

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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**Pastor: Fr. Mitchell Fidyka**  
**Associate Pastor: Fr. Curtis Berube**  
**Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Chris Ashdown**  
Fall Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am – 2 pm

Website: <https://stm.caedm.ca>

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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm (livestreamed)  
Sunday 8:00 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm  
5:00 pm

## 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

## SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

One hour before all morning and evening weekday Masses

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 5:00 pm  
First Friday 9:30 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 ([pastoral1.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:pastoral1.stm@caedm.ca))

#### Baptism

- See Baptismal brochure in stand or look on website
- Parents & godparents are required to take preparation classes ([pastoral.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:pastoral.stm@caedm.ca))

#### Marriages

- Schedule an appointment before you book any other facilities ([pastoral.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:pastoral.stm@caedm.ca))
- 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 ([pastoral1.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:pastoral1.stm@caedm.ca))
- See green sacrament brochure for details

#### Confirmation

- For those 11 years (& older) by Confirmation date
- Registrations for Confirmation 2020 Program start in May ([pastoral1.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:pastoral1.stm@caedm.ca))

#### RCIA and RCIC (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 ([pastoral.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:pastoral.stm@caedm.ca))
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#### Parish Staff:

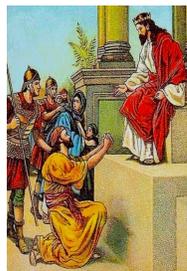
Pastoral Associate: Christina Faitakis  
Pastoral Assistant: Shannon Van Soest  
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich

Bookkeeper: Elvie Fermin-Chua  
Maintenance: Marian Ragac

# 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 13, 2020

### "How often must I forgive?"



Peter asks a heartfelt question: how much forgiveness is required of me; how often should I forgive? As many as seven times? Jesus, as usual, multiplies. To get His disciples into the right spirit, Jesus tells the story of a man who forgives, and one who does not. It ends on a grisly note, and seems to confirm the point made by Sirach in the first reading for today's Sunday: forgive your offenders, or else.

The king originally forgave the official his debt because of the king's own compassion, not because of the official's worthiness. Forgiveness is not a matter for trade. Our lack of mercy may find us wanting mercy in the end, but God's mercy is not driven in exchange for ours. We can forfeit it, but we do not earn it.

*Jesus encourages us to forgive one another "from the heart." It is by the quality of our hearts that we are judged.*

#### Misrepresentation, deception, and fraud

Please be aware that email phishing scams are circulating and use misrepresentation, deception, and fraud to target parishioners to buy on-line gift cards. Please do not reply to the emails, but report such abuses to the Archdiocese and the Edmonton Police Service.

Please use caution when replying to emails where the email address of the sender is unknown or unfamiliar to you. The emails use the name of the priests from the parish, and even the email addresses appear real, but they are not from our Parish. The emails start with an urgent plea for financial help; please know that our parish priests would never ask you to buy any type of online gift cards or other gift cards.

#### Parish Ministry Meetings

We are still in Phase Two of the reintroduction of Masses and are not having social or meeting gatherings at the Parish. We know that Parish ministries are eager to gather and meet and continue their service work in the Parish. However, as there are no new guidelines and directives in place, we ask that groups continue to meet through online meeting tools and are encouraged to keep in contact in this way. Due to the ongoing restrictions, Confirmation preparation, originally planned for this Fall, is being postponed until Spring 2021. We encourage families to continue to register your children for the program and will be in contact with further updates.

*Thank-you for your patience and understanding.*

**FORMED**® We need to pray, now more than ever. But how do we make our prayer meaningful? This week we suggest *Prayer: An intimate Dialog* from

[formed.org](http://formed.org). Prayer is one of the most basic elements of a life of faith, but it isn't always easy to do. Though we're taught that prayer is a "conversation," we often feel as if the conversation is completely one-sided. In this session, we see how the solution to the problem of prayer can be found in the Scriptures.

 <b>Mass Intentions</b> FOR THE WEEK		
Mon. September 14	6pm	Ken and Leslie Cadien Andrew and Adela Tarnowski (53rd wedding anniversary)
Tues. September 15	6pm	Myrna Callan †Jose Mathew
Wed. September 16	9am	†Francisca Velasco †Kevin Lynch
Thurs. September 17	9am	†Moly Siby †Thérèse Bureau
Fri. September 18	9am	Annette Kennedy †Paul Francis Lema
Sat. September 19	9am 5pm online	†Cena Belen †Yvette Dzieglo
Sun. September 20	8am 10am 12pm 5pm	Fatima and Boniface Sharma (45th wedding anniversary) †Desiderio Ruiz †Antony Kochukallil †Laureen Collins-Eveleigh

#### Next Sunday Readings:

Isaiah 55:6-9, Psalm 145,  
Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20:1-16

#### Facebook live with Archbishop Smith

Archbishop Richard Smith will host a Facebook presentation on **Monday, September 14 at 10am** on two topics: the renewed vision and reorganization of the Archdiocese, and the new *Pastoral Statement by the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories on the Impact of COVID-19 and the Call to Christian Renewal*, which will be released the same day.

#### Our Offerings: Sept. 6

Regular Sunday Collection: \$10,703  
Together We Serve: \$2,113  
Donations: \$12,000

Congratulations to the following children who entered into the community of the Trinity through the **Sacrament of Baptism:**



*I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

Emma Rae, Juliana Marie, Alaina Gabriel, Ezekiel Laquian, Samantha Hope, Ricardo, Emma Padlan, Lucca America Coco, Mary Sherilyn, Ezekiel, Zielle Maria, Nora Mae, Katherine, Lia Grace, Jaelie Neila Hemencia, Nneoma Emilia, Spencer Allen George, Prince Langha, Stella Charlotte, Jane Assunta, Pauline Nañoz, Chidel Jason, Penelope Peralta, Kasius Clay, Nyra, Jayce Kamta

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

### Celebrating Anniversaries

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



**Andrew and Adela Tarnowski**  
53rd Wedding Anniversary

**Fatima and Boniface Sharma**  
45th Wedding Anniversary

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

### Prayers for the Deceased



† Leo Gunia  
† Feliza Aralar  
† Dick Dunnigan



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

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

**Become Catholic! Be a Sponsor!**

For Adults wishing to be initiated into the Catholic Church, RCIA will begin this fall and run until May 2021

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.

For more information call the Parish Office at 780-434-6313 or email Tracy Edmonds at: [rciacoordinator.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:rciacoordinator.stm@caedm.ca)

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office or on our website: <https://stm.caedm.ca/rcia-preparation/>



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We congratulate and continue to pray for our children that celebrated the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** over the summer:

Jacob Matthew B., Philip C., Lauren Therese C., Chris Jordan C., Mathew Robin J., Mark Aldrix Alberto L., Sienna Celeste L., Valentina Rose L., Sebastian Cruz L., Nicholas Ryan M., Patrice Ngu N., Arabelle Judith P., Jaiden Maxenne R., Nicolaas Alexander S., Reid Matthew S., Belén Rincon T., Nora Maria Pamela T., Nicola T., Josephina Marisol W., Zachary Robert B., John Robert R., Justin Antony K.

**May you always be close to Jesus!**

### Food Drive

In support of our Parish and the Society of St Vincent de Paul, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a Food Drive in memory of Don Schurman (Past President SSVP – Divine Mercy Conference) on the weekend of September 27. If you attend Mass, drop off your donation at the church. If you have not returned to regular Mass, food donations can be dropped off with K of C representatives in the church parking lot on **Saturday, September 26 between 10am and 2pm.**

Suggested items include: jam, Cheese Whiz, granola bars, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter, coffee/tea, cans of ham/chicken/spam, Kraft dinner, Chef Boyardee or other meals in cans, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, rice (small pkgs), canned vegetables, canned fruit, pork and beans, puddings/jello pkgs, toilet paper/paper towels/Kleenex, dish detergent, toothpaste/toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner, hand soap, candies/chocolates/cookies, condiments (mustard, ketchup, oil, salt, salad dressings).



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### Do you have a child aged 8 – 14 who would like to become a Catholic?

St. Thomas More Parish RCIC - Rite of Christian Initiation of Children is a faith formation process designed for children/youth who are inquiring and seeking initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation. Classes run Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30pm, October 2020 to May 2021.



For more information or to register, email: [pastorall.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:pastorall.stm@caedm.ca) or call the office at 780-434-6313

That Man Is You!

Do you want to become a man after God's own heart and learn about the vision of man fully alive?

Join the STM Parish Men's group for our upcoming season program called "That Man Is You!"

Fall Semester 2020: September 15 - December 8

Spring Semester 2021: January 12 - April 6

Tuesday morning's from 6:00 - 7:30am at STM Parish  
All Parish men Welcome

To register please email Wayne Limming: [wlimming@gmail.com](mailto:wlimming@gmail.com)



The *Culture of Life Ministry* at St. Thomas More invites you to participate in the fall campaign of **40 Days for Life** by praying, fasting, and keeping vigil for an end to abortion. Come join us for an hour or more in prayer.

**Vigil location:** Outside the MLA office of Edmonton-Glenora (10996 - 124 Street) and Woman's Health Options abortion facility (12409 109A Ave., outside the 50 meter access zone).

**Vigil hours:** Friday, September 25, 8am to 5pm

**Contact:** Sign up at the church entrance, parish office, or email [prolifeSTM@gmail.com](mailto:prolifeSTM@gmail.com)



All bulletin items and announcements should be directed to: [communications.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:communications.stm@caedm.ca)  
Deadline: **Wednesday noon**



### St Thomas More's New Southwest Parish Naming Survey

#### Archbishop Smith Invites You to Participate

Archbishop Smith has presented STM with the opportunity to engage in the mission of the Church in a very concrete way: to build a new church for the growing Catholic community in southwest Edmonton.

**What do you think would be the best name for the new parish?** His Grace has invited each of you to have input to the naming of this new parish!

Our **New Southwest Parish Naming Survey** will run from July 1 through to September 30. Details and a link to the e-survey will be posted from July 1 on STM's website and FB page. Paper copies will also be available through the church office.

For more information: <https://new-parish-stthomasmore.ca/>

### Sacrament of Reconciliation



### Sacrament of First Holy Communion

For those children who were unable to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this past June: We look forward to celebrating the

Sacraments with our Family of Catholic Schools. However, due to the uncertainty in our gathering limits, we invite and encourage your children to receive the Sacraments on any weekday or weekend Mass, now during the summer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated one hour before all weekday Masses. Please call the Parish office to arrange a date.



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!**



### Newman Theological College Online Faith Formation

Through the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization, Newman Theological College offers a comprehensive selection of short courses on various aspects of the Catholic faith. All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule.

Each course runs five weeks and costs \$85; the next cycle begins on **Monday, September 21**. Take courses for interest, or work toward one or all of the 22 specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. For a list of courses, details, and online registration, visit [newman.edu/ccs](http://newman.edu/ccs). For more information, contact Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2450 ext. 2214.

**WASH YOUR HANDS AND SAY YOUR PRAYERS BECAUSE JESUS AND GERMS ARE EVERYWHERE**

### 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	Christine Vince
St. Monica	Pre-school	780-436-7888	Kris Hodgins
St. Stanislaus	K-6	780-434-0295	Nella Funaro
St. Teresa	K-6	780-437-6022	Julieta Zelada
St. Thomas Aquinas	K-9	780 409-2604	Danita Power