

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



Pastor: Fr. Mitchell Fidyka

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	6:00 pm
Tuesday	6:00 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 5:00 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.*



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019

“When you have a reception, invite beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind.”

In the Gospel of Luke, we find observations that people noted where and with whom one ate, whether one performed hand-washing ritual before meals and where one sat to eat. In one of my former parishes we removed some pews near the front so wheelchair-restricted Catholics would not have to park out by the doors like unwelcomed guests. The parish of Assumption welcomes people with intellectual disabilities from neighbouring L'Arche homes. There is sometimes extra noise and excitement at these Masses, and it defies everyone's need for order in worship. Somehow, I don't think God is offended. Meanwhile, there is the parish that unfortunately stopped serving coffee and cookies after Mass because “the homeless kept coming in and eating them!”

*We are all learning what it means to say that God sets the table and invites everyone to come forward.
These are not painless lessons.*

Archbishop's Dinner

Archbishop Richard Smith is hosting his first "Archbishop's Dinner - A Grateful Gathering" on Friday, October 4 at the Edmonton Convention Centre. The evening will celebrate our vibrant Catholic community in the Archdiocese, and His Grace will share his vision and goals for the future.

"I have thought for some time now that we are not doing enough to showcase the great contributions that Catholic parishes, institutions and individuals are making to enhance the common good in our part of the world," says Archbishop Smith. "We are Catholic, we've been here a long time, and we are making a difference. So let's come together and celebrate. I look forward to seeing you, sharing with you, and enjoying a wonderful evening."

It is important that St Thomas More Parish is represented at this event. The parish will reserve a table for ten people. Tickets are \$100 per person. We hope that you will consider taking part in this historic event. Contact the parish office if you would like to sit with your fellow parishioners at the reserved table. Together let's celebrate our Catholic faith and heritage.

Please note: the Parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labour Day; and there will be no Masses, Monday through Friday because Fr. Mitch will be away for the Priests' Spiritual Retreat.

Change in Mass Times

Effective the **first week of September**, our daily Mass time for **Mondays will change to 6:00 pm.**

On **Tuesdays, Adoration will begin at 5:00 pm**
and Mass at 6:00 pm.

This change is necessitated by the large number of meetings that take place on Mondays and Tuesdays. If the meetings do not start until after Mass, they tend to run late into the evening. In order to allow meeting attendees the option to participate in the Eucharist, no parish meetings should be scheduled during Mass times. We encourage all those coming to meetings to first attend Mass - what better way to begin any parish activity than by praying together. We are very pleased with the number of people attending daily Mass and hope that this change will allow even more to take part.



Mass Intentions



Mon. Sept. 2	6:00pm	RCIA Babysitters Anika, Mildred & Sherisse Susan Sadler
Tues. Sept. 3	6:00pm	Annette Patterson Rem Pontrias (Thanksgiving)
Wed. Sept. 4	9:00am	Donna Nemrava † Patrick McStravick †
Thurs. Sept. 5	9:00am	Thanksgiving Mass Peter & Edith Morgan (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Fri. Sept. 6	9:00am	Pat Coe Leonarda de Castro † (Death Anniversary) and Kate Baldoz (Birthday)
Sat. Sept. 7	9:00am	Pierrette Bouchard Clifford Berger †
	5:00pm	Teresa Wren † Markie Delany † Jacqueline Breault † (1st Death Anniversary)
Sun. Sept. 8	8:00am	Betty-Ann Oklek †
	10:00am	Rose Altarejos Garth Billington † (Death Memorial)
	12:00pm	Charles Sequeira †
	5:00pm	Hannah Oryschak (Graduation)

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.

May they receive the peace & healing of the Lord



While Father Mitch is away from Sept. 2nd to 6th, our daily Mass Intentions will be offered at the Priests' Retreat.
Please keep the priests in your prayers during their retreat.

Next Sunday Readings:

Wisdom 9:13-18, Psalm 90,
Philemon 9b-10, 12-17, Luke 14:25-33

Next Sunday Hymns:

BB 156 *Glory in the Cross*, BB 461 *Eye has Not Seen*,
BB 620 *The Cry of the Poor*, BB 323 *Gift of Finest Wheat*,
BB 355 *Seed, Scattered and Sown*,
BB 611 *Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

Our Offerings: August 25

Regular Sunday Collection: \$17,033.00



Our parish church is 20 years old but do you realize that it was never finished? Above the main entry doors, there is an empty niche. This was meant to hold a figure of our patron, St. Thomas More. We have located a source of beautiful statues to choose from. It would be hand made in Italy of bronze or fibreglass and take about 12 weeks to complete. Any true work of art is costly. Do we have any parishioner or group of parishioners willing to sponsor this project? St. Thomas is patron of lawyers and civil servants. Perhaps these parishioners are willing to contribute to the cost. Please talk to Father Mitch if you are willing to help. Of course, you don't have to be a lawyer or civil servant to be involved.

Also as we approach October, the month of evangelization, we could make our faith more visible to the community by lighting the cross on the church tower, making it a beacon of belief as people pass by.

All of these are extra ordinary expenses but very worthwhile to the parish. See Father Mitch if you would like more information.

First Friday Sept. 6th
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Come visit **Jesus** in the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30am until Benediction at 3pm.

First Saturday Sept. 7th
Rosary: 8:40am Mass: 9am

Come for birthday cake and coffee after 9am Mass in celebration of the Nativity of Mary, which is Sept. 8th.

Meditation: The First Glorious Mystery, the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.



WEDNESDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE STUDY

You are welcome to join this group as we begin our study "Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism" on Wednesday, September 11, in the Chapter Room following morning Mass.



For more information contact Annette 780-437-4044

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

A recent call for assistance was from a mother with 2 teenage children, as well as her ex-mother-in-law who had fled from domestic abuse in Calgary. They need help with food and rent, and any other help that we can provide.

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

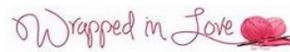
You are welcome to attend our monthly meetings at St. Thomas More Parish – Chapter Room on the first Tuesday of each month. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEW TIME IS 7:00 PM** (after the 6:00 pm Mass).

DARLENE'S RETIREMENT APPRECIATION

It is with both joy and sadness to announce the **retirement of our dear friend and beloved staff member, Darlene Smigelski, RCIA Coordinator.** Darlene has been an outstanding employee here at STM Parish for over 20 years. Help us to recognize her unconditional dedication, commitment and grace by joining staff, parishioners and RCIA Alumni to thank her on **Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.**



Come and share this special evening with us.



Prayer Shawl will begin **Friday, Sept. 6th**, in the Coat Room from 9:30 -11:30am and continue to meet every Friday until the end of June. There is no registration, or fee and ALL are welcome. Needles and yarn are supplied and the women there are more than happy to teach new members. For more information see the brochure at the entrance of the church or phone Maureen Maynard at 780-435-4917.

Celebrating Anniversaries:

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

Edith & Peter Morgan's 50th Wedding Anniversary

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

Thursday Quilting Group - we are a group of quilters who come together on **Thursdays (10am - 3pm)** at STM in the Choir Room to do quilting projects, both together for community work, and individually with our own ideas and projects. We would love to have you join us if you are interested. Our first date is **Thursday, Sept. 5th**, so bring your lunch, something you like to work on, and join us. We will be meeting every Thursday after that. If you have questions, please call Bonnie Johnson at 780-918-0525.

I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow (Jeremiah 31:13)



At St. Thomas More we are beginning the Fall session of "Grief as a Journey: Our Walk to Emmaus". This program is from the Family and Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Edmonton and is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. The format is a special weekly seminar/support group for those who are trying to cope with the troubling effects of grief. In this faith-based program you can be with people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. You will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. We are commencing the meetings here at St. Thomas More parish on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Please note the signage for the location of the room when you arrive. If you cannot make the first session of the 9-week program you may join when you feel ready but we encourage you to come out for the first session.

Please contact Deacon Randy or Roseanne Abele at 780-435-5070 or 780-493-1972 or by email: Randy.abele@caedm.ca for more information or to register.

St. Thomas More Parish presents
Two Great Faith Formation Programs

**Do you Want to
 be a Better Person?**



**An Eight-Part Bible Study
 Featuring Jeff Cavins**

Chapter Room
 Mondays 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 Sept. 9th & 23rd
 Oct. 7th & 28th
 Nov. 4th & 25th
 Jan. 13th & 27th
 Cost - \$20.00

Consoling the Heart of Jesus

Join us for a

10-week Small Group Retreat
 that delves into the simplicity and
 grandeur of Consoling spirituality.

Chapter Room
 Fridays 9:30 - 11:30 am

Sept. 13th & 27th
 Oct. 11th & 25th
 Nov. 8th & 22nd
 Jan. 10th & 24th
 Feb. 14th & 28th
 Cost - \$20.00

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Deadline for Registration: September 5, 2019

For registration & more info: please call the Parish office
 or Monica at 780-434-6313
 email: formedstmparish@gmail.com

Society of St Vincent de Paul - Divine Mercy Conference
 North of 60 Project - FORT GOOD HOPE

Good news! The seacan container of food and clothing from
 our parish has arrived in Fort Good Hope. Thank you so
 much for your generosity. We hope to get a future update
 when the container is unloaded.

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. There is no cost to
 participate. 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.

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

Baptism - Infants & children to 7 years of age.

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized: In August, the
 following children entered into the community of the Trinity
 through the Sacrament of Baptism: Chibudom O.
 Nikki-Scarlet P. Nathaniel S. Chloé W. Zion W.
 Mirabelle A. Avery B. Modebare Francis F. Catrina F.
 William G. Becca G. Valentina L-M. Adela O.
 Mason P. and Carina S.

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



Prep. Class is next available on **Saturday, Sept. 7 from 1 to
 3pm**. This class is for parents and godparents. Taking the
 class on this date would allow you to baptize your child in the
 same month, while the weather is still nice. Please see brochure
 in brochure stand or on parish website for process and dates.

Become Catholic!

Be a Sponsor!

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



**For Adults wishing to be initiated into the
 Catholic Church, RCIA will run from
 September 2019 to May 2020**

For those wishing to **become Catholic** and for practicing
 Catholics who wish to be a **Sponsor for those entering the
 Church**, this is a richly rewarding faith journey as we all
 get to know the **God Who is Love Itself**. A handout
 depicting the four-phase RCIA Process is located at the
 entrance to the Church.

For more information call the Parish Office at 780-434-6313
 or email stm.rcia.coord@stmparish.com
 Registration forms are available at the Parish Office

K4J KIDS FOR JESUS PROGRAM – ages 4-9



**Parents! Are you looking for a great program
 that teaches your child the tools they need to
 know and live the Catholic faith?**

Then sign them up for our Kids for Jesus (K4J)
 Virtue Program, beginning October 2, 2019.
 Cost is \$50 per child. Family (3 or more children) rate
 available!

Drop-In Registration Dates will be as follows:

Saturday, September 7, 2019 – 10:30 am to 12 pm
 Saturday and Sunday, September 7 & 8, 2019
 before and after all Masses
 Thursday, September 19, 2019 – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**For more information, brochures are available
 at the back of the church or check out
 our website at stm.caedm.ca.**