



# 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



May 17, 2026

## Ascension of the Lord

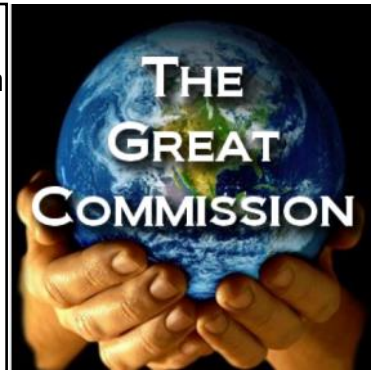
### WEEKDAY LITURGIES (MAY 19 – MAY 22)

**Tuesday:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
**Wednesday:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am  
**Thursday:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
**Friday:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am

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

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES (MAY 23 & MAY 24)

**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)



### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, May 17:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm  
**Monday, May 18:** Victoria Day-Church & Office are closed  
**Tuesday, May 19:** Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
 CWL Fellowship at 5:30pm  
 1st Recon/1st Eucharist class at 6:15pm  
 CWL General Meeting at 7pm  
 Adult Confirmation class at 7pm  
 Legion of Mary at 7pm  
**Wednesday, May 20:** Pastor Principal meeting at 10am  
 Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am  
**Thursday, May 21:** Deanery Day, 10:30am to 4pm  
 Game Zone, 12:30pm to 3:30pm  
 Confession/Mass: 4:15/5pm  
 Adult Choir at 7pm  
 Grief as a Journey to Emmaus at 7pm  
**Friday, May 22:** Confession/Mass: 8:15/9am  
 Adult Confirmation class at 7pm  
**Saturday, May 23:** Later Marriage Prep, 9am to 2:30pm  
 Baptism Prep, 10am to 11:30am  
 Confession/Mass: 3-4pm/4:30pm  
**Sunday, May 24:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm  
 Young Families Ministry after 9:30am Mass  
 Confirmation Mass at 3pm



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Tue May 26:** Liturgy Committee meeting at 7pm  
**Thurs. May 28:** Youth & Family Ministry Steering Committee meeting, 6:30pm to 8pm  
**Sat. May 30:**

- Special Marian Mass at 9am
- 1st Recon./1st Communion-Reconciliations, 11am – 1pm



**Special  
 Marian Mass  
 on  
 Saturday,  
 May 30 at  
 9am.**

# Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



## The Glory of Jesus (Matthew 28:16-20)

Today we stand with the disciples watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven and be enthroned at the right hand of God. The return of Jesus to heaven, in his human but glorified body, marks the end of his mission on earth.

Jesus (the Word) became flesh and lived among us, fully divine and fully human, taking on real, physical flesh to reveal God's grace and truth. He came with the specific task of redeeming mankind and reopening the gates of heaven (which had been closed by the original sin of our first parents).

By his death on the cross, Jesus reconciled sinful man with his Father and earned for us a share in the divine life. His resurrection is the divine guarantee that we too shall rise again, and his ascension to the

Father is the prelude to our entrance into God's everlasting kingdom. Jesus commissioned his Apostles, and through them their successors, to bring the good news of what had been done for them to all men, and promised to be with them always, encouraging and confirming them.

Jesus, who ascended into heaven in both his divinity and glorified humanity, carries on what he began on earth through us, his new body, the community of believers who make up the new body of Christ, the Church.

Jesus's ascension into heaven is a promise of our ascension and we can rely on the promise that one day our bodies may share with him the gift of eternal glory.

### 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 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, Jayantha Wickrama, Robert Gibeault, Beth Garcia, Rudy Pisesky, Greg Wademan, Anna Rayar, Lorraine Kasha, Charlotte Henderson, Maureen Neville, Mary Kutty Matthew, Adriana Cordero, Mary Morris, Gloria Lamigo, Eric Simpson, Jennifer Crocker, Wendy Derdak, Greg Nelson, Ruth Harrison, Veronica Sprysak, Sam Amelio, Fern Beaudoin, Fr. Mark McGee, Zachary Tavares, Zack Norman, Nora Nolden, Sandra Jardine, Louise Hawker, Marika Alyluia & Patsy Kelly that they may be given the strength and guidance they seek.



whose names are recorded in the parish Book of Remembrance, especially for Rita L'Heureux, Joseph Fernandez, Antonio Borrelli, Ludwig (Louie) Zsoldos, Dolores Aquin, Oliver O'Connor & Isabelle Zielinski, that He will raise them up to live forever.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:** for those who have gone into the presence of our Father, and for those



You can register at

<https://stm.caedm.ca/> for the sacrament of

**First Reconciliation & First Communion**  
(Summer Intensive)

July 13 to July 17: 10am to 11:30am

July 19 at 4:30 pm (Sacrament of First Holy Communion)

A bed to sleep in, a table and chairs to share a meal with family, a comfortable chair in which to rest at the end of the day. These are some of the items our Furniture Team provides to our friends in need. **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is desperately seeking truck drivers and movers to volunteer for this important ministry. Pick ups and deliveries occur on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from approximately 8am to 1pm. The amount of time you volunteer is at your discretion – no need to volunteer each week. If you are interested in learning more about this role, please contact Beth at [beth.ssvpdm@gmail.com](mailto:beth.ssvpdm@gmail.com).

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** There will be a

'reverse collection' food drive next weekend on May 23/24. Baskets with slips of paper with a suggested food item will be passed around during Offertory. Please pick up one or more paper slips and bring the items to the church on the weekend of May 30/31 or soon after. We prefer that the food items be in smaller portions.

If you would like to make a financial donation, we will be collecting alms for the poor after Mass next weekend. Cheques payable to "SSVP Divine Mercy Conference" can also be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul donation box at the back of the church or dropped off at the parish office. A donation receipt will be sent to you. To donate online, please visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/The-Society-of-Saint-Vincent-de-Paul-Divine-Mercy-Conference/>.

Our pantry relies on this reverse collection to provide food hampers through the summer. Thank you for your generosity in feeding the poor!



CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
**ST. THOMAS MORE**

*Divine Mercy Project Raffle*

AGLC License # 778449

**Draw Date:** Sunday, Aug 9, 2026  
@ 2pm - Church Hall

**Total Tickets Printed: 750 @ \$20**  
Must be 18+ to purchase

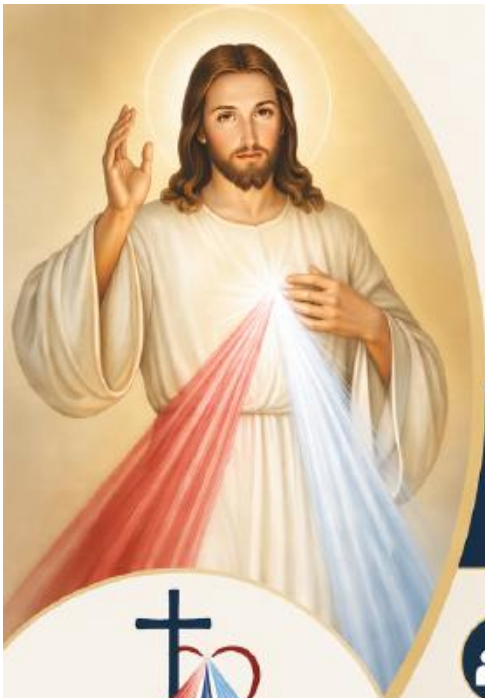
**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Vamoose Ranger X ST E-Bike *Retail value \$2499*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** \$2000 Cash

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Oilers Jersey C. McDavid *Value \$310*

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** Oilers Jersey L. Draisaitl *Value \$310*

Ticket No:



# VOLUNTEERS *Needed!*



Be the hands and heart of Jesus.  
Help build a community of faith, **mercy** and mission.

## IN THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT for the Divine Mercy Project

### COMMITMENT:



**1** Attend meetings to discuss activities to promote parishioners' involvement in the DMP.



**2** Implement programs/activities for DMP.



**3** Spearhead Divine Mercy devotionals in the parish.

*Your time.  
Your talent.  
Eternal impact.*

**COME, SERVE  
AND BE A BLESSING!**



**DIVINE MERCY  
PROJECT**

*JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!*

### INTERESTED?

Please contact the parish office at (780) 434-6313.



*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another" as good stewards of God's varied grace." , 1 Peter 4:10*

What's coming up?  
**May 2026**  
 Youth & Family Ministry Events

- May 1 - Friends of Frassati (Ages 18-35)
- May 7 - Game Zone (Gr. 1-6)
- May 9 - Duc In Altum (Gr.7-9) & Verso L'Alto (Gr. 10-12)
- May 13 - Moms & Tots
- May 14 - Game Zone (Gr. 1-6) (Cancelled)
- May 15 - Friends of Frassati Theology on Tap (Ages 18-35)
- May 21 - Game Zone (Gr. 1-6)
- May 23- Duc In Altum (Gr.7-9) & Verso L'Alto (Gr.10-12)
- May 24 - Younger Families Ministry
- May 27 - Moms & Tots
- May 28 - Game Zone (Gr. 1-6)
- May 29 - Friends of Frassati Theology on Tap (Ages 18-35)

**Feast days**



May 06 - St. Francois De Laval



May 24 - Pentacost



May 26 - St. Philip Neri

Scan for more information or email shavi.perera@caedm.ca



**Friends of Frassati**  
 STM'S NEW YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Scan the QR Code to join, or text FRIENDS to 514 900 0130

- February 6:** Friends @ STM - Church Fathers Series Begins
- February 18-22:** Young Adult Mountain Retreat\*
- March 15:** Friends @ STM - Mission to feed the Homeless downtown (following 11am mass)
- March 27:** Friends @ STM - Stations of the Cross then Church Fathers 2
- April 17:** Friends go Rock Climbing at Bloes
- May 1:** Friends @ STM - Church Fathers 3
- May 15:** Theology on Tap with Fr. Mark (7-10pm)
- May 29:** Friends @ STM - Church Fathers 4
- June 12:** Friends go to Laser Tag\*
- June 26:** Friends go to Whitemud Park for Sports and Bonfire
- July 10:** Friends go to Riverhawks Baseball Game\*

(All Events run 7pm-9pm unless otherwise noted)

\*Requires registration ahead of time

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

**Confirmation (Summer Intensive)**

(Monday – Thursday – Children to bring bagged lunch and drink;

Friday – Lunch provided by St. Thomas More)



<b>Aug 11, 6:30-8pm</b>	Parent & Child Orientation
<b>Aug 17, 18, 19, 20 &amp; 21</b>	Catechetical classes from 10am to 2:30pm
<b>Aug 21:</b>	Confessions from 12:30pm to 2:30pm

**Confirmation Mass, August 23 at 3pm**

The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Bonner Council, is looking to recognize exemplary youth leadership with the **Youth Icon Awards 2026:** A Model Youth. We want to celebrate the faith and values of the young leaders in our parish!

**Eligibility:** Open for students in Junior High & High School.

**The Prize:** An opportunity to win \$250, a certificate, and a plaque.

**How to Apply:** It is a 2-step process. First, nominate or self-nominate a committed Catholic youth by filling out a simple online application form. Second, candidates will participate in a short interview.

**Where to find the form:** The application forms are available on <https://kofc7599.kofc.ab.ca/resources/events> or use QR code on the posters located in the church foyer.

**Deadline:** Application end date is May 31st, 2026

**Questions?**

Please contact our coordinators:  
 Jason Kalapurakal: 587 985 0450  
 Tony Joseph: 780 9774921  
 Derek Yee 780 909 6286



**North of 60 – Fort Good Hope**

The sea can that was filled with your generous donations in October has not yet left Edmonton. The winter road situation and the company we contracted made it difficult to transport this winter. The family whose transport we were to use could still use your prayers – their 11 year old daughter is still in Toronto fighting cancer, and her grandmother (from Good Hope) just died. I went to Good Hope to lead the funeral service. What does that mean? It means we will try and ship the sea can (which, by the way, has 18 mattresses added to it, bibles, plus more flour...) via barge this summer. The barge service is no longer free for us anymore. The original budget was to transport from Edmonton directly to Good Hope for \$4,000. Bottom line: We need **your financial help** this year. Please donate money so that we can ship the sea can by truck to Hay River then by barge to Good Hope (with our prayers so that the river is navigable this summer). Thank you for your prayers and donations! Mark your donations North of 60 please. Roger Plouffe/SSVP North of 60/Fort Good Hope Contact