

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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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

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
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

"You have been trustworthy in a few things. I will put you in charge of many things."

Today's Gospel tells us that "to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich." Some preachers have gone so far as to say that it is a Christian duty to grow wealthy; a person's wealth is even a sign of God's blessing. This theology in 19th century America was known as the "Gospel of wealth."

In today's Gospel, the master behaves like a person straight from Wall Street. He gives money to some individuals to invest. He doesn't seem to care that the first two invested in junk bonds, he is only concerned that they made money. As for the fellow who hid his master's money in a hole in the ground, he is thrown out into the street with the rest of the beggars who never made it in life. But we miss the point of all these parables where Jesus spoke about money and investments if we forget an important key unlocking the parables: Jesus was making comparisons. He was also using a popular art form of His time: exaggeration. The more important the lesson, the more exaggerated the example Jesus would use to make His point.



The question posed by the parable is: Are we using our talents and resources in the service of God and His Church? The man in the Gospel who was given just one talent was not a bad man. He didn't steal the money, he did not squander it. His only crime was that he buried the money in the ground and did nothing with it for the Master.

The lesson of the parable is clear. All three individuals in the parable received talents. For two of them, those talents became a blessing. For one, it became a judgment.

Prayers for the Dead

During the month of November we continue to pray for all the deceased members of our family and friends. We pray for them daily. These prayers are included in the intentions of



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

the rosary that we pray before Mass and in the Prayers of the Faithful before the celebration of the Eucharist.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

We continue to monitor and adjust our procedures to the recommendations of the government and Archdiocese in order to allow us to celebrate the Mass together safely. All of this has been our practice from the onset and rest in the faith that we will continue to serve our parishioners to the best of our ability.

We welcome the children of our parish on Sunday, November 15th as they receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Please keep these children in your prayers.

Next Sunday Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, Psalm 23,
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28, Matthew 25:31-46

Our Offerings: Nov. 8,

Regular Sunday Collection: \$14,370
Together We Serve: \$ 1,005

		
Mon. November 16	6pm	†Wilfred and Raphael Goh †Maria Preciosa Gabriel
Tues. November 17	6pm	Kay Free †Dick Dunnigan
Wed. November 18	9am	†Jolly Parayil In thanksgiving for graces received
Thurs. November 19	9am	†Dick Dunnigan †Eilis Suchan
Fri. November 20	9am	†Thomas Parayil Bobby Capinpin (gift of life)
Sat. November 21	9am 5pm online	†Dick Dunnigan †Oveta Wong
Sun. November 22 CHRIST THE KING	8am 10am 12pm 2pm 5pm	Pat Choma †Rogelio Naval †Sheila Rebstock †John Lemiski †Dick Dunnigan

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Recently Father Michael McGivney was beatified. Blessed Father McGivney is the founder of the world-wide organization of the Knights of Columbus. We suggest you watch the documentary *Father Michael McGivney: The Priest who founded the Knights of Columbus*. It is a worthy viewing for all including all Knights and those interested in social justice.



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](#) on 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](#).



Prayers for the Sick

John Dunkin

May he receive the peace & healing of the Lord.



Prayers for the Deceased

†Florentino Yap

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



We congratulate and continue to pray for our **Monsignor Fee Otterson School** children that celebrated the

Sacraments of Reconciliation and

First Holy Communion on Sunday, November 8:

Mattea Rae Illo A., Tricia Claire M. C.,
Marian Denae Agsulid C., Tyson Scott C.,
Jeremy Paul Edwin J., Olivia Mariam K.,
Preston Michael K., Aston Alec K.,
Amelia Kathleen Gakenia L., Jhaymes Theodore Chavez M.,
Declan Oliver M., Jaxon Gregory Stephen M., Sophie O.,
Marie Charolte O., Sebastian P., Gailvin Altiga P.,
Eliana Noreen P., Katherine Rose P., Tess Elizabeth P.,
Juliana Gabrielle R., Amelia McKenzie R.,
Arriannah Reign R., Lilly Kathryn S., Owen David S.,
Pesley Ngu T., Abigail Claire W., and Ryler Daniel 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

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.

Mass Schedule for Celebration of Sacraments of Reconciliation and 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!