

# 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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## 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

# First Sunday of Lent

## February 21, 2021

**“Jesus was tempted by Satan; and the Angels waited on Him.”**



A temptation always presents something to us as good. Few people choose to do something simply because it is evil. Most, however, choose a course of action that appears to be good. Some think it's God who is tempting us, testing us to see which way we'll choose. I just can't imagine our good and loving God doing that to us.

The temptations the devil put to Christ, and the temptations the devil puts to us, all deal with putting self first and ignoring what God wants us to be.

Lent is a time to combat all kinds of temptations. Lent is a time to join ourselves into the life of Christ. Lent is about sharing life, and the good things of life, with others.

It is not so much a matter of what we possess, but what possesses us. The Holy Spirit in our baptisms gave us our names. God owns us, but ever so gently.

***Lent is a great and graced time to face our temptations and deface them gracefully.***

***It is a great time to advance at our own sweet pace. We have lots of time. We have just begun, last Wednesday.***

### Lenten Season

Lent is a forty-day Liturgical Season that initiates the most sacred part of the Christian year. It begins on Ash Wednesday, covers six Sunday and ends on the evening of Holy Thursday. During Lent, Catholics are called to meditate with awe and thanksgiving on the great Paschal Mystery.

The Season of Lent is a time of penitence, reflection and prayer that is solemn and restrained; therefore, flowers are generally removed from the sanctuary. Songs of praise such as “Gloria” and the “Alleluias” are omitted during this period of time.

During the Lenten Season, ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with more patience, faithfulness and self-control. Try to pray, be patient, fast from what you do not need, and simplify your wants.

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening during Lent (6 pm), the Stations of the Cross will be prayed followed by the evening Mass.

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 \* We understand that many of you are still not able to come \*  
 \* to celebrate Mass with us and we hope that will end soon. \*  
 \* How nice of you that you support your parish even in \*  
 \* these difficult times. Thank-you for your generosity! \*  
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<b>Mass Intentions</b> FOR THE WEEK		
Mon. February 22	6pm	†Marian Duchnij (5th year death anniversary) †Armand Beaudoin
Tues. February 23	9am	†Lorraine Bérubé
	6pm	Thanksgiving (Chen Family)
Wed. February 24	9am	Terri Polukoshsko
	6pm	†Demetris Longo
Thurs. February 25	9am	†Max Wan
	6pm	†Colin Nicols
Fri. February 26	9am*	†Helen Ryan
	6pm	†Ian McLandress
Sat. February 27	9am	†Aurore Lising
	5pm*	†Mike, †Rita, and †Maureen Bain
Sun. February 28	8am	For our Parishioners
	10am	†Max Wan
	12pm	†Mel Roberto
	5pm	†Mary Alice McMahan
* These Masses are <u>also</u> live-streamed		

### Next Sunday Readings:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Psalm 116,  
Romans 8:31b-35, 37, Mark 9:2-10

**Our Offerings: Feb. 14,**

Regular Sunday Collection:	\$8,435
Together We Serve:	\$5,030
Other Donation:	\$1,500

*Donation receipts for 2020 have been mailed out  
 Please pick up your 2021 envelopes if you have not yet  
 done so. Thank-you!*

## Liturgical Schedule for Lent & Easter

**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, 5pm

\* These celebrations will also be live-streamed



The Archdiocese has prepared a [letter to all parishioners](#) to guide them toward careful preparation and worthy participation in the Sacred Liturgy through a live-streamed celebration of the Eucharist. The same respect and attention that is afforded in person attendance should be observed at home. If people are healthy and able, it is desirable and best that people attend Mass in person. Even in this unprecedented time, you are not excused from “attending” Mass – the live-streamed Mass on the internet is available to us. Even though we cannot come to our church in the same numbers as before, celebrate as a family by your prayerful participation of the live-streamed Mass as the family of St. Thomas More, Saturdays at 5 pm. If you are able to come in person, attend any weekday Mass: we have morning Mass (9am) daily from Tuesday to Saturday, and evening Mass (6pm) daily from Monday to Friday.

Our livestreams will now also be available on [Telus OptikTV Channel 877](#) in addition to our St. Thomas More, YouTube, and Facebook websites.

We will be streaming our Friday morning 9 am Mass hoping that our school community is able to participate. This is in addition to our normal Saturday vigil Mass at 5 pm, and special Masses such as Ash Wednesday, and the Easter Triduum.

## Celebrating Anniversaries

As Catholics, with great joy, we celebrate the commitment to Marriage:



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

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

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One of the three disciplines of Lent is that of fasting. From what do we fast and how do we persevere? Our suggestion for [formed.org](http://formed.org) for this week is the short presentation *Day7: Fasting is Hard*. In your Lenten struggle, call on God through prayer for help to continue your practice through the forty days.

A Lenten video series has been produced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, the [Journey through Lent](#) series offers an introduction to the season and reflections on the Gospel readings of each Sunday. Each Monday, the link for the upcoming Sunday celebration will be released. The video series is available [in English](#) and [in French](#). It will also be shared on the [Grandin](#) and [CAEDM](#) websites.



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## World Day of Prayer



Join the 2021 World Day of Prayer as we celebrate the theme: Build on a Strong Foundation. Vanuatu, a chain of islands to the east of Australia, has prepared the service this year. World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church event coordinated in Canada by the **Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)**.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021 - VANUATU

Our parish has a long history of participating in and hosting this event on the first Friday of March. There will be no in-person service in our area this year. Instead, watch the WDP service video prepared by WICC (<https://wicc.org/one-hour-world-day-of-prayer-service-available-on-video/>).

Offerings received through the World Day of Prayer transform our prayers into action in the form of project grants empowering women and children in our own country and throughout the world. Please donate on the WICC website ([www.wicc.org/donate](http://www.wicc.org/donate)) or by text to (647) 953-5557. Cheques should be made out to Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada or WICC and mailed to:

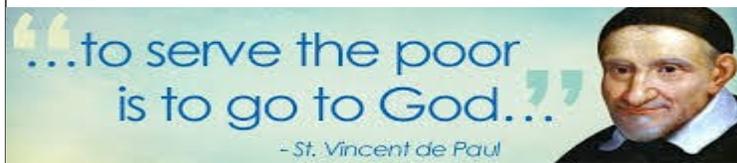
WICC (Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada)  
47 Queen's Park Crescent East  
Toronto, ON M5S 2C3



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**Conseil œcuménique des chrétiennes du Canada**



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**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Membership fees for 2021 (\$40) are now due. Payment can be made by dropping off

your cash/cheque at the parish during office hours. The most convenient way to pay is through the PayPal button on our council's website: [kofc7599.org](http://kofc7599.org). If you have any questions about your dues, please contact our Financial Secretary Nestor Coso at [financialsecretary@kofc7599.org](mailto:financialsecretary@kofc7599.org). If you have already taken care of your dues for this year, Thank You!



Virtual Open House Listings

**EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MOTHER MARGARET MARY**

2010 Leger Rd nw • ph: 780 988-2279

**Open House: March 3 at 7 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**

**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/)**



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

**Do you want to join an organization that recognizes and celebrates healthy family life?**

Come join the Catholic Women's League! Your primary role as parent, provider and caregiver is respected and honoured by the CWL. Helping other people in your community allows you to live your Christian values and be a positive role model in your family. Your commitment could be as easy as maintaining an inexpensive yearly membership, even when you are unable to attend meetings or other events. As your time allows you can chose to be more involved by supporting and advocating for social justice issues (i.e. women in poverty; the fight against pornography). Come join us in opportunities for social interaction, personal development and community service.

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)



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!**

**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 Rootsaert
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