

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>

Email: communications.stm@caedm.ca

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

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)

Baptism

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

Marriages

- Schedule an appointment before you book any other facilities (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)
- 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)

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)
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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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2020

**“You shall love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”**



Few people like being told what to do. Rules that restrict our action cause irritation. But when asked which commandments of the Law is the greatest, Jesus invites us to love. We have capacity to love God, our neighbour and ourselves because God loved us first and God’s love has no end.

In the Gospel, Jesus is again being tested by the Jewish authorities. He deftly answers the questions by quoting the Old Testament, but it is also an invitation to the Pharisees to see the Law with new eyes. Even when they try to trap Him, Jesus continues to invite the Pharisees to believe in Him, to have a change in hearts. Jesus wants all people to know that God is love and that all God’s laws are fulfilled by love.

About this kind of love: love of God, love of others and love of our enemies.

St. Paul says that love is kind, patient, not jealous, never fails, is forgiving and everlasting ...

All Saints Day

During the year we honor specific saints on particular days, individuals that stood out like lights in times of darkness. All Saints Day honors the ones who are canonized and those who are not. In the Church’s first thousand years people became saints by popular acclamation. In the later middle ages, a formal process was established to examine a person’s life. Sometimes that process would take centuries, enough to try the patience of the saint.

The process of canonization does not put someone in heaven, just as taking some saints’ names off the calendar doesn’t eject them from heaven. Rather, canonization is the Church’s way of declaring that someone is already there. But there are many more saints than those who made the official list.

In our Catholic faith we do not worship the saints but we honor their example. We ask their intercession to help us and to enable us to be spiritually strong when people around us are weak, to focus on Christ when others have no spiritual center, to be strong in the Gospel when others compromise, so we can be light in the darkness. The lives of the saints are not just about what was but what can be in your life and mine. Every age needs people who let the light through and show the world what we can be in Christ, who give hope that a new way of living is possible. The saints did that in the past; we can do that now.

All Souls Day

All Souls Day is a great day of faith. In the face of death, we affirm our belief in the eternal life that is ours in Jesus Christ. This world in which we are conceived is the runway to eternal life with God. Death may be the end of our earthly life, but it is not the end of our soul.

This day reminds us that we are part of a gigantic alliance of grace that is stronger than death. All Souls day is a wonderful day of remembering, healing and praying. It is one of the gifts of November.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Mon. October 26	6pm	Babitha Joseph Rowena Naval and Rhea Aquiles (thanksgiving)
Tues. October 27	6pm	†Victorine Fotso Fokoua †Jules-Abdon Nkengne Fokoua †Kiu Sim Lung
Wed. October 28	9am	†Maria Luisa †Christine Moore
Thurs. October 29	9am	Delores Mitchell †Lucy Manavalan
Fri. October 30	9am	Florence Chiasson UgoChukwu Family
Sat. October 31	9am 5pm online	†Réjeanne Riopel Antoni and Anna Rayar
Sun. November 1 ALL SAINTS	8am 10am 12pm 2pm 5pm	George, Mary, Joyce and Vared Areekadan (birthday blessings) †Macario Yu †Leo Gunia †John W. Lemiski †Ely and †Lina Ella

Next Sunday Readings:

Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14, Psalm 24,
1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12a

We welcome **St. John XXIII School** on Sunday, October 25th as they receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Please keep these children in your prayers.

Our Offerings: Oct. 18

Regular Sunday Collection: \$9,280
Together We Serve: \$ 295
Donation: \$2,500



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Our recommendation this week is a short presentation *Openness to God: Session 7*. In this time, we all need to experience the hope that only our faith can bring. In our daily lives we can easily be too busy to listen to God, but the slow pace of life's pilgrimage invites us to open our hearts and minds to the Lord. What do you think He might be trying to tell you, and are you listening? Formed is available to all members of St Thomas More Parish. formed.org



New Southwest Parish Naming Survey

Thank you to all the parishioners who completed the survey; we have results to share with you!

Your top three names choices are:

- Divine Mercy,**
- St John Paul II**
- St Kateri**

(107 survey respondents also suggested names not on the original list)

Detailed naming survey results are being provided to the Archbishop and will be available on the [New Southwest Parish](#) website, and also accessible at: [St. Thomas More's](#) webpage. We will keep you updated as Archbishop Smith selects the new parish's name.

Your New Southwest Parish Committee



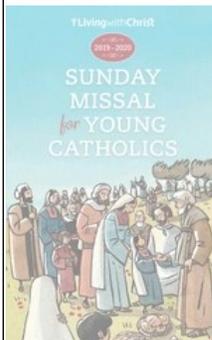
We congratulate and continue to pray for our **Archbishop Joseph MacNeil and St. Mary School** children that celebrated the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** on Sunday, October 18:

Andrew William A., Giovann Alexander Solis E., Kingston Max Lincoln I., Juan Antonio M., Xavier Jogi N., Daniel P., Naya Rose P., Rodrigo U., Evangeline Margaret W., and Theo Z.

Dion Stefan B., Jacob Edward C., Dwarbie Brae J. F., Nova Alana J., Anton Francis K., Clark Henry K., Kenzie Evelyn M., Isabella Sophia N., Esme Mia P., Carly Shaye Misa Margaret R., Sara R., Noah Isaac S., and Maggie Joy U.

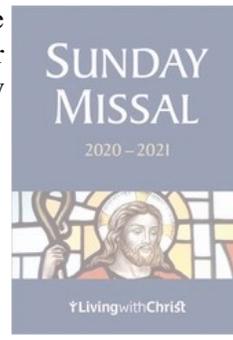
May you always be close to Jesus!

Living with Christ Sunday Missal



Sunday missals for the coming liturgical year 2020-2021 are now available for purchase.

Includes: Sunday Mass Scripture readings, musical acclamations, Sunday liturgy reflections, calendar of saints.



Children missal: \$10

Adult missal: \$5

Let us celebrate the Mass together!



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

We are in need of donations for the following items: jam, canned fruit/vegetables, cereal, coffee (1lb size), pasta sauce, juice boxes, toilet paper, and laundry detergent.

Thank you for your generous donations!

Envelope versus pre-authorized donation (PAD)

Envelopes will be labelled and distributed soon. We are asking any parishioners who would like to make the switch from envelopes to PAD donations to consider now as the time. Envelopes have been a traditional form for donation giving and will remain so. However, in recent times, inability to have regular collections during Mass has contributed to decreases in donations. We have seen the incredible support that our parishioners have been able to maintain by continuing to drop off in person and mailing in their donation envelopes, often including encouraging words of support.

If you are in a position to a committed, monthly support of St. Thomas More Parish, we encourage you to consider pre-authorized giving.

Pre-authorized giving to the Church makes donation handling easier and more secure for the Church, and does not require extra financing charges as incurred through other third party companies. Any donation amount is gratefully accepted. Please fill out the required [PAD form](#) found on our website and submit to the office.

Thank-you for your support of St. Thomas More Parish!

Mass Schedule for Celebration of Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

St. John XXIII:	Saturday, Oct. 24, 8am-9am (Reconciliation), Sunday, Oct. 25, 2pm (First Holy Communion)
St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Stanislaus:	Saturday, Oct. 31, 8am-9am (Reconciliation), Sunday, Nov. 1, 2pm (First Holy Communion)
Monsignor Fee Otterson:	Saturday, Nov. 7, 8am-9am (Reconciliation), Sunday, Nov. 8, 2pm (First Holy Communion)
other schools:	Saturday, Nov. 14, 8am-9am (Reconciliation), Sunday, Nov. 15, 2pm (First Holy Communion)
St. Boniface and St. Theresa:	Saturday, Nov. 21, 8am-9am (Reconciliation), Sunday, Nov. 22, 2pm (First Holy Communion)

Please mark your calendars!

We look forward to our children receiving the sacraments within their school family!

Text/Email Scam

A new scam is circulating through text messages, purporting to be from parish priests urgently asking for help. Please use caution and common sense when responding to conversations where you do not recognize the email address or telephone number of the originating messages. Report any cases of fraud to the police.



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

Thank-you for your continuing support!

Virtual Marriage Encounter

The first Edmonton-based virtual Marriage Encounter weekend experience will be held November 13-15. For over 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped couples to uncover the secrets of a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage.

We invite you to join us from the comfort of your own home for the first Edmonton Virtual Marriage Encounter weekend experience from 7pm November 13 to 3pm November 15. Cost is \$125/couple. To register online go to www.wwme.org



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



The bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories released a pastoral statement, called [On the Impact of COVID-19 & the Call to Christian Renewal](#). The Bishops offer reflection on COVID and the call to Christian renewal through a series of panel discussions on the pandemic and Catholic social teaching.

Grandin Media will be hosting seven panel discussions on the reflection themes referenced in the letter: the inherent dignity of human life, the importance of the family, individual rights and responsibilities, vulnerability and solidarity, responsibility for the common good, healthy use of information technologies, and the value and dignity of human work. See the videos here:

<https://grandinmedia.ca/bishops-reflections-on-covid/>

Retrouvaille

Are you struggling in your marriage? Are you feeling a sense of hopelessness? Are you looking to create a more intimate relationship? Do you want to enrich the connection with your spouse? Regardless of what your marital issues might be, Retrouvaille could be the answer. The next program begins November 13-15, 2020.

For more information email info@helpourmarriage.ca, call 587-598-4357, or check the website HelpOurMarriage.org



All Saints Day Virtual Pumpkin Carving Event November 1, 2020

The Knights of Columbus invites your family to participate in the **Fourth Annual All Saints Day Pumpkin Carving Event**. Parents/grandparents can team up with kids to carve out various Christian themes on pumpkins. It would be a great experience to enjoy family fun time working on the pumpkins.

Entries can include 2 pictures, and/or a 1 min. video explaining the concept of the carved pumpkin (max. of two entries per family). Tag your entry with representative/family name. Submit entry to: pumpkins@kofc7599.org

Two winners will be chosen! Each winner will receive a gift courtesy of the Knights of Columbus! **The last date to enter is Sunday, November 1, 2020 (All Saints Day) and submissions can be made from now until that date.**

For more information, please contact family@kofc7599.org, or call (587) 985-0450

Pumpkin carving should be done under adult supervision!

**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 Rootsaert
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