

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.stm@caedm.ca

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 (& older) by Confirmation date
- Registrations for Confirmation 2020 Program start in May
Contact pastoral.stm@caedm.ca 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 Assistants: Monica Bober & Shannon Van Soest
Youth & Family Evangelization Coordinator: Sara Dmitri
Administrative Assistant: Diane Middleton
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich

Business & Volunteer Administrator: Olivia Dias
Interim Bookkeeper: Joey Kolinsky
Custodian: Marian Ragac
Evening Receptionist: Gideon Boyle



Baptism of the Lord

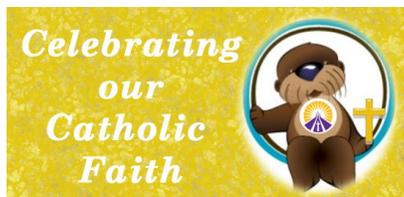
January 12, 2020

“When Jesus had been baptized, He saw the Spirit of God coming upon Him.”



John poured the water, God sent the Spirit. It is the usual cooperation we know as a sacrament. We perform the sign. God provides the grace. Our cooperation in the events of grace in our world is a significant part of the story. Sometimes we sit on our hands, waiting for God to do the work. We forget the relationship of grace and free will. God waits for the invitation that only our action can provide. Sacraments have become the language of invitation for Catholics.

Also sacramentals, those little signs of reverence or faith that we take on, and prayer itself are a welcoming of God's desire to be with us and act with us. Catholic shrine-making has been a source of amusement or even offence to those who do not see relationship between sign and response. But all those crosses and pictures and statues ultimately point us back to ourselves, to the indwelling presence that urges us into the partnership of grace.



**Celebrating
Our
Schools**

Today we welcome **Monsignor Fee Otterson Elementary/Junior High School** teachers, students and parents to help us celebrate the 12pm Mass through their involvement and participation in the liturgy through greeting, reading, and processing with the gifts.

Monsignor Fee Otterson School was founded in 2012 on the principle that the foundation for all learning experiences will take place in a Christ centered environment where our Catholic Faith is celebrated: "We Are Christ for One Another."

The school is located in the Rutherford neighbourhood and instructs students from Kindergarten to Grade 9. It provides a Catholic education and advance educational knowledge through best practices in technology and innovative learning for the success of all students. It aims to build a Catholic, Christian community which prepares and inspires its students to be active and responsible participants in shaping their own future. The school is named after Monsignor Fee Otterson, a Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, who served the community for over 60 years as Pastor, teacher, principal, and administrator.

Next Sunday Readings

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, Psalm 40,

1 Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34

Next Sunday Hymns:

BB 547 *Glory and Praise to Our God*, BB 373 *Here I Am, Lord*,

BB 461 *Eye has Not Seen*, BB 584 *We are Many Parts*,

BB 358 *One Love Released*, BB 554 *Sing Out, Earth and Skies*

		✠	<i>Mass Intentions</i>	✠
Mon. Jan. 13	6pm		Katherine Pisesky † Peter † and Laura Seng †	
Tues. Jan. 14	6pm		Garth Billington † (one year death anniversary) Jose Mathew †	
Wed. Jan. 15	9am		Garnet McKee † Wlodzimierz (Maciek) Przywrzej †	
Thurs. Jan. 16	9am		Joy Joseph † (death anniversary) Ugochukwu Family	
Fri. Jan. 17	9am		Sebastian & Lissy Manavalan (25th wedding anniversary) Souls in Purgatory †	
Sat. Jan. 18	9am		Charles Sequeira † Thanksgiving	
	5pm		Matt Monaghan † Garnet McKee †	
Sun. Jan. 19	8am		John and Marcella Cloran (good health)	
	10am		Angelle Goudreau	
	12pm		Barrister Patrick Ananaloa †	
	5pm		Margaret Dickson †	

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Parish Code no longer necessary.
Just go to FORMED.org and sign in/sign up.

On the feast of **The Baptism of the Lord**, we suggest **Reborn - Session 1: A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism**. To understand the wonder of Baptism, we must go back to creation and the unique, life-giving place of water and new life. We watch the story of Baptism in salvation history, in the nation of Israel and culminating in the work of Jesus and his Apostles. The stage is set for the moment when each individual is baptized and brought into newness of life, fellowship with God, and the community of faith. This is the beginning of a new life ... and a new creation.

Our Offerings

Mary, Mother of God Sunday: \$5,757.00

Regular Sunday Collection: \$18,257.00

Together We Serve: \$6,830.00

QUID NOVUM

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



Quid Novum is the weekly electronic bulletin of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.

View it online: <https://caedm.ca/quid-novum>

You can also sign up at this website and receive the bulletin emailed to you weekly!

CHINESE NEW YEAR CARNIVAL 2020

Saturday, January 18th, 11am - 8pm and

Sunday, January 19th, 11am - 5pm

Chinese Catholic Parish

10140-119 Street, Edmonton

Performances, lion dance, Hong Kong style snacks, home style Chinese food, games, Chinese crafts

For online information: <http://eccp.ca/cnyc2020>

email: cnyc2020@gmail.com

Phone: 780-482-7481

GIVING TREE 2019 – THANK YOU! St. Thomas More Parishioners opened their hearts, generously donating to the women and children at Lurana Shelter. **Over \$4,500** was donated in gift cards, with many of them purchases from the Knights of Columbus, making it a double donation.. **Over 2,100 items** of new toiletries, baby needs, women's and children's clothing, bedding and towels, and other gifts were placed under the tree. These gifts provide comfort and support at Christmas and throughout the year for the women and children who are fleeing domestic violence.

The *Giving Tree's* success is the result of many hours generously given by volunteers from the parish, the Catholic Girls' League and the Catholic Women's League. The parishioners and volunteers of our parish reflect the true meaning of Christmas!

St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League

African Heritage Parish Dinner

Saturday, February 15th, 2020

(Last great party before Lent!)

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

6:30 pm (after 5 pm Mass)

Tickets: \$25/person, dinner and entertainment

*Tickets go on sale next week
(and available from the office anytime)*



You are invited to a *scripture study* facilitated by Deacon Randy Abele commencing on **Tuesday, January 14, 2020**. We will be studying ***Forgiveness*** - both God's forgiveness of us and our need to forgive others. The first night will be an information night and at that time study materials will be distributed. The cost is \$20. We would be meeting on this night and weekly for 8 more weeks from 7-9pm. Please call the parish office: 780-434-6313 or Deacon Randy at 780-435-5070 to register.

BREAKTHROUGH IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER CONFERENCE

The Breakthrough in the Spirit's Power is a three-day conference from **Friday, February 7th to Sunday, February 9th**, taking place at **St. Theresa's Parish**. This program features praise and worship, preaching, testimonies and a Mass with healing service. This gives participants an opportunity to gather together to deepen their relationship with the Holy Spirit and to seek healing of the mind, body and soul. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Sosa at 780-686-8886 or see their website:

<http://www.ccedmonton.info/events/conferences/2020-02feb-esc-conference>

Catholic Renewal Services of Edmonton



The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) is an organization of Catholic women who come together to foster and celebrate their faith. The CWL is rooted in gospel values and calls you and all members to grow in faith and to witness the love of God through ministry and service to all God's people.

The annual membership drive for the CWL will take place in February. Brochures about the league are available at the back of the church.

*Have you considered becoming a member?
We need you! Come join us!*

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

One of our recent calls for assistance was from a couple with two children, requesting help paying their overdue Epcor bill. She has had difficulty finding a job due to nerve damage in her hand, and has been cut off from income support. Her husband was laid off several months ago, and is just starting a new job but will not be paid until mid- January.

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 invited to attend the
Celebration of the Eucharist
 and
Rite of Profession Ceremony
 for
Theresa Seraphim
 who will make her profession into the
Secular Franciscan Order
 as a member of the
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity
 on
Tuesday, January 21, 2020
 at
St. Thomas More Parish
210 Haddow Close NW,
Edmonton, Alberta
 at the 6:00 pm Mass
Reception to follow the mass – All are welcome!



The next **Marriage Preparation** program at St. Thomas More will take place **March 13, 14, and 15, 2020.**

For information and to register,
 Email: stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com.

Please indicate your names, and anticipated wedding date and location when emailing for information.

The registration deadline is February 19, 2020.



There is a better way to communicate. Rediscover your commitment. Put your marriage back on track. Learn how to forgive and trust. Whatever your issues, *no marriage is beyond hope*. Consider a different kind of Christmas gift to each other this year. The next Retrouvaille program begins **March 13-15, 2020**. For more information: email info@helpourmarriage.ca, call 587-598-4357, or check the website retrouvaille.org.

St. Thomas More Parish: Family of Schools Contact Information

School Name	Grades	Phone #	Principal
Archbishop Joseph MacNeil	K-9	780-471-4218	George Antonakis
Monsignor Fee Otterson	K-9	780-430-8015	Marie Whelan
Monsignor William Irwin	K-6	780-430-1121	Lynnette Anderson
Mother Margaret Mary	10-12	780-988-2279	Dean Rootsart
St. Boniface	K-6	780-434-0294	Leana Perri
St. John XXIII	K-9	780-469-2451	Michael Kovacs
St. Mary	K-6	780-988-6577	Marcel Evaristo
St. Monica	Pre-school	780-436-7888	Chris Hodgins
St. Stanislaus	K-6	780-434-0295	Nella Funaro
St. Thomas Aquinas	K-9	780 409-2604	Danita Power
St. Teresa	K-6	780-437-6022	Julieta Zelada

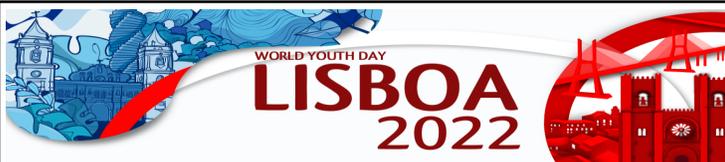
Pilgrimage and Heritage Tour to Incredible India!

Fr. Jaya Rajan SAC, St. Anthony's Parish - Drayton Valley is organizing a 16-day Christian Pilgrimage and Heritage tour to India from **October 14 to October 29, 2020**. The itinerary includes: the House of Missionaries of Charity (St. Mother Theresa of Kolkata), Bom Jesus Basilica – Goa (enshrines the uncorrupt body of St. Francis Xavier), St. Thomas Mount – Chennai (places of martyrdom, ministry and tomb of St. Thomas, the Disciple of Jesus), Our Lady of Velankanni Church – the Lourdes of the East (place of the three apparitions of our Blessed Mother). It is also a cultural heritage tour.

For full itinerary please contact Diane at the parish office.

There will be an information session on:

February 23 at 7 p.m. in the Our Lady of Rosary room.



Our first planning meeting will be
Monday, January 27th @ 7pm
 in Our Lady of the Rosary Rm

Everyone who is interested in being on the planning committee and finding out more information is invited to come!

You must be 16 by July 1st, 2020.

For more questions contact Sara Dmitri
Youthfamily.stm@caedm.ca

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 KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Deacon Larry Oney
 Jan. 31st - Feb. 1st, 2020
 Holy Trinity Parish
 Spruce Grove, AB

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.
 Romans 8:28, NAB

Blessed Baby Boomers

(single divorced widowed)
 new friendship circle
 starting

Jan. 19th 3:00pm

St. Marguerite D'Youville Library

Come and meet.

We can plan activities together.

