

**APR 19** Lesson 4: Healing the Family

**MAY 24** Lesson 5: Creating a Legacy of Faith

**JUN 07** \*Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

**JUN 14** \*Summer BBQ

**\*irregular scheduled event.**  
Make sure to sign up for our Flocknote for most up to date info



**St. Thomas More Encounter Ministries**  
**Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

# HEALING SERVICE



JESUS PROMISED: "THESE SIGNS WILL ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO BELIEVE...THEY WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK AND THEY WILL RECOVER." MARK 16:17

JESUS CHRIST IS THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN. LET US ENTRUST OUR HEARTS & BODIES TO HIM.

**Come & Experience God's Supernatural Love!**

4:30 PM Parish Vigil Mass  
6:00 PM Praise & Worship  
6:30 PM Gospel Healing Presentation  
7:00 PM Corporate Prayer for Healing & Testimonies  
8:00 PM Individual Prayer Ministry



*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)

## Celebrate Your Marriage - One-Day Marriage Retreat

— Led by Fr. Mark McGee—

Saturday, February 14 | 9:00am–5:30pm

*"Putting Christ at the center of our married lives is crucial for maintaining a strong marriage"*

Marriage is a gift meant to be nurtured, strengthened, and celebrated. This Valentine's Day, couples are warmly invited to step away from the busyness of daily life and spend a meaningful day together for **Celebrate Your Marriage**, a one-day course focused on faith and love. The day will offer time for reflection on our relationship with Christ, our relationship with our spouse, and how God is calling us to continue growing in our marriages. Through personal testimonials, prayer, and shared conversation, couples will be encouraged and equipped to deepen their commitment and rediscover the joy of married life. The day will include a **sit-down lunch in the parish hall**, along with snacks and opportunities to connect with other couples. There will be time for **Confession**, and we will conclude with **regular Saturday Mass at 4:30pm**.

This year's event will be **a little different from last year**, so even if you've attended before, we warmly invite you to come again and experience something new. Whether you've been married for a few years or many decades, this day is for you—a chance to be renewed, strengthened, and reminded that marriage and family life are the heart of the Church, through which God's love is made visible to the world.

Come celebrate your marriage with us.

Register: <https://stmedmonton.flocknote.com/signup/242031>



## Altar Server Workshop – January 31

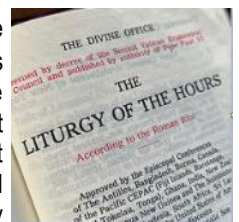
All altar servers are warmly invited to a parish workshop on **Friday, January 31, from 9 a.m. to 11:30p.m.** This morning together will be a time of learning, renewal, and shared service at the altar.

We will review some recent changes with all servers and provide training and guidance for those who are new to this ministry. Senior servers will also begin special preparation and training for the liturgies of **Holy Thursday and Good Friday**, helping us serve these sacred celebrations with confidence and reverence.

Whether you are newly serving or have years of experience, your presence matters and strengthens our parish's prayer and worship. We look forward to growing together in this important ministry.



**Liturgy of the Hours** often called the Divine Office, is the daily prayer of the Church. It is an extension of the Eucharistic liturgy, allowing the praise and worship of God to continue throughout the entire day. Across the world and throughout history, priests, deacons, religious communities, and countless lay faithful unite in structuring their day around these same prayers.



**Morning Prayer: Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:10 am**  
**Evening Prayer: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 pm**  
**In the side Chapel – All are welcome**

At its heart, the Liturgy of the Hours is rooted in the prayer of Jesus Himself. Christ prayed constantly with the Psalms, and when we pray the Hours, we join our voices to His eternal prayer to the Father. The Psalms and readings shape our hearts, teaching us to see every part of life in the light of God's presence.

The Liturgy of the Hours invites us into deeper communion with the universal Church and with Christ, who we long to imitate with our prayer.