

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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

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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.
- 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.*





# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2019

## “Let the dead bury the dead.”

“Let the dead bury the dead” is not a polite thing to say to someone who just wants to provide a simple, human service to his father. A service that was required under Jewish law.

But time is short. The Gospel tells us that, “Jesus set His face to go to Jerusalem,” resolutely beginning the journey that will lead to His passion and death. The shortcut across Samaria is a difficult one as the Samaritans are not keen on a prophet destined for Jerusalem. The disciples would like to see them punished, but Jesus is not going to honour that request with anything more than a simple reprimand.

To those who want to follow Him, Jesus points out that the way He is going holds no glamour. Those who hesitate, He rejects. The only disciples Jesus can use are those who put their hand to God’s plow and do not look back.

*It’s all about discipleship, what “following the Lord” really means.  
There is a special call from the Lord to each of us. Will we follow?*



### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, July 7

The key theme of today’s Gospel is discipleship – its challenges, difficulties, and its rewards. Jesus calls us to go out in faith, without fear, to bring His peace and love to everyone we meet, everywhere we go.

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, July 14

To illustrate His message Jesus shares with us one of the most beautiful of all parables, the Good Samaritan. Jesus calls us to love our neighbour. We are to imitate Jesus, to dig deeper, to love and show mercy to all, every time.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, July 21

Last week, the Samaritan was an example of how a disciple should see the world and act towards others. In today’s Gospel, Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen and learn at the feet of the teacher, Jesus.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, July 28

Jesus invites us to connect (or reconnect) with our heavenly Father through prayer. No matter how distant we have been or how far away we have turned, God will rejoice. He knocks on the door of our hearts every day and waits.

### Planning a Vacation? Please Remember your Parish

Our ministries and parish initiatives continue throughout the summer. As you plan vacations, *please remember the needs of your spiritual home*. You may want to consider writing post-dated cheques, or to leave a donation. We rely on your continued support even when you are not here.

*Thank-you!*

### Our Offerings: June 23

Regular Sunday Collection: \$16,453.50

Together We Serve: \$420.00



### Mass Intentions:



#### 7:00 pm - Monday - July 1st

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Fernando and Antonette Fernando  
Walwyn Anthony D’Souza †

#### 7:00 pm - Tuesday - July 2nd

Marvin & Mildred Trisko †  
Tom Bluett †

#### 9:00 am - Wednesday - July 3rd

Kim Mitchell  
Thresiamma Joseph †

#### 9:00 am - Thursday - July 4th

K.E. Dominic †  
Carlos Tan †

#### 9:00 am - Friday - July 5th

Pat Coe  
Teddy Apolinario †

#### Saturday - July 6th

9:00 am - Mariam Kuttyparayil †  
Jack Murray †

5:00 pm - Hazel Davies †  
Joelle Roy-Flynn †

#### Sunday - July 7th

8:00 am - K.E. Dominic †

10:00 am - Rose Altarejos

12:00 pm - Mary (Fox) Hickey †

5:00 pm - Viunte Costales †

~ Thank you & Summer Blessings ~

Many thanks to all of our volunteers  
including everyone who made our Parish Picnic  
& Fr. Joy’s farewell a success!

*It is through people like you that Jesus shows His love for us.*

**Wishing you all a safe and blessed summer!**

**Please note:** the office will be closed on Monday, July 1st for Canada Day, but **Fr. Oscar will be celebrating Mass at 7pm. Office hours during the summer are Monday to Friday, from 9am - 2pm.** Father Mitch will be away from July 1st - 22nd. Fr. Joy will be here until July 17th, and Fr. Mike McCaffery will be celebrating Mass with us for the next 5 days, until Fr. Mitch is back.

***Our next bulletin will be in August.***

## Naming Our Rooms

Most churches use religious names when referring to gathering places within the building. It has been the practice at St. Thomas More to merely refer to spaces such as youth room, library, coat room, and so on. It makes it difficult to even refer to gathering places for meetings when naming them in the bulletin or using the information board.



Our suggestion is that we name or rename our public rooms. For example: Chapter Room will become Our Lady of the Rosary Room, Youth Room will be St. John Bosco Room, the Library will be St. Benedict Room and the Coat Room will be named for St. Joseph. Other rooms will be given appropriate titles. We are open to any suggestions; please share your ideas with us. This way the building has a more religious atmosphere and eases the directions to various locations.

## 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:



**David McGowan, Louise Piquette, John Dunkin,  
Louise Nahrabesky**

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

## Mass Intentions:

**7:00 pm - Monday - July 22nd**  
Andrew & Michelle Spak  
Benson Andrews †

**7:00 pm - Tuesday - July 23rd**  
Antonio & Apolinario Del Carmen †  
Zachary Alexander Connolly †

**9:00 am - Wednesday - July 24th**  
Pedro Faraon †  
Special Blessing for Roselyn Faraon

**9:00 am - Thursday - July 25th**  
Joyce Knutson †  
Thanksgiving from the Joseph Family

**9:00 am - Friday - July 26th**  
Ted Anderson †  
Hannah Oryschak - *Birthday*

**Saturday - July 27th**  
9:00 am - Prayers for all Intentions  
Sini Francis (*Celban Exam*)

**5:00 pm** - Jack Murray †  
Kenneth McGovern †

**Sunday - July 28th**  
8:00am - Deacon Chris & Jean  
Ashdown

**10:00am** - Charles Sequeira †  
**12:00 pm** - Watson Muir  
**5:00 pm** - Ermias Goyeome †

## Mass Intentions:

**7:00 pm - Monday - July 29th**  
Larry Mahabir †  
Brandon Gobin †

**7:00 pm - Tuesday - July 30th**  
Kenneth McGovern †  
Maria Wan

**9:00 am - Wednesday - July 31st**  
Martha Gust †  
Louise Schurman

**9:00 am - Thursday - August 1st**  
Helen Forest †  
Gearard Wright †

**9:00 am - Friday - August 2nd**  
Tracy Edmonds  
Pat Coe

**Saturday - August 3rd**  
9:00 am - Carlos Julio Palacios †  
Samuel Garde †

**5:00 pm** - Joseph & Aleyamma  
Ancheril †  
Fred & Gertrude Kofin †

**Sunday - August 4th**  
8:00 am - Colin Mallett  
10:00 am - Teodora Yu †

**12:00 pm** - Fraternidad Ruiz †  
**5:00 pm** - Charles Sequeira †

**Volunteers** are needed to stay after the 12pm Mass and put chairs (in the entrance of the church) away.



*If you are able to help, see Robert, our Head Usher at the 10 and 12pm Masses.*

## Celebrating Anniversaries:

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

*Angelo & Alice Estacio's 27th Wedding Anniversary  
Jackie & Carl Blansjaar's 55th Wedding Anniversary  
Nelson & Pat Choma's 56th Wedding Anniversary  
Wilbur & Edith Collin's 60th Wedding Anniversary  
Derek & Anna-Maria De Gannes'  
30th Wedding Anniversary*

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

**First Friday July 5**  
~Console the Heart of Jesus  
with your presence~

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

To commit to one hour,  
see sign-up sheet in foyer.

**First Saturday July 6**  
Rosary: 8:40am, Mass: 9am,  
**Meditation:**  
The 2nd  
Sorrowful  
Mystery:  
The  
Scourging at  
the Pillar.



All are welcome!

**Just a kind reminder** that food & drink are not permitted in the Nave, the worship area of the church. **Thank you!**

## Mass Intentions:

**7:00 pm - Monday - July 8th**  
Gwen Leibel †  
Jack Murray †

**7:00 pm - Tuesday - July 9th**  
Ann Heron †  
Carey Carlsen †

**9:00 am - Wednesday - July 10th**  
Daisy Lau †  
Susan Seeley †

**9:00 am - Thursday - July 11th**  
Diane Middleton & Family  
Nelson Burchat †

**9:00 am - Friday - July 12th**  
Jeph & Joyce Vayalumkal  
Jim Fummerton †

**Saturday - July 13th**  
**9:00 am** - Health/God's Wisdom  
Kayla Kahlon  
**5:00 pm** - Percival De Honor †  
Fred Albert †

**Sunday - July 14th**  
**8:00am** - Jean Ashdown & Family  
**10:00am** - Olga George †  
**12:00 pm** - Catanina Ro †  
**5:00 pm** - Percival De Honor †

## Mass Intentions:

**7:00 pm - Monday - July 15th**  
Mary & Mathai Chittetu †  
Varghese Edayanthrathu †

**7:00 pm - Tuesday - July 16th**  
Delores Brecht † Mathew Brecht †  
For Return of her Health

**9:00 am - Wednesday - July 17th**  
Kathleen Jurisprudencia †  
Josh Pare-White †

**9:00 am - Thursday - July 18th**  
Ruth Sanchez †  
Anna Kurani & Family

**9:00 am - Friday - July 19th**  
Al & Darlene Smigelski  
Al Clark & Family

**Saturday - July 20th**  
**9:00 am** - Val & John Knebel  
Ted Anderson †  
**5:00 pm** - Fred Albert †  
Jack Murray †

**Sunday - July 21st**  
**8:00 am** - Catanina Nguyen †  
**10:00 am** - Catanina Nguyen †  
**12:00 pm** - Catanina Nguyen †  
**5:00 pm** - Catanina Nguyen †

**The Canadian Badlands Passion Play  
Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



St. Thomas More Parish will be offering transportation to the Passion Play in Drumheller - \$100/ to cover Coach and Ticket!

*Must be over 6 years old to attend.*

Please fill out a registration form, located in the foyer of the church and drop it off at the office *by July 3rd* or email it to Carmen at [carmenlwojda@hotmail.com](mailto:carmenlwojda@hotmail.com)

*Please note: trip could be cancelled due to not enough interest*

**Do you have or know a child between the ages of 8 and 14 who would like to become a Catholic?**

St. Thomas More Parish R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ADAPTED for CHILDREN is a faith formation process designed for children and youth who are inquiring and seeking initiation into the Catholic Church. Children who have either not been baptized OR have been baptized as members of another Christian community will prepare to receive the sacraments of baptism, communion, confirmation. Sessions run on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30pm beginning October 2019 to May 2020.



For more information or to register, email [family@stmparish.com](mailto:family@stmparish.com) or call Monica Bober at 780-434-6313 ext. 227.

*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's* next meeting will be on the first Tuesday in August - in the Chapter Room - Aug. 6th - after the 7:00pm Mass.

**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 RCIA links at [stm.caedm.ca](http://stm.caedm.ca) 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](mailto:stm.rcia.coord@stmparish.com)

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

**Summer Baptism Prep** class is now available **Sunday, July 14 from 2:30 to 4:30.** Please tell your friends in other parishes, as most parishes do not offer summer classes. Register for the class if possible - Diane 780-434-6313 – however, drop-in participants are welcome .

**2019-2020 Baptism Brochure coming soon:** Watch for it in brochure stand and on parish website.

**Mural:** Babies baptized in 2019 will be added to the mural over the summer – if you would like to volunteer for this project please let Diane know.

**Did you know:** Parents are obliged to see to it that infants are baptized right away and certainly not delaying until 1<sup>st</sup> birthday? As soon as possible after the birth or even before it, parents are to contact the parish to request the sacrament for their child and along with the godparents, to be prepared for it properly (Code of Canon Law 867.1). An infant in danger of death is to be baptized without any delay (Code of Canon Law 867.2). Additionally, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states that we are to name our children after saints or a Christian mystery or virtue. CCC 2156



**Annual Pilgrimage at Skaro**

Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019



**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Bus Trip to Lamont County, at the *Grotto in Skaro - Our Lady of Good Counsel & Shrine*

For more info please contact Carmen at

[carmenlwojda@hotmail.com](mailto:carmenlwojda@hotmail.com)

Interested parishioners please register at the office.



**"Jackets for Jesus & Coats for Christ"**



**Catholic Social Services needs our help!**

Every year, our friends and partners at CSS distribute over 1000 coats to homeless or vulnerably housed men, women and children as part of their **Uplift Day** in September.

**Together, we can help keep some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers warm!**

In preparation, Catholic Social Services is seeking gently-used jackets and coats of all sizes and seasons. A collection box is located in the foyer of the church.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**First Friday August 2**  
*~Console the Heart of Jesus with your presence~*

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

To commit to one hour, see sign-up sheet in foyer.

**First Saturday August 3**  
**Rosary: 8:40am, Mass: 9am,**

**Meditation:**  
**The 4th Glorious Mystery:**  
**The Assumption of Mary.**



All are welcome!