

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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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Website: <https://stm.caedm.ca> Email: webmaster@stmparish.com

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

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 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.
 - Classes start each fall.
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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

**To email the staff, please visit the [Contact](#) page of our website for details.*



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

as I have
loved you.
LOVE one
another
John 13:34

“Now is the Son of Man glorified.”

In the ironic way of the kingdom, things are not what they appear to be. Humiliation is about to become majesty. The king will be treated like a criminal, put to death in the manner fit for slaves of the empire. Death is going to be transcended in resurrection. Everything will be gathered with its opposite as heaven and earth are reconciled on the cross.

In the face of all that is about to come, Jesus issues a new commandment: “Love one another.” Most commandments tell us precisely what to do, or not to do. “Love one another” is not so explicit. It does not establish guidelines or set protocol. It calls us into a kind of relationship. It makes us responsible for one another.

In that sense, the love command calls us into community. We are commanded to do one thing only, to care for one another as Jesus cares for us. And if we do that one thing, it will be the only thing we need to do.

New Appointments of Priests

Sadly, **Fr. Joy** will be leaving our parish; however, he will become the proud pastor of the **Holy Name of Jesus Parish** in Vermilion. We congratulate Fr. Joy on his new appointment and wish him all the best!

He will be replaced by **Fr. Bala Showry Rudrapogu SAC**, a Pallottine priest from India.

We will miss you Fr. Joy!

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:



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

May they receive the peace & healing of the Lord

Formed.org Do you want to learn more about the lives of the Saints? We recommend the film **St. Rita**. St. Rita of Cascia is known as the patron of hopeless situations, a



beautiful woman who lived in Italy in the fourteenth century. Her story combines high drama, great love, deep betrayal, profound forgiveness, and strong faith. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. She finds peace and new hope through the generosity of a nearby convent of sisters, and with their

help she develops a deep union with Christ that greatly inspires all near her. The memorial of **St. Rita of Cascia** is celebrated **May 22**. The parish code is **TBQYW9**.



Mass Intentions



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| Mon. May 20 | 7:00pm | Giovanna & Edwardo Baldoz-Macam +Ernest Skublics |
| Tues. May 21 | 7:00pm | Joseph Kennedy +Mary Joseph |
| Wed. May 22 | 9:00am | Louise Pickford Nang Cameron |
| Thurs. May 23 | 9:00am | +Gilbert B. de Leon Diane Middleton |
| Fri. May 24 | 9:00am | +Lucille Dendwick +Henry Meyer <i>For the Youth whose names were placed in the petition box—Mary, Help of Christians</i> |
| Sat. May 25 | 9:00am | +Helmut Förster The Mullane Family |
| | 5:00pm | Nicole Favis & Family +Guillermo & Eldie Cruz |
| Sun. May 26 | 8:00am | +Peter Nguyen |
| | 10:00am | +Peter Nguyen |
| | 12:00pm | +Peter Nguyen |
| | 5:00pm | +Peter Nguyen |

The Parish office will be closed on **Victoria Day**, Monday, May 20
All bulletin items and announcements should be directed to:
stm.secretary@stmparish.com Deadline: Tuesday noon

Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Psalm 67,
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29

Next Sunday Hymns:

CBW 384 **Christ is Alive**, BB 186 **One Sacrifice of Christ**,
BB 593 **Your Words are Spirit and Life**,
BB 359 **One Love Released**,
CBW 393 **Something Which is Known**,
CBW 398 **We Know that Christ is Raised**

Our Offerings: May 12

Regular Sunday Collection: \$13,281.00
Other Donations: \$340.00

First Holy Communion



There are 264 children of our parish that will celebrate their First Holy Communion over four weekends throughout May and June.

Every Sunday the baptized people gather around the table of the Lord. And now these special children are called to taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



Please keep these young parishioners and their families in your prayers.

Baptism - Infants & children to 7 years of age.

Preparation – June 10 – Monday evening 7 to 9pm - **Last opportunity to take the class before summer.** If you are hoping to baptize your child in July or August, please sign up for this class. The preparation class is a requirement for parents and godparents. It can be taken before the arrival/registration of the child.

Brochure can be found in stand by main entrance or on the parish website. Refer to it for requirements for registration and the upcoming baptism dates. New brochure with baptism & preparation dates for the 2019/2020 year will be coming in July.

Contact - Diane 780-434-6313 ext. 233

May 26 & June 23, 2pm Baptism Liturgies still have a few spots left.



The Knights of Columbus



would like to thank everyone who has attended the monthly Pancake Breakfasts.

The breakfast held on April 28 was the last one until September. The teams led by Paolo Festa-Bianchet and Wayne Limming **look forward to serving pancakes and all the fixings to you and your families again in the fall!**

Movie Night: HUSH

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

FRIDAY, May 31, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Pizza and refreshments available for nominal charge

"A liberating conversation about abortion and women's health"

This documentary explores the compelling story of one woman (Punam Kumar Gill) on a mission to educate herself, and the world, on the connection between abortion and breast cancer, premature birth, and psychological problems in relation to women's long term health. Gill interviews medical organizations, corporations, and doctors to unravel personal politics to reveal basic truths for the sake of women's health.

101 mins.

FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

CALLED TO DISCIPLESHIP



How would YOU like to serve your faith community?

GREETERS are needed at all weekend Masses. Please consider this welcoming front-line ministry. Get to know people in our church community. Contact Ian Boothe at ianboothe5@gmail.com.

USHERS promote a welcoming and reverent atmosphere, assist with collection and seating people. Please contact Rena at rkhiamal@streamflo.com.

St. Thomas More Annual Eucharistic Retreat

The STM Eucharistic Study Group will be hosting a

Day of Recollection

Guest speaker is Fr. Massimo Botta

First Friday, June 7th

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet, 8:25am

Mass, 9am

Lunch, 12pm

Eucharistic Procession and Benediction, 3pm

Everyone is welcome!

Please RSVP to Shannon, in the office.

Mark your calendars!

Are you a committed Catholic youth Icon?

Are you a leader on your team??

If yes, then here is an opportunity for you to win a scholarship and citation and more importantly, to make a difference

The **Knights of Columbus, Youth Leadership Scholarships** are open for students in **Junior High School** (grade 7-9) and **Senior High School** (grade 10-12). **This scholarship seeks** to recognize youth who act as role models of Catholic faith living for their friends and families. There is one scholarship of **\$250** available in each category.

The process is simple and consists of 2 steps:

1. Filling out the application form
2. Shortlisted applicants will be invited for a discussion to determine the winners

Application forms and more information are available from the youth coordinator's office SaraDmitri@stmparish.com, the K of C grocery card counter, the parish office, or by emailing family@kofc7599.org

The last day for submitting applications is June 2, 2019.



PILGRIMAGE TO Medjugorje

& retreat with **FR. ZLATKO SUDAC**

November 7th-18th, 2019
pilgrimage directed by Ann Vucic

Pilgrimage Price: \$2,495.00 USD + \$576.81 Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently but subject to change)

Explore Medjugorje, climb Cross Mountain and Apparition Hill, take part in the Mass and Reconciliation, and experience a retreat with Fr. Zlatko Sudac!

Fr. Don Flumerfelt, OFS will be our Spiritual Director on the pilgrimage.

Information Night: Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 pm
7915 – 22 Avenue Edmonton (Monica's house)

See the brochure for more information or visit our website for information and to register.

tektonministries.org | 317 - 574 - 4191

Canadian contact: Monica Bober | (780) 709-3501 | mlmbober@gmail.com

Pope Francis has authorized official pilgrimages to Medjugorje, meaning that any Catholic entity (diocese, parish or organization) is now permitted to officially organize pilgrimages to the shrine. They no longer have to be organized or take place in a private capacity only.

The joyful announcement was made during Mass on May 12, by Archbishop Henryk Hosier, the Holy See's Special Apostolic Visitor to Medjugorje, in the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio for Bosnia-Herzegovina, Luigi Pezzuto. The apparitions at the Bosnia-Herzegovina shrine have been ongoing since June, 1981 when the Virgin Mary, who calls herself the Queen of Peace, allegedly began appearing to six children.

According to the "ad-interim" director of the Holy See Press Office, Alessandro Gisotto, the Vatican announcement clarifies that, while official pilgrimages are now permitted, the authenticity of the apparitions is still under investigation.

The positive fruits of Medjugorje and steady stream of pilgrims and conversions has made an impression. In a Vatican News editorial published May 13, 2019, editor-in-chief Andrea Tornielli commented on the long lines of people going to confession; and Eucharistic adoration in the evenings, which was standing room only. He also said that in 2013, Pope Francis told Fr. Alexandre Awi Mello, a Mariologist and the Secretary for the Laity, Family and life: "I believe" that "in Medjugorje there is grace. There is no denying it. There are people who convert."

For more detailed information on this great news, go to:

<https://www.tektonministries.org/pope-francis-authorizes-official-pilgrimages-to-medjugorje/>

I look forward to seeing you on May 21st!!

FAITH IN FLIGHT

Talks by Dean Britton, a Catholic Apologist

Is the Bible reliable?

Is it really the Word of God?

Who is Jesus?

Is the Eucharist really His body?

Did Jesus really rise from the dead?

How do I defend our faith

and help others to know God?



Do you ever ponder these questions or wish to deepen your faith?

On Sunday, June 2nd there will be four talks given by the Catholic Apologist Dean Britton addressing the above topics.

Fun activities will be available for children.

Those under 7 will need to be supervised by a parent.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church hall

June 2nd, 2019 1pm-6pm (snacks will be provided)

The event is free, but donations are appreciated and will go towards the speaker and the cost of snacks.



A retreat that will **shine the light of Christ** into your heart and lead you to forgiveness, freedom and healing!

June 21 (8:00am - 7:00pm)

22 (8:30am - 7:00pm)

23 (8:30am - 4:00pm)

St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church (MacNeil Hall)

7508 29 Ave. Edmonton, AB, 780-463-8646

Registration Fee: Adults: \$80, Youth: \$50

(lunch and dinner provided)

Contact: Varkey Joseph 780-937-6411
or Rachel Atumisi 780-906-8347