

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



**Pastor: Fr. Mitchell Fidyka**

**Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Chris Ashdown**

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## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 6:00 pm  
Tuesday 6:00 pm  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday 9:00 am

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am  
5:00 pm

## CONFESSION

1 hour before all  
ing & evening weekday Masses

## ADORATION

Tuesday 5:00 pm  
1st Fridays 9 am - 3 pm

**Cancelled, see p.2**

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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 (& older) by Confirmation date
- Registrations for Confirmation 2020 Program start in May  
Contact [pastoral2.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:pastoral2.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.

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## PARISH STAFF:

Pastoral Assistants: Monica Bober  
Shannon Van Soest  
Pastoral Associate: Christina Faitakis  
Administrative Assistant: Diane Middleton

Youth & Family Evangelization Coordinator: Sara Dmitri  
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich  
Business Administrator and Bookkeeper: Olivia Dias  
Custodian: Marian Ragac





# Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020



**“Lord, the one you love is sick.”**



There is no more powerful miracle story in the gospels than what happened that day in Bethany. The scene was tense with emotion: Martha’s strength, Mary’s grief, the mourners’ wailing, Jesus Himself moved to weeping at the pain and loss that death yields. And then Jesus lifts up His prayer, and a dead man wriggles awkwardly out of a hole, still bound by his shroud. What wonder, and terror!

Waking Lazarus from death is what finally condemns Jesus to His own death in John’s gospel. He goes too far for the authorities, who are as shocked and spooked by the reports of this event as some of the witnesses themselves. To wake the dead is a testimony to power that is practically uncontainable. If not stopped, such power could change the established order for all time.

### Stay in Touch!

Even though we are asked to keep ourselves separated from one another physically, we are asking our parishioners to stay in touch with us, spiritually and electronically. Since direct contact with parishioners is discouraged, we invite you to get in touch with us either by phone (780-434-6313) or email ([adminassistant.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:adminassistant.stm@caedm.ca)) to update your registration information. This may now be the time to sign up for PAD (pre-authorized donation) as a way to make your weekly Sunday giving easier; find the link for the [PAD form here](#). Please call us at the office during regular hours to update your contact information in our database (incl. address, email contact, telephone numbers, PAD information, etc.).

***Thank-you for staying in touch!***

Please also call us if you are in need of assistance or prayers, or request prayer intentions. We will put you in contact with someone who can provide pastoral help.

**FORMED®** My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent by Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the

spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered on Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to embrace the way of happiness joyfully. One All parishioners are welcome to access all [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) materials.

### Prayer in time of trial and suffering

Jesus, You suffered and died for us. You understand suffering. Teach me to understand my suffering as You do; to bear it in union with You; to offer it with You to atone for my sins and to bring your grace to souls in need. Calm my fears; increase my trust. May I gladly accept your holy will and become more like You in trial. If it be your will, restore me to health so that I may work for your honor and glory and the salvation of all. Amen.

† Mass Intentions †	
Mon. Mar. 30	Jasmyn Middleton
Tues. Mar. 31	† Thomas Kuttikat † Louise Schurman
Wed. April 1	† Joyce Levins Christine P.
Thurs. April 2	† Robert Sevigny Asael Barakekeza
Fri. April 3	Pat Coe † Josephine Perris Dan Costigan
Sat. April 4	Lucille Lamothe † Lucia Pimentel Gualberta
	5pm online Deacon Chris Ashdown † Felix Lang
Sun. April 5 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION	Swapna Maria (special blessing) † deceased family members of Thomas Mathew † Joe and † Maria † Joe Francese

### Next Sunday Readings - Palm Sunday

Mathew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 22, Philipians 2:6-11, Mathew 26:14 – 27:66



Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, is the great feast of the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Our Saturday evening, live-streamed podcast of the Mass will include the blessing of the palms. Blessed palms will be made available at the entrance or outside of the church for pickup on Sunday between the hours of 9-11am when the church will be open for private prayer.

Please consider on-line giving if you are not able to drop off donation envelopes:



My Dear Friends,

I hope you are keeping well and being prudent. This is an unprecedented time in the history of the world and the Church. I know it is difficult for many of you.

I want to assure you that you are in our prayers. I offer Mass daily. Our website ([stm.caedm.ca](http://stm.caedm.ca)) posts video recordings of Sunday and feast day Masses, so you can follow along. The website also has a page of prayers for your use. Prayer is the most important activity for all of us at this time. Remember that the Lord is always with us when we call.

The parish office is open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Confession is available Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 am and 4:00 to 5:00 pm. If you have any spiritual or other needs, please call the office (780-434-6313) or my cell phone (780-907-7782). We will try to help. If anyone is gravely sick in the hospital or in your family, I will visit anytime.

The parish still needs your help both in prayer and meeting its fixed financial costs. You can bring donations to the office or use the website to donate online. We appreciate your help and understanding.

God bless you all.

Father Mitch  
Pastor



### Prayers for the Deceased

Kathleen Scully

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord  
And let perpetual light shine upon her.



### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

I love You above all things,

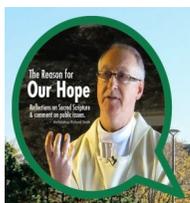
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there,  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

*St. Alphonsus Liguori (A.D. 1696-1787)*



The Catholic  
Archdiocese  
of Edmonton

### Archbishop's Blog: 'The Reason for Our Hope'

This blog can be accessed in two ways:

- 1) Visit [caedm.ca](http://caedm.ca) and view Archbishop's blog under ARCHBISHOP heading, or
- 2) Receive the blog in your inbox by subscribing to Grandin Media's weekly newsletter at [grandinmedia.ca](http://grandinmedia.ca)

### Parish Update

- Even though **public Masses throughout the Archdiocese have been cancelled**, the church and office remain open.
- **Confession**: during the week there will be opportunity for daily confession between 9-10am Tuesday to Friday and again in the afternoon between 4-5pm.
- **Adoration**: As well, private Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place between the hours of 4-5pm, Tuesday to Friday.
- **Office**: The office is open from 9am - 4pm Monday to Friday.
- **Offertory**: Sunday donation envelopes are gratefully accepted at the office and on-line giving is available from the STM website. Please continue to support your parish home, as no government aid will be available to our Church and Parish.



Our STM food pantry is in need of stocking, especially proteins (canned ham, tuna, chicken) and toiletries (toilet paper, diapers (large size) and diaper wipes). Any other items are gratefully appreciated.

**Thank-you so much!**



To support the Knights of Columbus and purchase grocery cards contact: Ken Shivak at [kshivak@shaw.ca](mailto:kshivak@shaw.ca) or phone: 780-434-0632

**Thank-you for your continuing support!**

Parishioners are encouraged to participate remotely in the celebration of the Eucharist:

- + On TV: Salt+Light TV, Vision TV, Shaw Channel 51 (1pm, daily Mass from Toronto)
- + Online: [Daily TV Mass](#), [EWTN](#)
- + The Archdiocese will livestream Sunday mass at 10:30am from St. Joseph's Basilica ([caedm.ca](http://caedm.ca))



**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!