

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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

Website: <https://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

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

**“I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;
And I will be their God and they shall be my people.”**



At this point, far into our Lenten journey, it is good to be reminded once again just why we try to focus more closely on prayer, fasting and almsgiving – or, to put it another way, repentance and renewal. The words from Jeremiah eloquently and simply express the reciprocal relationship between us and our Creator. The relationship between God and God’s people is not a legalistic contract but a covenant of love. The “law” in this context is not a mere list of rules to be obeyed but a deep yearning for God that is forever inscribed on our hearts.

“I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” In the remaining days of Lent, let us ponder the mystery of this relationship so as to respond ever more deeply to the God who loves us infinitely.

Loving Creator, help us to live more fully and more deeply as your people.

The Most Holy Days of our Faith

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we begin the most solemn and significant week of our liturgical year. The week is highlighted with the sacred Triduum consisting of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday and culminates in the greatest feast of all - Easter – the Resurrection. Of course, we were hoping that our churches would be more open and that we could welcome you all back to pray together. Unfortunately, we are still at 15% capacity but this does not mean that we cannot celebrate these days as we are called.

We can still make these days holy even if we are not in the parish church. Holy Thursday marks the institution of the priesthood and of the Eucharist. If we are not able to attend Mass, we can make an act of Spiritual Communion. Good Friday reminds us of Jesus' willing sacrifice giving his life to offer us salvation. Holy Saturday is abounding in ritual and rich in the readings and prayers; perhaps it is a time to gather as a family and share the nine readings that are used in this special liturgy. The parish offers four Masses on Easter Sunday so we hope you will make an effort to attend. Easter is the day that gives us hope of our own potential to conquer death and come to a new life in Christ. Come to church if you are able but remember to pray!

Make this Holy Week holy! Make the Triduum and Easter the summit of your prayerful year. May you and your family have a fruitful and blessed preparation for Easter.

Fr. Mitch



Easter Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the cost of Easter flowers and decorations, please put your donation into an envelope with your name and envelope number. Mark it “Easter Flowers” and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the office.

Thank you for your help in making our church beautiful for the Easter season.

		
Mon. March 22	6pm	†Stella Hoeg †Abegail Moya
Tues. March 23	9am	†Peter and †Laura Seng
	6pm	Joseph Flumerfelt
Wed. March 24	9am	Helen Vanderelst
	6pm	†Réal Bérubé
Thurs. March 25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9am	For all pregnant women
	6pm	†Kenneth Cey
Fri. March 26	9am*	Fr. Don Flumerfelt
	6pm	John and Candy Wong
Sat. March 27	9am	†Chris Banks
	5pm*	†Theresa Boire
Sun. March 28 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION	8am	Intentions of Parishioners
	10am	†Marjorie Ball
	12pm	Matilda Baker
	5pm	†Armand Beaudoin
* These Masses are <i>also</i> live-streamed		

Palms will be stripped after Wednesday morning Mass on March 24th.

Next Sunday Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 22,
Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14.1-15.47

Thank-you to generous business owners, who support the SSVF food bank through their kind donation of bakery bread week after week.

Our Offerings: March 14,

Regular Sunday Collection:	\$7,670
Together We Serve:	\$ 810
Easter Flowers:	\$ 235
Other Donation:	\$2,028

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross. We try to choose a meditation that is meaningful for our community and our times.

But wouldn't the most meaningful Stations be your own prayers and reflections?

Thank-you to all who have submitted reflections of your way of the cross. We have compiled the submissions and will pray these together on **Friday, March 26 at 6pm** followed by **evening Mass at 6:30pm**.



Prayers for the Sick

We care about the sick and suffering in our parish and pray for them daily. These prayers are included in the intentions of the rosary that we pray before the Eucharist.



May they receive the peace & healing of the Lord

Opportunities for Sacrament of Reconciliation



Confession is available before all *weekday morning and evening Masses* this coming week, up to and including Thursday, April 1 at 7pm (Holy Thursday). Please take this opportunity before the Easter Triduum celebrations.

Together We Serve

During the season of Lent we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is at this time that we begin our annual Together We Serve Campaign. Even though many of us are challenged with our own losses: job loss, loss of family and friends, health, or social connection with others, we are still called to think of others in need. Our goal and objective remains the same: to raise money for the 10 Catholic social agencies and institutions serving our community. Funds will be collected over the year up to December 31, 2021.



Donations can be made through your regular, yellow Sunday donation envelopes, through PAD, and online from our website through Canadahelps.org

The goal for St. Thomas More parish is \$180,000.

You can find the [Archbishop's appeal letter](#) on our website.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
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Is there such a thing as a bad confession? Why is it good to examine our conscience? As one preparation for Easter we are called to confess our sins. You may find the formed.org session *How to Make a Good Confession* a helpful preparation. This is a two part short discussion on preparing for the sacrament. The sacrament of reconciliation is available before all daily Masses at St Thomas More Parish.

Archbishop Smith responds to new assisted suicide law

Archbishop Smith responds swiftly and speaks plainly and honestly to the passage of Bill C-7, which expands euthanasia and assisted suicide to those without foreseeable death. He affirms the value and dignity of human life from conception to natural death and urges faithful Catholics to not permit the invasion of the culture of death into our families and homes. [Watch Archbishop Smith's response here.](#)



Attention all Volunteers

+++ Called to Protect training +++

Thank-you to all new and returning volunteers who help support the ministry work of St. Thomas More Parish. The Archdiocese of Edmonton is using the Called to Protect for Ministries program to provide safe environment training for all clergy, employees and lay volunteer leaders. The next session will be held on **Friday, April 9, 2021 starting at 7pm** for a maximum of 2.5 hours.

Please contact your ministry leader or call the office to register



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of Edmonton

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

WGM
Wild Goose Marriage Academy

Struggling in your marriage?

Wild Goose Marriage Academy

provides online courses, coaching, and resources for

Christian couples. This new initiative is led by Catholic marriage experts Paul and Carol Quist who will be offering an intensive, 4 week, marriage boot camp called "*Seven Steps to Heal Your Christian Marriage*". They will also be hosting a free, live webinar on **March 24th at 6pm (MDT)**. Learn more and register at www.wgmacademy.com



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!

Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish

Are you new to the Parish?

Are you registered at St. Thomas More?

Being a registered member of the parish makes it easier for us to serve you. To register, please fill out a registration form and drop off at the office.

Help keep our Parish database up to date!

Let us know if:

- you moved or you are planning a move
- you cancelled your landline phone
- you changed your email
- you have a new addition to your family
- sign up for PAD (pre-authorized deductions) and no longer need donation envelopes

Liturgical Schedule for Lent & Easter

Way of the Cross: 6pm followed by Mass all Fridays in Lent - March 26

Confession: one hour before all weekday Masses

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**

Parishioners are invited to bring and light their own candles

Easter Sunday: April 4, 8am, 10am*, 12pm⁺. 5pm

* These celebrations will also be live-streamed

+ Incense will be used at these Masses



WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A KNIGHT



If you are a catholic gentleman that is interested in helping those in need, serving the church, growing your faith or having access to the many benefits that protect your family, then the Knights of Columbus is for you.

We encourage you to pray on becoming one of over TWO MILLION Knights (over 19,000 in Alberta), and invite you to leave your name and phone number with one of our Knights after Mass next weekend. We will be positioned outside the church to maintain physical distancing and stay safe. We will then follow up by phone or email. You may also call Paolo Festa-Bianchet (780-433-7282) or Wally Streit (780-988-8719), for more information about the benefits to you, your family and the church.

Natural Family Planning - Fertility education

Billings Ovulation Method Teacher Training Webinars will begin in April 2021.

This program is the first step required to become an Accredited BOM Teacher. Participants gain knowledge and skills to provide fertility education suited to every season of reproductive life.

Simplicity and solid science come together for the welfare of marriages & children.

For more details and to register, visit billingslife.ca

Reconciliation

First Holy Communion Preparation

Lesson /tutorials for our students preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion can be found on our STM website here:

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



Livestreaming Options

Telus OptikTV Channel 877

STM website: <https://stm.caedm.ca/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stthomasmoreyeg/>

Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZSAygs1yQAwrwU-wIq91-w>

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN!

NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE CHURCH

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

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