

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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Pastor: Fr. Mitchell Fidyka
Associate Pastor: Fr. Curtis Berube
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Winter Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am – 2 pm

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

Email: communications.stm@caedm.ca

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

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)

Parish Staff:

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

Bookkeeper: Elvie Fermin-Chua
Maintenance Manager: Marian Ragac

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

“How good it is for us to be here.”



The three great friends of Jesus saw their friend on the mountain one minute, and the glory of God the next. They had been listening to Him and watching Him for a long time now. They had seen miraculous healings, demons expelled, crowds moved to astonishment by His words.

And now, staring at Him, they saw light, authority, and the favour of God.

Was this something new, or had it been there before? Had their eyes gotten adjusted at last to the vision of Jesus, leaving their blindness behind them?

Since the three did not know what to say on the mountain, Jesus tells them not to say anything at all as they descend. So much can be lost in the transmission of a vision. And a transfiguration is too powerful an image to risk losing it in speech.

Year of St. Joseph—Banner Art

As we enter the sanctuary at St Thomas More, our eyes are drawn to the central banner honouring St Joseph. It serves as a reminder that this year has been proclaimed the Year of St. Joseph. Joseph plays a pivotal role in our Church as patron of the universal church, and of fathers, families, the unborn, a happy death, workers, travellers and other special intentions.

Our parish is fortunate to be in a position to purchase this beautiful banner. During the pandemic many other parishes, schools and Catholic institutions are not able to make this expenditure. St. Thomas More parish has purchased a number of banners to share with other parishes and organizations. These are being distributed and will be a help for others so that they might suitably mark this special year of devotion to St Joseph.

Along with our 33 days novena, special prayers, education and intercessions, we believe that this generous act will be something that would please St Joseph, foster father of Jesus and spouse of Mary.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Fr. Mitch

Mass Intentions		
FOR THE WEEK		
Mon. March 1	6pm	Donna de Bruin (birthday blessings) Darlene Breakwood
Tues. March 2	9am	Marilyn McCullough
	6pm	Kathy Gust
Wed. March 3	9am	Patrick Knox (birthday)
	6pm	†Gerry Mojica
Thurs. March 4	9am	†Henry Gutierrez
	6pm	†Edwina Kavanaugh
Fri. March 5	9am*	Pat Coe
	6pm	†Lilia Blanco
Sat. March 6	9am	†Simone and †Paul Lising
	5pm*	Rudy de Bruin (birthday blessings)
Sun. March 7	8am	†Aley Scaria
	10am	†Alvaro Yu
	12pm	Intentions of Parishioners
	5pm	†Van Tran

* These Masses are also live-streamed

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.



Last week we looked at fasting; the second Lenten discipline is almsgiving. This week we suggest the [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) presentation *Can Almsgiving Atonement for Sin?* This Bible study will focus on the biblical teaching, from the Old Testament and the New Testament, about the merit God associates with almsgiving. It also touches on how Luther's Reformation changed the Christian tradition and how that relates to Scripture. Make [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) materials part of your preparation for Easter!

Stations of the Cross

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



Our Offerings: Feb. 21,

Regular Sunday Collection:	\$9,653
Together We Serve:	\$ 322
Other Donation:	\$ 298

Next Sunday Readings:

Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19,
1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25, John 2:13-25

LENT AND THE FAMILY

Given the many challenges facing today's families, now is the perfect time, and home is the perfect place, to experience Lent. After all, home is where we rush and rest, where we hope and worry, where we love and forgive. It is at home where we most often experience day-to-day salvation. Lenten experiences can take place in nearly every room of the house. Here are some simple ideas to try to enrich your celebration of Lent as a family:

- 1) Pray together as a family to celebrate the presence of God in the midst of everyday life.
- 2) Fast from some food.
Fast from TV one day of the week.
Fast from electronic games one day of the week.
Fast from bad habits that need to be changed.
- 3) Plan simple meal together.
- 4) Schedule a family night.
- 5) Write one (your own) Station of the Cross.
- 6) Practice the 3 C's: give three compliments a day to a friend and/or a family member, and talk about it at dinnertime.
- 7) Blessing: parents, bless your children by making the sign of the cross on their forehead before they go to bed at night, or when they leave for school each day; then ask your children to bless you.

Prayers for the Deceased

+Fr. Don Stein

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



Donation Giving and Receipts

Thank-you for your continued ongoing financial support of the Parish. Your generosity allows us to continue to operate our parish on as normal level as possible. If you have not received your 2020 receipt, it may have been returned to the office with an incorrect address. Please ensure that we have a current mailing address for you. Donations made through other organizations such as Canada Helps or Canada Gives will be issued a separate receipt. All parish gifts require your envelope number; this helps us to credit your giving record. By using your personal donation envelopes, we are able to keep track of your contributions. If you use the green envelopes, they need to be properly labelled. If you do not have envelopes or if there is a discrepancy in the amount donated, contact the office. Monthly preauthorized offerings are appreciated.

Liturgical Schedule for Lent & Easter

Way of the Cross: 6pm followed by Mass all Fridays in Lent - 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, 12pm, 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



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) 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



Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
Conseil œcuménique des chrétiennes du Canada

Pray the Rosary for the victims of Abortion



Parishioners are invited to participate in a Rosary prayer service planned for March 18th; to pray for a civilization of love and culture of life, in our own country and throughout the world. A Silver Rose, on a nine-month pilgrimage, will be the centerpiece of special prayer services at St. Thomas More

Parish on **Thursday, March 18th**. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, it will honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and express international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life. The Silver Rose begins its journey each year in March and travels throughout North America, ending its pilgrimage at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Through the Silver Rose Program we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe, but also reaffirm our dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. It is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses. More details to follow next week.



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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. If you have any questions about your dues, please contact our Financial Secretary Nestor Coso at 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. 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.

**St. Thomas More day of prayer is:
Friday, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph**

For more information email: prolifestm@gmail.com or signup at: www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/edmonton/

Online Marriage Preparation

Engaged couples, register now for Online Marriage Preparation in 2021!



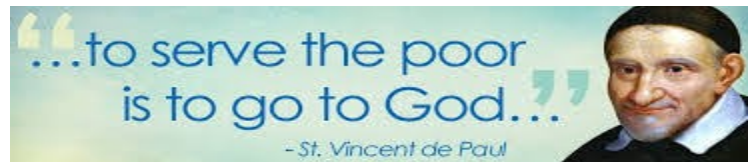
Marriage Preparation

Coordinated through *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish*, Sherwood Park, it includes a Virtual Weekend Course:

April 23-25, 2021

The \$150 registration fee includes all course materials.

Register ASAP by emailing Monna: marriage.preparation@caedm.ca



To support the Knights of Columbus and purchase grocery cards contact:
Ken Shivak at 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 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