

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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Fall Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am – 2 pm

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES		WEEKDAY MASS TIMES	
Saturday	5:00 pm (livestreamed)	Monday	6:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am	Tuesday	6:00 pm
	10:00 am	Wednesday	9:00 am
	12:00 pm	Thursday	9:00 am
	5:00 pm	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 (pastorall.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 (pastorall.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 (pastorall.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)

Parish Staff:

Pastoral Associate: Christina Faitakis

Pastoral Assistant: Shannon Van Soest

Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich

Bookkeeper: Elvie Fermin-Chua

Maintenance: Marian Ragac

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020



"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

We are at the very end of the liturgical year and it is appropriate for us to take a look at the end-times. The readings remind us to be on our guard, to have our priorities right, to expect to be called to face God at any time. Here is the story from today's Gospel. There were ten virgins, five wise and five foolish. The foolish ones squandered their time and did not get to enjoy the banquet, the wedding.

Not knowing the arrival of the coming hour is a common story about the end, as it is the way all will be judged by their readiness in that hour. We may say in defense of the virgins who abandoned their post that they did the best they could, trying to repair their oversight quickly. This is not a defense that is acceptable in these stories. Even the fig tree will produce in the right season, Jesus says in this cycle. The servant who deserts his duties and abuses his power will be punished. The virgins who are absent at the critical hour will forfeit their right to the feast.

We might prefer more leniency in this matter.

But Jesus does not provide any in Matthew's cycle of end-time teachings.

Catholic Education Sunday

The Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories have designated Sunday, November 8, 2020 Catholic Education Sunday. This year's theme, *especially relevant and inspiring during this time of COVID*, is rooted in scripture: **Those who hope in the Lord shall renew their strength** (*Isaiah 40:31*)

In the midst of the pandemic challenges, Catholic Education has been embracing the call for renewal and inviting students and their families to look to the future with hope. We are grateful for the gift of Catholic Education provided to us through the Edmonton Catholic School District and homeschooling families of Alberta.

Remembrance Day - November 11

Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.

This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.

We are challenged to rededicate ourselves by prayer and action to the ideas Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes:

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

The office will be closed

Wednesday, November 11 for Remembrance Day



November is the month that we dedicate, in a special way, to prayers for the dead. As part of the belief in the Communion of Saints, we know that it is an honorable act to pray for those who have died. But what about our own death? We suggest the formed.org presentation *The Last Four things: Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell*. Fr. Mike Schmitz is one of the leading Catholic speakers in the Church today. Fr. Mike tackles four very difficult topics in this exceptional presentation. Listen to this talk and begin to answer the question: "What happens when I die?"

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK		
Mon. November 9	6pm	†Dick Dunnigan †Eileen Olivia Van Joff
Tues. November 10	6pm	Thanksgiving for Jose's birthday Heather and Ernest Reimer (anniversary)
Wed. November 11	9am	†Helen, †Leonard, †Michele Caron †Dick Dunnigan
Thurs. November 12	9am	†Dick Dunnigan Teresa Wong (for good health)
Fri. November 13	9am	†Hazel-Elizabeth Fraser †Dick Dunnigan
Sat. November 14	9am 5pm online	†Andrzej Ilnicki †Jose Plathottam
Sun. November 15	8am 10am 12pm 2pm 5pm	†Mary Zacher †Charles Sequeira Luzvisminda Echiverri Tobi Osidko For all parishioners (all Souls) Leo He, Ke Zhao, and Arianna He (special intention)

Next Sunday Readings:

Proverbs 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31, Psalm 128,
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30

We welcome **Monsignor Fee Otterson School** on Sunday, November 8th as they receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Please keep these children in your prayers.

Our Offerings: Nov. 1,

Regular Sunday Collection: \$8,039
Together We Serve: \$3,854



The Catholic Bishops
of Alberta and the
Northwest Territories Les évêques catholiques
de l'Alberta et des
Territoires du Nord-Ouest

The **Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories** have issued a pastoral letter to all the faithful urging them to contact their Member of Parliament regarding two important proposed pieces of legislation currently being considered by the House of Commons, namely Bill C-7 and Bill C-6. Bill C-7 seeks to expand access to assisted suicide and euthanasia in Canada and Bill C-6 deals with banning “conversion therapy” and aims to silence the fundamental rights of parents and the church to instruct, counsel, and share religious and ethical beliefs on issues of sexual morality in accord with Catholic teachings. Please read the [complete letter](#) one our website. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have also issued a letter on this proposed legislation and can be read on our website [here](#).



Celebrating Anniversaries

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

Mac & Lil McPhee
60th Wedding Anniversary
November 10, 2020

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



Prayers for the Deceased

†Russel Upright

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



We congratulate and continue to pray for our **St. Stanislaus and St. Thomas Aquinas School** children that celebrated the **Sacraments of Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion** on Sunday, November 1:

Fayola Magalie A., Joel David Senio A., Hunter Denny C., Zoell C., Raegan Elizabeth Ann C., Jacob Matthew G., Catherine L., Eugene John Dilan M., Francesca Fiore Augustina P., Henry Lawrence Kim T., Andrei Wynter G. A., Nolan Donald B., Emerson Wyatt B., Maria Aliya B. B., Vince Aldrick Fuerte C., Keira Eileen C., Caleb D. Ethan D., Jayden Andrew D., Madison Nora G., Ayla Denise Mateo G., Ella June Maria J., Samuel Ryan N., Darrell Nathan N., Nelson Dionisi N., Channeya P., Estela Jimin P., Thandeka Zihle T., Roma Venice V., Vienna Amor V., and Anne Marie W.

May you always be close to Jesus!



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus is using November 15, 2020, which Pope Francis declared **World Day of the Poor**, as a day which we are encouraged to consider those less fortunate than ourselves and to give generously what we can. We are having a food and small household goods drive which can be distributed to the poor in our community. Suggested items include:

Household Items: bath/hand/face towels, wash cloths, sheet sets (twin, double, queen size), kitchen tea towels, dish cloths, kitchen utensils (bread cutting/peeling knives, cutlery, etc.), coffee makers and kettles, table and floor lamps, **children's toys**

Food: jam, Cheese Whiz, granola bars, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter, coffee, canned ham/chicken/spam, Chef Boyardee or other meals in cans, pork and beans, pasta/tomato sauce, rice (small pkgs), canned vegetables/fruit, pork and beans, side dishes like Sidekicks, candies, chocolates, cookies, and juice boxes.

Household goods: toilet paper/paper towels/Kleenex, dish detergent, laundry detergent, toothpaste/toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner, hand soap (liquid)

These items can be dropped off on Saturday, Nov 14 from 10am - 2pm at the Church or before or after each Mass on the weekend of Nov.14/15

Please read our [letter of appeal](#) and [donate online](#) or using our donation envelopes that will be handed out on the weekend of Nov. 14/15.



**World Day
of the Poor**



Prayers for the Sick

John Dunkin



May she receive the peace & healing of the Lord.

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



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

Matteo Edward, Jerrika Daun Yvette, Kairaluchi Eliana-Mary, Nicola Estelle, Lucas Ivan, Mylo Reyn, Jax Emmitt, Jake Branden, Franklin Ryan, Meadow Shirley Victoria, Zane Tonna, Zoey, Ambrose Karol, Kaya Gabrielle, Alina Mariel Matisse, Leo David Gabriel, Lana Binyelum, Viaan Rohit, Liam Hendrix .

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

Mass Schedule for Celebration of Sacraments of Reconciliation and 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!

Virtual Marriage Encounter

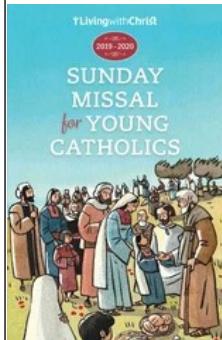
The first Edmonton-based virtual Marriage Encounter weekend experience will be held November 13-15. For over 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped couples to uncover the secrets of a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage.

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

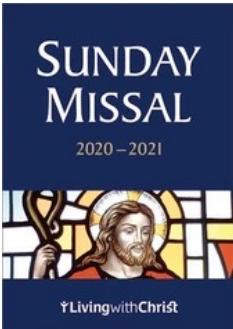
Living with Christ Sunday Missal



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

Let us celebrate the Mass together!



Adult missal: \$5



The St. Thomas More Finance Committee has committed 3 monthly payments of \$50,000 each for October through December, 2020, to the Archdiocese towards the land mortgage payments for the New Southwest Parish.



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



The Saint Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary is holding an online auction just in time for Christmas!

There is something for everyone on your list!

Our organization attempts to improve the residents lives by paying for music and movie entertainment, maintaining fish tanks; flowers for each resident on special holidays; teas and lunches on special occasions; and funds for less fortunate residents' Christmas presents. For each of the past two years we have been able to donate \$10,000 to the Memory Loss Unit at the hospital.

The auction runs from **Monday, November 23 at 9:00 am, to Sunday, December 6 at 6:00 pm.**

To register and participate in the auction, please go to <https://32auctions.com/SJHAFund2020>

Payment accepted with a major credit card through PayPal.

Thank you for your participation and support.



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!

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