

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



Pastor: Fr. Mitchell Fidyka

Associate Pastor: Fr. Joy Vadakkan, CFIC

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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.

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.*



Ascension of the Lord

June 2, 2019

“See, I send down upon you the promise of my Father.”



Jesus tells His disciples: stay right here! God has ordered you a new suit. God is going to clothe you with power from on high. Me, I would run for the hills, most likely. How long would it take to ride a donkey from Jerusalem back to Galilee? After all, look where all that power got Jesus. Raised from the dead, sure, but before that, it looked pretty bad.

But the disciples remain in Jerusalem in the now-famous upper room, perhaps because they were never really a very imaginative bunch. Or perhaps because they had no place to go, fearful of returning to their homes and families with all the uproar in the streets since the crucifixion. And Jesus is true to His word, sending down God’s promise like wind and fire. The passion of language will overtake them, and they will be transformed beyond recognition. But that is another story. For the purposes of the feast, it is enough to reflect on the promise of the power to come. Are we ready to welcome the power?

St. Thomas More Family Parish Picnic

In honour of our patron saint, St. Thomas More, we will be holding our annual family parish picnic on:

Sunday, June 23, 9:00am - 3:00pm

(after all the morning Masses)

Face painting

Petting zoo

Bouncy castle

Hotdogs/hamburgers & beans
Coffee/tea and popcorn/ice cream



Celebrate the day with us!

There will be a Farewell Celebration

after the 12pm Mass for

Fr. Joy Vadakkan

*Please join us for coffee and cake to wish him well
for his new ministry in Vermilion!*



Mass Intentions



Mon. June 3	7:00pm	+Agnes Lim +Stephanie Sprysak
Tues. June 4	7:00pm	+Kathleen Jurisprudencia MaryAnn Platz
Wed. June 5	9:00am	Pauline McLarney +Dennis Heber
Thurs. June 6	9:00am	+Kathleen Berger Pam DeLuca
Fri. June 7	9:00am	Pat Coe Monica Bober
Sat. June 8	9:00am	Thanksgiving for Jennifer Lam +Katherine Pisesky
	5:00pm	+Faustino & Cecilia Espino Monika - for Guidance & Blessing
Sun. June 9 Pentecost	8:00am	Annette Patterson & Family
	10:00am	+Domenico Borrelli
	12:00pm	+Maria Kiem and +Maria Ruong
	5:00pm	+Cresencia Costales

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

Formed.org

June is often considered a month for marriages. What is the secret of a successful marriage? How can couples deepen their commitment to one another in Christ?

Beloved Catholic orator, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen illuminates the path by focusing on the essential role that prayer must play in every marriage. His anecdotes and stories illustrate his points and make his teachings more memorable and more easily applied to everyday life. We suggest listening to *What Every Couple Should Know About Marriage and Prayer*.



The parish access code is **TBQYW9**.

Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 104,
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

Next Sunday Hymns:

CBW 416 *Come Holy Spirit*,
CBW 692 *Sequence for Pentecost*,
CBW 414 *Send us Your Spirit*, BB 359 *One Love Released*,
BB 418 *One Spirit, One Church*,
CBW 568 *Praise to the Lord*

Our Offerings: May 26

Regular Sunday Collection: \$15,067.00

**PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY JUNE 23, 2019**

Your assistance in setting up, serving food, and cleaning up would be greatly appreciated.

There will be three shifts:

after the 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm Masses.

Please call Rose or Arnold Lorenz
at 780-988-5634 if you can help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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:



**Emile Plouffe, John Dunkin, Louise Nahrabesky,
Garnet McKee, and Louise Schurman**

May they receive the peace & healing of the Lord

MUSIC MINISTRY

Do your children like to sing? Are you looking for ways to involve them in Sunday Mass? - Consider enrolling your children in the St. Thomas More Children's Choir for children in Grade 4 through 9. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for 45 minutes and sing regularly at Sunday Masses and special occasions in the parish.

Attention High School Students and Young Adults - Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Would you like to share your musical talents with our parish? STM Music Ministry is inviting you to join us in leading the music at the **5pm Sunday Mass**. We rehearse at 4:15pm on Sundays (just before Mass).

STM Music Ministry - Are you looking for a way to develop and share your musical talents with our parish? Do you like to sing? STM Music Ministry is looking for voices to help the choir lead the congregation in worship through sung prayer. The Massed Choir sings at all parish special events (including Christmas and Triduum) and smaller groups sing at all Sunday Masses. Combined rehearsals are Thursday evenings September to June.

STM Sound Ministry - We are looking for volunteers to assist with the operation of the sound board during parish liturgies and celebrations. No technical experience is necessary; training and mentoring is provided.

For more information,
please contact Johanna Dietrich,

Music Ministry Coordinator, at johanna.dietrich@caedm.ca
or 780-919-3747.

The Catholic Women's League



The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We meet monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, in the church from September to June.

**The CWL invites the women of our parish to a
Potluck Dinner**

June 18, 2019 from 6 to 9:30pm



Bring your favourite dish (salad~appetizer~casserole~dessert) to an evening of sharing and friendship.

All women of the parish are welcome. Bring a friend!

St. Thomas More Annual Eucharistic Retreat

The STM Eucharistic Study Group will be hosting a
Day of Reflection

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.

**Knights of Columbus
Annual Wind-Up Dinner & Awards Night**

Saturday, June 15th



Tickets \$20 each - available at the front entrance of the Church

First Friday JUNE 7th

~Console the Heart of Jesus with your presence~

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after 9am Mass until 3pm Benediction**

"Take care that none of you should possess an
evil and unbelieving heart, leading you to
withdraw from the living God."

Hebrews 3:12

To commit to one hour, sign up on sheet on Adoration table in foyer.
Every hour must be assigned. Drop-ins welcome.

First Saturday JUNE 8th

**3rd Glorious Mystery: PENTECOST
The Descent of the Holy Spirit
on the disciples of Jesus gathered in prayer
with Mary, the Mother of Jesus
and Mother of the Church.**



Rosary: 8:40am, Mass: 9am followed by a
guidedrosary mystery meditation and fellowship.
All are welcome!

*"Mary is the one who can teach us docility to the Holy Spirit in
the work of evangelization."* Fr. Tom Forrest, CSM

Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic? Would you like to Sponsor someone who would like to become Catholic?

For Adults wishing to be initiated into the Catholic Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will run from **12 Sep 2019 to 31 May 2020**.

For practicing Catholics who wish to be a **Sponsor**, this is a richly rewarding experience of sharing faith and an opportunity to learn more about the “treasure” that is yours! A pamphlet depicting the four-phase RCIA Process is located at the entrance of the Church. Visit the Photo links on the Parish website at stm.caedm.ca for a photo journey through the program! See the RCIA links for more details on the program including audio & slide shows of the teaching sessions.



Contact Olivia Dias: 780-434-6313 ext. 226
or stm.rcia.coord@stmparish.com

The **STM Refugee Committee** is expecting another family of 11 to arrive on June 5. We are in need of 3 queen mattresses, 1 queen sized bed, sheets, towels, pots & pans, cutlery and any small appliances and household furniture. If you can help, please contact Eric Green at 780-436-2072. *Thank you.*

Baptism - Infants & children to 7 years of age.

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized:

In May, the following children entered into the community of the Trinity through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Cadhla R., Iesha B., Meara C., Julian M., Kenna M.,
Evangeline C., William C., Anna K., Calen L., Matthew SG.,
Gabrielle F., Gian G., Miranda LB., Austin N., Penelope N.,
Temidayo O., Temilogooluna O., and Zara Z.

*Please remember our new little brothers and sisters
in your prayers.*

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.

Contact - Diane 780-434-6313 ext. 233 -
May 26 & June 23, 2pm Baptism Liturgies
still have a few spots left.

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.



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Last week we visited a woman with a teenage son. Both have several health issues, and are in need of food. The mother is hoping to be able to return to work.

If you wish to make a donation to help one of our needy families, or if you have furniture or household items that you no longer need, please call 780-471-5577. If you know of someone who needs help or want to learn more about SSVP please visit our website at www.ssvpedmonton.ca. You are welcome to attend our monthly meetings at St. Thomas More Parish – Chapter Room – 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month, after 7:00pm Mass.

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.

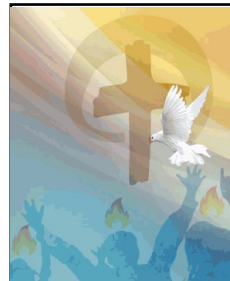


*Please keep these young parishioners and their families
in your prayers.*

STM Parish Grocery Card Program

Members of the **Knights of Columbus** sell Safeway, Superstore, Sobeys, Save-On, Tim Horton's \$25, and Boston Pizza \$50 cards before and after all Sunday morning Masses, and also on the first and third Saturday of each month.

Please take the time to support this program regularly.



Pentecost Vigil Mass

Saturday, June 8, 2019

St. Thomas More Parish

Celebrant: Rev. Nilo Macapinlac

For more information, contact:

Catholic Renewal Services

587-989-0483

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.

