

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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**Pastor: Fr. Mitchell Fidyka**  
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Fall Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am – 2 pm

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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

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## November 22, 2020

**"The Son of Man will sit on the throne of glory, and He will separate people one from another."**



Today marks the closing of the church's liturgical year with the celebration of the feast Christ the King.

The Son of Man who judges us is the Shepherd King of all the nations. He is the one who judges in the name of the Father who sent Him. Today's readings describe who receives His special attention: the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, the ones in prison. The disciples are invited to care for these because in doing so they care for Jesus who identifies with these least ones. Today's feast both consoles as well as challenges us. We are consoled by the Lord's care for us, which is indeed comforting during these days of the pandemic. The words of Jesus are also comforting and disturbing because they teach us that the proof of how much we love the Lord, of how much He lives in us, is found not in spiritual theatrics but in how we treat others around us. Some say that it is hard to see Jesus in others. Maybe so. Then, if we can't see Christ in others, we can be Christ to others.

*Are we Christ to others? Are we Christ to anybody?*

*Advent is right around the corner with the lift of a new beginning.*

### Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



The St. Thomas More Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of our charter in November 1995. We celebrate 25 years of praying together, working together, and serving together: 25 years of service to each other, our parish, and the community at large. May God continue to bless our council and the Catholic Women's League of Canada and may Our Lady of Good Counsel protect and guide us as we continue our work for God and Canada.

We welcome the children of **St. Boniface** and **St. Teresa Schools** to our parish on Sunday, November 22nd as they receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

*Please keep these children in your prayers.*



On the feast of Christ the King we suggest the [formed.org](http://formed.org) presentation entitled: *Say Yes to Christ: Allowing Jesus to be Lord of Your Whole Life*. Internationally renowned speaker and theologian Dr. Scott Hahn teaches the importance of giving our complete "yes" to Jesus Christ and fully recognizing him as King of Kings, and Lord over all. Dr. Hahn delves into Scripture to show that by dedicating ourselves to the Lord, he can accomplish more in us and through us than we ever could on our own.

### Our Offerings: Nov. 15.

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

		
Mon. November 23	6pm	†Anatolia Belen †Adelaida Gabriel-Beales
Tues. November 24	6pm	Paul Stafford Lucille Dendwick
Wed. November 25	9am	Pat Coe †Dick Dunnigan
Thurs. November 26	9am	Alaina (first birthday) †Erin Bai
Fri. November 27	9am	Cecile Hoger †Rufina Penalosa
Sat. November 28	9am 5pm online	Oghenero Djebah (thanksgiving) †All departed Legionaries from Our Lady of Good Council Praesidium
Sun. November 29	8am 10am 12pm 5pm	Shirley Wilkinson †Romeo and †Mary Brisebois †Salvador Germino Moreno family (special blessings)

### Next Sunday Readings:

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 64:1, 3-8, Psalm 80,  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve Mass - December 24

4:00pm, 6:00pm\*, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 12:00am\* (midnight)

#### Christmas Day Mass - December 25

10:00am\*, 12:00pm

\* These Masses will also be livestreamed

Next week the Advent season starts. We will not have Advent materials for distribution as we normally would, but we will provide you with some prayers and resources for the days of expectation of the Lord!

### Keep Christ in Christmas Christmas Card Fundraiser

Beautiful Christmas card sets (10 cards/pack) will be available for purchase at the entrance of the church after weekend Masses. Cost: \$10/pack, \$25/3-packs. The proceeds from the sale of the cards will be used to support **MaterCare International**.

#### MaterCare International



is an organization of Catholic health professionals dedicated to the care of mothers and babies. MCI's mission is to carry out the work of Evangelium Vitae (the Gospel of Life) by improving the lives and health of mothers and babies, both born and unborn, through new initiatives of service, training, research, and advocacy designed to reduce the tragic levels of abortion world-wide and maternal and perinatal mortality, morbidity in developing countries.

For more information: <https://www.matercare.org/>

*Sponsored by the Culture of Life Ministry*

### Celebrating Anniversaries

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



**Armand and Fern Beaudoin**  
65th Wedding Anniversary - November 21, 2020

**Ron and Carole Duholke**  
60th Wedding Anniversary - November 25, 2020

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

### Prayers for the Deceased

†Barb Kozoriz

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



We congratulate and continue to pray for our school children that celebrated the **Sacraments of Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion** on Sunday, November 15

Kedric Samuel Escandor A., Ally Grace A., Brynn Leanne A., Sarah Therese A., Max Ainsley Janrean B., Justin Cole B., Jalen Alexander C., Landon Joseph C., Isabella Alexa Bondoc E., Jayden Jacob G., Megan Isabella H., Ma. Sheree Megumi S. I., Megan Vy K., Sydney K., Angelina Victoria M., Kaja Kar Yan N., Juliana Ava Cilot P., Mialyn P., Miyanna Buenviaje S., Akio Xye Andriel T., Tobias Thananjey T., Ethan Kit-Long Y., Carter Francis Y., and Elliott Rose Y.

*May you always be close to Jesus!*

The **GIVING TREE** is a St. Thomas More Advent tradition. This year, more than ever, the support of our parish is needed for the women and children of **Lurana Shelter**, a refuge for those fleeing from family violence. We are unable to have you take stars and angels from the Giving Tree. Instead refer to the list of needed items beside the tree, on the parish website or in the bulletin. **All items must be new, not promoting violence, and unwrapped.** Drop off your gifts by the Giving Tree located in the gathering space of the church during the weeks of Advent up **until December 20**. Giving gifts cards is strongly encouraged (suggested maximum amount per card is \$25) and, if purchased from the Knights of Columbus, results in double giving (contact Ken at [kshivak@shaw.ca](mailto:kshivak@shaw.ca) or 780-434-0632 to purchase gift cards). Drop off gift cards in the locked box outside the parish office. The Catholic Women's League is coordinating this project once again and thanks all for their support.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the families who participated in the **All Saints Day Virtual Pumpkin Carving Event**. All entries have been awarded a gift which can be picked up at the church during regular office hours. Photos of the entries can be viewed on the monitors in the church narthex.

*Thank-you to all those that participated!*



The ladies in the Prayer Shawl Ministry have been busy knitting and praying. We have a wonderful selection of blessed prayer shawls available to choose from. Giving a prayer shawl to someone is sharing God's love. There is no charge for a shawl however a monetary donation may be made. If you are interested in giving a prayer shawl to someone please contact Linda at 780-920-9359.

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.

*Thank you for your participation and support.*

# ADVENT GIVING TREE 2020

## In support of LURANA SHELTER

*Items must be NEW, NON-VIOLENT, UNWRAPPED*

### Boy's Clothing

Pajamas – all sizes  
Slippers – all sizes, non-slip  
Underwear – all sizes  
Socks – all sizes  
Shirts – all sizes  
T-Shirts  
Sweatpants  
Sweatshirts with hoods

### Women's Clothing

Pajamas  
Slippers – all sizes, non-slip  
Shirts – all sizes  
Sweatpants – all sizes  
Underwear – all sizes  
Socks

### Toiletries

Boys & Girls – combs, brushes, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap  
Women – shampoo, conditioner, skin products, toothpaste, toothbrush

### Gift Cards (Max. Value \$25)

*\*Get from Knights of Columbus\**

- Save-On Foods

- Superstore

- Sobeys/Safeway

Also useful: Home Depot,  
Canadian Tire, Walmart

### Girl's Clothing

Pajamas – all sizes  
Slippers – all sizes, non-slip  
Underwear – all sizes  
Socks – all sizes  
Tights/Leggings  
Shirts – all sizes

### Winterwear

Boots for Children  
Boots for Women  
Winter coats for Children  
Winter coats for Women  
Gloves/Mitts

### Play Items (all ages)

Books – all ages  
Colouring Books/Crayons  
Play doh  
Paints/brushes (watercolour)  
Sketch Pad

### Toys (not requiring batteries)

Winter Toys  
Dolls for all ages (i.e. Barbie, Monkey Doll)  
Stuffed animals/teddy Bears (all ages)  
Science Kits  
Models  
Activity kits  
Craft kits  
Jigsaw puzzles  
Non-violent Games – all ages  
Toys for all ages

*St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League thanks you for your support.*