

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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

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Email: [communications.stm@caedm.ca](mailto:communications.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 9:00 am 6:00 pm  
Wednesday 9:00 am 6:00 pm  
Thursday 9:00 am 6:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am 6:00 pm  
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 home-bound  
(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)
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#### Parish Staff:

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

Bookkeeper: Elvie Fermin-Chua  
Maintenance Manager: Marian Ragac

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 7, 2021

**“He took her by the hand and lifted her up.”**



Today’s Gospel completes a picture of Jesus’ ministry of healing: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark’s Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus’ compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ’s healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for the spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

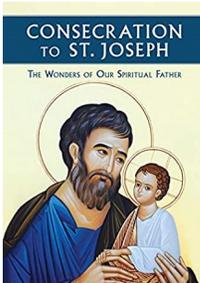
In today’s Gospel, we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus’ daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found Him, He told them that it was time to move on; we believe that in His prayers, Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for guidance and direction in our lives.

### Lenten Parish Mission and Dedication to St Joseph

*“Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to our soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire of our Lord’s graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater height, He unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint.”*

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

At this time of the liturgical year, we often hold a special retreat or mission. Since it is not possible to invite outside leaders at this time, we will hold an internal parish retreat dedicated to St. Joseph. From February 15, to the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19, we will have daily prayers and reflections centred on devotion to St. Joseph.



This 33 days mission will be taken from the book called: *Consecration to St. Joseph - The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*. The prayers will be part of our daily Masses; we encourage you to attend and take part in this worthy spiritual exercise. The devotions are rooted in biblical teaching and the traditions of the Church. In the midst of crisis and confusion, it is time to come home to our spiritual father, St. Joseph. This well-researched and lovingly presented program of consecration to St. Joseph, will lead us to bring to life the wonders, the power, and the ceaseless love of St. Joseph, Universal Patron of the Church.

Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. We are told, “Mary is your spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is your spiritual father.” Make our parish retreat part of your Year of St. Joseph and part of your Lenten prayerful exercise. Join us for daily Mass.

| <b>Mass Intentions</b><br>FOR THE WEEK |               |                                       |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mon. February 8                        | 6pm           | †Nicholas Horeczky<br>Helen Gawlinski |
| Tues. February 9                       | 9am           | Maria and Lucy Longo                  |
|  | 6pm           | †Primitiva Langlois                   |
| Wed. February 10                       | 9am           | Annette Kos                           |
|  | 6pm           | †Sharon Hills                         |
| Thurs. February 11                     | 9am           | Holy souls in purgatory               |
|  | 6pm           | †Christopher Szaszkievicz             |
| Fri. February 12                       | 9am           | Suzanne Gamble                        |
|  | 6pm           | Jenny Harris                          |
| Sat. February 13                       | 9am           | Kathleen Malyk                        |
|  | 5pm<br>online | †Dick Dunnigan                        |
| Sun. February 14                       | 8am           | Delores Mitchell                      |
|  | 10am          | †Max Wan                              |
|  | 12pm          | †Rene Canlas                          |
|  | 5pm           | †Lea Aurore Kramps                    |

#### Next Sunday Readings:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46, Psalm 32,  
1 Corinthians 10:3-11:1, Mark 1:40-45

#### Our Offerings: Jan. 31,

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| Regular Sunday Collection: | \$ 6,422 |
| Together We Serve:         | \$ 707   |
| Initial Offering:          | \$ 140   |
| Other Donations:           | \$ 4,500 |

**Donation receipts for 2020 are available for pick up along with donation envelopes for 2021. Please stop by the tables after Mass at the entrance of the church. Thank-you!**

Congratulations to the following children who entered into the community of the Church through the

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

Zoe Lynn, Mark Daniel, Robert John,  
Luke Gabriel, Madison Adel, Madison Marie,  
Athena Marie, Harrison Michael,  
Oscar Joseph, and Benedict Michael.



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

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



It is with great joy that we welcome our newest Catholic who recently celebrated her Sacraments and has joined our community of faith:

Caroline B.

*May you always be blessed on your faith journey as you continue to grow in the knowledge of God's grace.*

**World Day of the Sick - Thursday, February 11**



Pope John Paul II instituted this special day in May 1992. It takes place on the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, and highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that we cannot neglect service to the sick and suffering, end recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

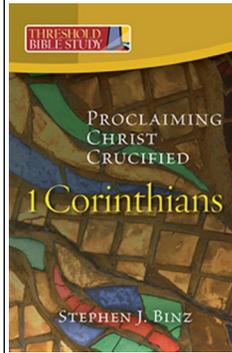
**FORMED**® Continuing our study during this year of St. Joseph our [formed.org](http://formed.org) suggestion is *St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church.* The holy and mysterious figure of St. Joseph comes to light in this presentation. What is the dignity of this great man and how do we convey the wonderous power of his intercession? All parishioners are encouraged to freely use the parish [formed.org](http://formed.org) subscription.

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

**Financial Report - Year end 2020**

Members of our Parish Finance Committee, Peter Semchuk and Berry Devlin, have prepared a financial statement of the Parish. It can be read on our website [here](#). The shorter version of the statement is included with your donation receipt.

**2021 STM Zoom Scripture Study**



The winter/spring scripture study will begin on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7:30pm. There will be 8-10 weekly sessions from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. We will be studying the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians using the Threshold Bible Study workbook entitled: ***1 Corinthians: Proclaiming Christ Crucified***". This study promises to be an excellent preparation during Lent for Easter. Because of ongoing concerns re COVID-19 we will once again be going online. You would need to download a free Zoom app. I will bulk-order the workbooks to save money and the cost should be \$12.00 per book. Once I have your contact information I can make arrangements to get them to you. Join to learn, pray, and share your faith. The time commitment is 90 minutes each week. Those who have participated in other scripture studies have noted a positive impact upon faith life. For registration or information call Deacon Randy Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or email: [randy.abele@caedm.ca](mailto:randy.abele@caedm.ca)



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!***



**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF A MOTHER:  
Journey with Mary  
(via Zoom)**

Providence Renewal Centre, in collaboration with St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League, is offering this program facilitated by **Carol Sebastian** and **Linda MacIsaac**.

Live this Lent through the life and experience of Mary, Mother of Jesus. Ponder and pray The Seven Sorrows of Mary. Discover the depth of Mary's love for her son as she embraces motherhood at a young age, flees danger, and lives as a refugee. Pray with her as she loses her teenage son and watches him grow into a ministry of radical love that would result in betrayal and crucifixion. How do we hold our suffering and the suffering of today's world? The legends and stories of Mary provide lessons in compassion honed through prayer and contemplation.

**Thursdays: Feb 18, 25, March 4, 11 (7:00 – 8:30 pm )**  
**\$60 – CWL members      \$80 – non-members**

**Link to register:**

<https://providencerenewal.ca/product/in-the-footsteps-of-a-mother-journey-with-mary-via-zoom-event14232/>



Virtual Open House Listings

EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

SAVE THE DATE

**ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH MACNEIL**

750 Leger Way nw • ph: 780 471-4218

**Open House: (Gr. 7-9) February 11 at 7 pm**

**MONSIGNOR FEE OTTERSON**

1834 Rutherford Rd sw • ph: 780 430-8015

**Open House: (K) February 18 at 7 pm & (Gr. 7-9) February 11 at 7 pm**

**MONSIGNOR WILLIAM IRWIN**

2629 Taylor Green nw • ph: 780 430-1121

**Open House: (K) February 11 at 6:30 pm**

**MOTHER MARGARET MARY**

2010 Leger Rd nw • ph: 780 988-2279

**Open House: March 3 at 7 pm**

**ST. JOHN XXIII**

365 Windermere Rd sw • ph: 780 469-2451

**Open House: (K-Gr. 6) February 10 at 6:30 pm & (Gr. 7-9) February 10 at 7 pm**

**ST. MARY**

490 Rhatigan Rd E. nw • ph: 780 988-6577

**Open House: (K) February 16 at 6 pm**

**ST. MONICA (PRE-K)**

14710 - 53 Avenue nw • ph: 780 436-7888

**Contact for more info.**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**

420 Desrochers Blvd sw • ph: 780 409-2604

**Open House: March 11 at 6:30 pm**

The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Bonner Council #7599 of St. Thomas More Parish would like to thank all participants of the **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** poster and nativity scene contest. We received 40 entries from our youth aged 5 through to 14. Our **poster** winners are:

- Ages: 5 to 7 yrs., Angelina T. (1<sup>st</sup>), Matthew I. (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 8 to 10 yrs., Carle A. (1<sup>st</sup>), Ziggy I. (2<sup>nd</sup>), Sam G. (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 11 to 14 yrs., Munachimso U. (1<sup>st</sup>), Shekina Z. (2<sup>nd</sup>), Lauryn I. (3<sup>rd</sup>)

The **nativity scene** family winners are: Daley (1<sup>st</sup>) and Kalapurakal (2<sup>nd</sup>).

***Our winners will be contacted for their prizes. Thank-you to all that participated!***

*Video lesson plans/sessions (YouTube videos) from St. Thomas More Parish to help parents work through the Reconciliation/First Communion workbooks with their children will be found online at the STM website: <https://stm.caedm.ca/sacraments/> (starting February 14, 2021)*

**An Invitation to the women of the parish...**

Are you called to advocate for human rights and social justice? Become a member of the CWL and add your voice in support of local and national work for the rights of women, the unborn, as well as other social justice issues. We invite every woman in this parish to join!



Brochures about the league and registration forms are located at the entrance of the church. You may contact Linda at 780-988-9229 if you have questions or need further information; or, make inquiries at [stmewl@gmail.com](mailto:stmewl@gmail.com)

**The Fiery Cross - Our Hope & Our Victory**

The Catholic Renewal Services of Edmonton is inviting you to a consecutive, three-day, evening Zoom conference with Fr. Mark Goring:

**Date:** Thursday, Feb. 11 - Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021

**Theme:** The Fiery Cross, Our Hope and Our Victory

**Time:** starts each evening at 5:30 pm

**Registration:** \$25, for more information and registration, see our website: [www.ccredmonton.info](http://www.ccredmonton.info)

*All are welcome!*

**Catholic Renewal Services of Edmonton**



The *Culture of Life* ministry at St. Thomas More invites you to participate in 40 Days for Life this lent by praying, fasting, and keeping vigil for an end to abortion. Participation is encouraged throughout Lent from Feb. 17th - March 28th.

You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way near: Woman's Health Options abortion centre, 12409 109A Ave., Edmonton.

***For more information email: [prolifestm@gmail.com](mailto:prolifestm@gmail.com) or signup at: [www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/](http://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/)***

**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      |