

# 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

Website: <https://stm.caedm.ca>

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 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:

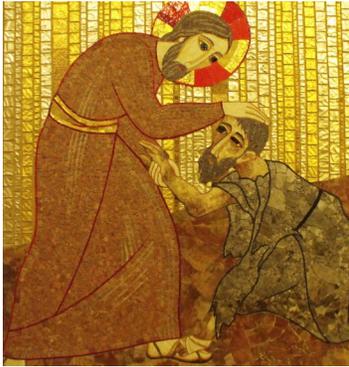
Pastoral Associate: Christina Faitakis  
Pastoral Assistant: Shannon Van Soest  
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich

Bookkeeper: Elvie Fermin-Chua  
Maintenance Manager: Marian Ragac

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 14, 2021

**“Jesus touched him and said, I do choose. Be cured.”**



Jesus understands that people need community more than they need a cure for what ails them. Often in fact, community is the cure for what ails each of us. That is why the Church was founded on the idea of community. Even Jesus did not travel alone, nor did he send His disciples out in fewer than twos. He promised: “wherever two or more are gathered, there I am in the midst of them. Church is not a solo act. We need each other.

Jesus cures a lot of lepers in the Gospels, maybe because there are a lot of lepers, or maybe because their condition was particularly sorrowful for Him. People with leprosy were the most socially isolated people in Jesus’ time. We do not need a pandemic to find this type of exclusion and isolation in many forms in the 21st century: unemployment, poverty, addiction, abuse, illiteracy, mental illness, shame. During our lives, we have each felt alone, alienated and powerless.

Throughout His ministry, Jesus sought to include the suffering: touching and healing them with love and compassion. In the same real way, true communities of caring and inclusion are the greatest sign of God’s presence among us.

***Community is not an extra in the life of faith; it is the heart of the matter!***

## LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

### Ash Wednesday and Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues for forty days, recalling Jesus’ forty days fasting and praying in the desert. During Lent, we are invited to pay special attention to our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we may renew our baptismal vows at Easter with great fervor: + *Create a new heart in me, O Lord.*

#### We encourage your participation in:

- + The Lenten Mission (lasting not 3 but 33 days this year!)
- + Praying the Stations of the Cross.
- + The Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- + Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

### Liturgical Schedule for Lent & Easter

**Ash Wednesday Masses:** Feb. 17 at 9am\*, 6pm\*

**Way of the Cross:** 6pm followed by Mass all Fridays in Lent - Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26

**Confession:** one hour before all weekday Masses

**Parish Lenten Mission:** February 15 - March 19 (Feast of St. Joseph): daily Mass with prayers and reflections centered on St. Joseph; consecration to St. Joseph on March 19

**Holy Thursday Mass:** April 1, 7pm\*

**Good Friday:** April 2, 9am, 3pm\*

**Holy Saturday Basket Blessing:** April 3, 12pm

**Easter Vigil:** April 3, 9pm\*

**Easter Sunday:** April 4, 8am, 10am\*, 12pm

\* These celebrations will also be live-streamed



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Mon. February 15	6pm	Cecilla and Cesar Alcasid (wedding anniversary) †John Lim
Tues. February 16	9am	†Charles Stuart Barker
	6pm	†Joseph Lam
Wed. February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY	9am*	Agnes McAllister
	6pm*	Holy souls in purgatory
Thurs. February 18	9am	†Yvonne Tidswell
	6pm	†Michael and †Catherine Hinchey
Fri. February 19	9am*	†Phylis Panek
	6pm	†Sergio Baez
Sat. February 20	9am	†Rodrigo Docuyanan
	5pm*	Sandra Duteau
Sun. February 21	8am	George and Mary Areekadan (wedding anniversary)
	10am	†Katherine Pisesky
	12pm	†Brian Kochan
	5pm	For our Parishioners

\* These Masses are also live-streamed

**FAMILY DAY** (Feb.15) - Mass at 6pm - office will be closed.

### Next Sunday Readings:

Genesis 9:8-15, Psalm 25,  
1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15

### Our Offerings: Feb. 7.

Regular Sunday Collection:	\$7,482
Together We Serve:	\$3,823
Other Donation:	\$3,000

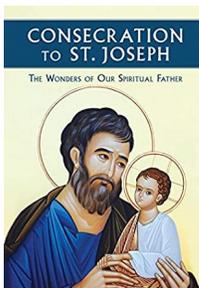
***Donation receipts for 2020 have been mailed out***

## 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.

**FORMED**® It's St Valentine's Day! What is the secret of a successful marriage? How can couples deepen their commitment to one another in Christ? In the [formed.org](http://formed.org) presentation *What Every Couple Should Know About Marriage and Prayer*, Orator Bishop Sheen illuminates the path by focusing on the essential role that prayer must play in every marriage. His anecdotes and stories illustrate his points and make his teachings memorable and easily applied to everyday life.

### 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.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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/)**

### Celebrating Anniversaries

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



**Stany and Jenny Nakaha**  
40th Wedding Anniversary  
February 14, 2021

**Cecilla and Cesar Alcasid**  
Wedding Anniversary  
February 15, 2021

**George and Mary Areekadan**  
48th Wedding Anniversary  
February 21, 2021

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

### Prayers for the Deceased

+Diane Mitchell

+Abegail Moya

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



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

#### Would you like to enrich your faith?

Come join the Catholic Women's League! The CWL is rooted in gospel values and calls its members to holiness through service to all people of God. We invite all women of the parish to join the league at St. Thomas More as we pray for one another and walk the gospel road together.



Brochures about the league and registration forms are located at the entrance of the church. You may contact Linda at 780-920-9359 if you have questions or need further information; or, make inquiries at [stmcwl@gmail.com](mailto:stmcwl@gmail.com)

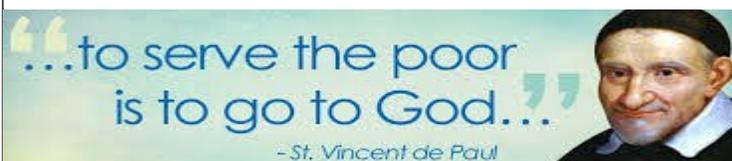
The next CWL general council gathering will be on **February 16th** at 7pm via Zoom. This is a very important meeting as we will be providing annual reports and conduct council elections. Watch for an email from Tere with the link.



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!**

The North of 60 Program of St. Vincent de Paul continues to expand as an outreach to assist those in need in Arctic Canada. We have added the communities of Tsiigehtchic and Fort McPherson to our list. We need to fill a new dedicated sea container with food and other household goods. St. Thomas More parking lot will give us the opportunity to donate the items needed. We will provide more information in the upcoming weeks. Please see our [North of 60 Annual report](#) for the year ending December 2020.



**PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN!**

**NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE CHURCH**

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.*

Virtual Open House Listings

**EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MONSIGNOR FEE OTTERSON**

1834 Rutherford Rd sw • ph: 780 430-8015

**Open House: (K) February 18 at 7 pm &**

**MOTHER MARGARET MARY**

2010 Leger Rd nw • ph: 780 988-2279

**Open House: March 3 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**



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.**



**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/>

—————Lost & Found—————

winter items (hats, scarves, mitts/gloves), keys, reading glasses, jewellery, missals, and children's items.

**Check for lost items in the coat room or office.**

**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