

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



**Pastor: Fr. Mitchell Fidyka**

**Associate Pastor: Fr. Joy Vadakkan, CFIC**

**Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Chris Ashdown**

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## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday	7:00 pm
Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	9:00 am
Saturday	9:00 am

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	12:00 pm
	5:00 pm

## CONFESSION

1 hour before all morning & evening weekday Masses

## ADORATION

Tuesday 6:00 pm  
1st Fridays 9 am - 3 pm

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## PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT:

### Pastoral Care

- Sacrament of the Sick: any day at any hour
- Regular pastoral visits can be arranged for the homebound

### Baptism

- See Baptismal brochure in stand or look on website
- Parents & godparents are required to take preparation classes

### Marriages

- Schedule an appointment before you book any other facilities
- An approved pre-marriage course is required
- A minimum of 4 months of notice is required

### First Reconciliation and First Communion

- For baptized children 7 years of age and older
- Preparation classes are required
- See green sacrament brochure for details

### Confirmation

- For those 11 years of age (by November 2019) and older
- Registrations for Confirmation 2019 Program start in May. Contact [youth@stmparish.com](mailto:youth@stmparish.com) for more information.

### RCIA *and* RCIA - Adapted for Children (8-15 yrs.)

- For those who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith or who wish to become Catholic.

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## PARISH STAFF:

### PASTORAL STAFF

Family Coordinator: Monica Bober  
Youth Coordinator: Sara Dmitri  
Sacrament Assistant: Kathleen Eistetter  
Sacrament Assistant: Diane Middleton  
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich  
RCIA Coordinator: Darlene Smigelski  
RCIA & Sacrament Asst. Olivia Dias

### OFFICE STAFF

Business Administrator: Christopher Snaith  
Receptionist: Shannon Van Soest  
Interim Bookkeeper: Joey Kolinsky  
Custodian: Arthur Connick  
Evening Receptionist: Gideon Boyle



# Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

April 21, 2019

## “I have seen the Lord – He is risen; Alleluia!”

In raising Jesus from the dead, God has transformed us into Easter people. The Resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith, the wellspring of our hope, our gateway into new life. This is indeed a day for rejoicing.

“He is not here.” Indeed, Jesus is no longer confined to a particular time and place in history, but having burst the bonds of death, is now present in every time and place. However, He needs our help! Let us demonstrate the transformative love of the cross, and the hope of Resurrection by living our lives with boldness and fidelity.



Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which He looks with compassion on the world,  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.  
(Prayer from St. Teresa of Avilla)

*Risen Jesus, may we your Easter people, let the light of Your Resurrection shine through us. Alleluia!*

### Today is the day of Easter joy!

After forty days of Lent and the rich liturgies of the Triduum, we celebrate Christ risen from the dead, risen so that we too might rise above our earthly existence and share in His eternal life.

We thank God for the gifts bestowed on the parish, the prayerful and dedicated people who serve the parish each and every day. It is the good people of St Thomas More who make this a place pleasing to God.

This is the time we welcome new members into our midst through the Sacrament of Baptism and the Profession of Faith. This is the time also for us to renew our own baptismal promises and commitment to our Catholic faith so that we will celebrate our great gift not only at Easter but every moment of every day. May the empty tomb fill you and your family with a renewed sense of hope, joy and peace.

Thank you for your participation in our celebrations, for your hours of volunteer work, for your generous support of the parish. We appreciate your prayers and good wishes. We wish you a joyous and glorious Easter Season. May your hearts be filled with the same awe and joy as the disciples experienced as “they walked along the road” and “recognized Him at the breaking of the bread.” Have a happy and holy Easter.



Father Mitch and Father Joy

### Our Offerings: Apr. 14

Regular Sunday Collection: \$20,919.00

Together We Serve: \$417.00

Other Donations: \$255.00



### Mass Intentions



Mon. Apr.22	7:00pm	+Antonio Rafael Marin Rivas +Glenn Knutson
Tues. Apr.23	7:00pm	Jade & Braeden Nehring +Katherine Pisesky
Wed. Apr.24	9:00am	Pieseski Family +Joseph LaFrance
Thurs. Apr.25	9:00am	+Simone Lising +Aurore Lising
Fri. Apr.26	9:00am	+Nepomuceno & Selvina Bura +Dick Theroux
Sat. Apr.27	9:00am	+Maria Tran +Katherine Pisesky
	5:00pm	Frank Dendwick & Family Thanksgiving for Cathy Lam
Sun. Apr.28	8:00am	Armand Amyotte
<i>Divine Mercy</i>	10:00am	+Martha Gust
	12:00pm	Deacon Randy Abele
	5:00pm	+Olga George

### Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 5:12-16, Psalm 118,  
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19, John 20:19-31

### Next Sunday Hymns:

CBW 389 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*,  
CBW 383 *Alleluia Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*,  
BB 507 *Now we Remain*, BB 356 *I am the Living Bread*,  
BB 363 *I Am the Bread of Life*,  
BB 611 *Sing with all the Saints in Glory*

All bulletin items and announcements should be directed to:  
stm.secretary@stmeparish.com Deadline: **Tuesday noon**

## The Novena to Divine Mercy

St. Thomas More Parish invites you to our  
**DIVINE MERCY**  
**SUNDAY CELEBRATION**  
April 28th from 2:00 to 3:15 pm

Join us in the Holy Hour of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Veneration of the image of Divine Mercy.

Let us immerse ourselves in the ocean of His endless Mercy!



## Prayers for the Sick

We care about the sick and suffering in our parish and pray for them daily. These prayers are included in the intentions of the rosary that we pray before the Eucharist.

*We pray for:*



**Garnet McKee, Roger Desfosses, Lolita Espinoza,  
Karem Castillo, Louise Schurman, Edward James,  
Janice and Kerry Brown**

*May they receive the peace & healing of the Lord*

## Formed.org

Our parish subscribes to [formed.org](http://formed.org) allowing all of you to access hundreds of quality programs. For Easter we suggest *The True Meaning of Easter*. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was one of the best-known and best-loved Catholic orators of the twentieth century, reaching millions of Christians of all denominations. Presented here are his timeless reflections on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, combined with Scripture and Gregorian Chant to create a powerful presentation that is sure to become a family favorite. You can freely access this by using the parish code TBQYW9.

## **Pancake Breakfast** hosted by the **Knights of Columbus**



will be held on **Sunday, April 28th**  
in the parish hall

following the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses.

You and your family are invited to enjoy pancakes with strawberries & whipped cream, sausages, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea & juice.

Cost: \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

***Please join us for fellowship and friendship!***

## **Archbishop's Blog has Moved**

Archbishop Smith's blog, *The Reason for our Hope*, is now being published at Grandin Media, at

[grandinmedia.ca/archbsmith](http://grandinmedia.ca/archbsmith)

You can still find a link to the latest post on the front page of the archdiocesan website at [caedm.ca](http://caedm.ca)

## **North of 60° Project**

Once a year the **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** provides food in sea containers that ship to each of 13 Canadian Arctic Communities. This food security program provides food hampers to families in need. Parishioners from St. Thomas More have in the past few years been very generous in support. This year St. Thomas More has been twinned with the Community of Fort Good Hope in NWT. Specific needs of this Community in addition to basic food items have been identified and will be provided. This **North of 60° Program** could not happen without your donation of food items.



Please again support this outreach by bringing **rice, oats, flour, lard, baking powder, and sugar** to the sea container in the parking lot **before Mass on May 4/5**. Providing food security to hungry children in the Arctic is an act of charity that you and your family can enjoy.

Learn more at <http://www.ssvp.ca/north-60>

## **Celebrating Anniversaries:**

As requested by Pope Francis, we celebrate the commitment to Marriage by celebrating

***Emile & Cecile Plouffe's 51st Wedding Anniversary***

*May God bless you and deepen your love for each other.*

## **Archdiocesan Pilgrimage:**

### ***Following Jesus' Steps in the Holy Land***

As you journey through the Holy Week and Easter liturgies, do you ever wonder what it would be like to be in the very places described in the readings?

We are pleased to announce that **Father Terry Kersch CSB**, President of St. Joseph's College, will be our spiritual guide this year on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This unforgettable journey, scheduled for **November 19-30, 2019**, includes daily Mass at pilgrimage churches and shrines. Cost of \$5,181 (per person based on double occupancy) includes return airfare, 10 nights accommodation, daily buffet breakfasts, lunches and dinners, guide and entrance fees, sightseeing as per itinerary, transportation by deluxe motor coach with free WiFi, water on bus, gratuities and all taxes.



Space is limited, so if you are considering or would like more information, please contact Jackie Abello at Uniglobe LGI Travel, 780-229-4171 or [JackieA@UniglobeLGI.com](mailto:JackieA@UniglobeLGI.com).



## NET RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18 - 35)

**Mission of NET:** To challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. This is accomplished through the hard work of young people who are volunteering for a full year to proclaim the Gospel of Christ through a personal witness of faith and inviting young people to live for Christ.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD  
5:00 - 10:00PM**

**COST: \$15 DINNER INCLUDED**

**TO REGISTER EMAIL: [YOUTH@STMPARISH.COM](mailto:youth@stmparish.com)**

\*We are looking for families to host 2-3 NET Team Members for April 22nd - April 26th. If interested, please contact Sara at 780-434-6313 or [youth@stmparish.com](mailto:youth@stmparish.com)



**All youth Grades 7 & 8**  
(Grades 9+ are invited to volunteer)

**Thursday, April 25th, 2019 1:30 - 7:30pm**

**St. Thomas More Parish**

Cost \$15

Pick up a brochure at the back of the Church or email [youth@stmparish.com](mailto:youth@stmparish.com) for more information.

[WWW.NETCANADA.CA](http://WWW.NETCANADA.CA)  
 @NETCANADA

## First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Our parish has 264 children that have begun preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The children have received materials, and attended meetings and retreats in order to better understand these two special sacraments.



**First Reconciliation** for these children will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 1. **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated at select masses in May and June.

**Please keep these young parishioners in your prayers!**

## Vacation Bible School (VBS) St. Thomas More Parish

**July 8-12, 2019**

for children ages **5 – 10 years (\$50)** - 1/2 day  
and youth **11 – 14 years (\$50)** for the  
**Captains Leadership Program (NEW - all day).**

**Registration Drop In dates**  
for VBS will be held on:

Monday, April 29, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday, May 25/26  
following all Masses

Thursday, June 6, 6:30 - 8:30 pm



**SAVE THE DATES!!!**

The **St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary** is seeking donations of silver flatware and crystal for its annual **Strawberry Tea and Fine China and Crystal Sale**. Please leave your clearly marked donations in the cloakroom of the church by **April 28th**.

Your support is very much appreciated!

All proceeds from this event go to support hospital programs, especially the dementia program.

## Baptism - Infants & children to 7 years of age.



**Preparation – May 13 – Monday evening 7 to 9pm**

This class is a requirement for parents and godparents. It can be taken before the arrival/registration of the child.

**Contact - Diane 780-434-6313 ext. 233**

May 26th, 2pm Baptism Liturgy still has a few spots left and June baptism dates are filling quickly.

*Refer to brochure in stand/on website for requirements for registration, upcoming baptism dates and additional dates for the preparation classes.*

## Save the Date: Alberta March for Life

Mark your calendars early and please join our bishops at this year's Alberta March for Life. Events include:

Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life, **Monday, May 6**  
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral (starts at 7pm).

Mass for Life and Blessed Exposition, **Thursday, May 6**  
St. Joseph Basilica (Mass at 10am).

Rally and March for Life, **Thursday, May 9**  
Alberta Legislature (starts at 12noon).

For more information, please visit [albertamarchforlife.com](http://albertamarchforlife.com)