

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>

Email: communications.stm@caedm.ca

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm*
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

* These Masses are also livestreamed

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 2021 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

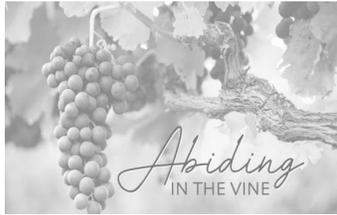
Bookkeeper: Elvie Fermin-Chua
Maintenance Manager: Marian Ragac

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

“My Father has been glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Have you ever tried to prune your life clean of deadwood? Our lives are often full of things, events, and people that distract us from following Jesus. In today’s Gospel Jesus tells us that He is the true vine: the source of divine life and wisdom for all the nations. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Jesus, nourished by His Word and the Eucharist.



Jesus urges us to abide in Him in order to receive life and bear good fruit. However, we can expect that God will “prune” us as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger. Jesus teaches us today to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. Through our struggles we are being disciplined and trained so that we may grow in holiness and bear fruit of righteousness.

*Springtime is a good season for us to reflect upon our lives
and make the changes that are necessary to live our lives as true disciples of Jesus.*

May, the Month of Mary

As Catholics, we give a special place of honor to Mary in our lives. And many of us have special devotions to Mary. We pray the Rosary. We ask for her intercession. We pray to her as our Spiritual Mother, and entrust ourselves and our families to her.

And in the Church, it is a longstanding tradition to celebrate the Month of May as ‘The Month of Mary’. Although her various Feast Days appear all throughout the Church’s calendar, May is a month in which we give her a special place of honor.

For most of us who live here in Edmonton, we quite naturally look forward to the Month of May. The winter snow is (usually!) melted away by now. Spring has come, and with it, new growth! And May is generally a very beautiful month.

When we think about it, the beauty of spring can remind us of the beauty of our Blessed Mother Mary – and so, how fitting it is that this month should be dedicated to her!

This month of May, we invite her into our lives in a new way – and we ask her to create a new springtime in our hearts, and to lead us ever closer to her loving Son, Jesus.

		
Mon. May 3 <i>Saints Philip and James, Apostles</i>	6pm	†P.L. Chopra †Jennifer Lynn Abuan
Tues. May 4	9am	Antony Joseph
	6pm	†Diane Paradis (1st year death anniversary)
Wed. May 5	9am	†Gregory Yong
	6pm	Manuel & Sharie Ilagan and Family
Thurs. May 6	9am	Kevin McCabe
	6pm	†Russell Wenger
Fri. May 7	9am*	Pat Coe
	6pm	Fr. Mike
Sat. May 8	9am	†Camline Moorthie
	5pm*	†Cyril Khiamal
Sun. May 9	8am	†Primitiva Langlois
	10am	†Bella Caouette
	12pm	Intention of Parishioners
	5pm	Elle Family
* These Masses are <u>also</u> live-streamed		

Next Sunday Readings:
Acts 10:25-26, 34-34, 44-48, Psalm 98,
1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

Our Offerings: April 25,

Regular Sunday Collection:	\$7,386
Other donation:	\$1,000
Easter Donations:	\$ 370
Together We Serve:	\$ 220

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

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May is one of the months that the Church dedicates to Mary. The [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) presentation - *Mary: Handmaid of the Lord by St. Teresa of Kolkata* can help us understand Mary's role in the Church and in our life. St. Teresa of Kolkata is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our life. We hope you make use of the parish subscription to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) to increase your knowledge and grown in faith.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

This annual multinational prayer event will be held on
May 7th – 9th 2020, and coordinated by the
Saint Michael the Archangel Organization



Cardinal Raymond Burke quotes:

“I encourage the faithful to seek the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe by praying the Rosary for the protection of unborn human life through the campaign of the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization.”

We encourage St. Thomas More parishioners to participate in this prayer event by committing to pray 1, 2, or 3 rosaries on the first weekend in May. Please email the number of Rosaries you or your household will be praying for to Jeannette at pliber@telusplanet.net who will register the total number to the St. Michael the Archangel Organization. For more information visit: www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org



Prayers for the Deceased

+Joe Wickrama

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



Prayers for Palliative Care in Canada

May 2-8 is the National Week for Hospice Palliative Care in Canada. The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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Palliative Care is the right of every Canadian. Uniform standards and delivery of palliative care is essential to ALL Canadians.

encourages us all to become informed, to pray and to take action to ensure that palliative care is available to all in Canada who require it. This is particularly important as Bill C-7

expanded eligibility for MAiD (euthanasia) and access to it, yet many do not have access to palliative care. In our Parish, we will hold **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on Friday, May 7th**. All are encouraged to pray between 8 am and 8 pm. Come for daily mass and see the display boards that have information about palliative care and euthanasia. Come before mass to pray the rosary, which will have special intentions regarding palliative care before each of the decades. More information at <http://bit.ly/PalliativePrayer>.

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

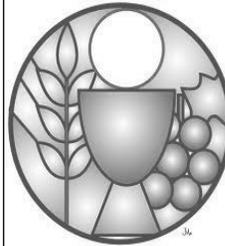
Sacrament of Baptism:



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

Mila Mae, Lorenzo, Gemma Viva,
Xyler Raphael, Gianna Stella-Rose,
Arlette, Michelle Chikamso,
Caroline Chimamanda Chidinma, Erica,
Wrioln Yohan, Leif Elijah, Nolan Kent,
Osayimwen Bernard, and Samuel.

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



First Holy Communion Preparation

Lessons/tutorials for our students preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion can be found on our website here: <https://stm.caedm.ca/sacraments/>

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on
Saturday, May 22*

*9:30am - 11am: Archbishop Joseph MacNeil, St. Augustine,
St. Boniface, St. John XXIII, St. Teresa, St. Thomas Aquinas*

*11am - 12pm: Monsignor Fee Otterson, Monsignor William
Irwin, all other schools, St. Mary, and St. Stanislaus*

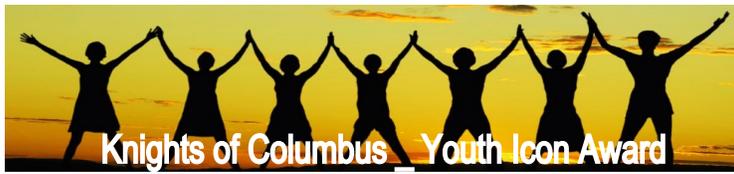
Please mark your calendars!

Children can also receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the hour before all **weekday** morning and evening Masses (see bulletin weekday Mass schedule)



The St. Thomas More Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) North of 60° project will send 2 sea containers of food to the small towns of Fort Good Hope, Tsiigehtchic and Fort McPherson in the Northwest Territories. Unemployment is high in these communities and families and children are in desperate need. The youth group will be painting the container currently sitting in the parish parking lot that will be going to Tsiighetchic and Fort McPherson. Thirteen NWT communities in northern Canada receive containers from parishes in Edmonton. This food security program provides food hampers to families in need. See video at <http://www.ssvp.ca/North-60>.

*We are grateful for any donations you can provide.
Your prayers are always needed and appreciated!
Thank-you for your support.*



The Knights of Columbus (Fr. Bonner Council #7599) would like to inform you of the upcoming **Youth Icon Award** for students in Junior High and High School.

The objective of this award is to identify, encourage and recognize youth who set a high standard of virtue and citizenship.

More details and the application form can be found following this link: [KofC Youth Icon Award](#). You may also download and complete the application form by clicking on this link: [Online Form](#). Applications may be submitted three ways:

- 1) Submit the form directly online, or
- 2) Scan a copy of the completed form and email it to family@kofc7599.org, or
- 3) Print a hard copy of the completed form and drop it off at the Parish office addressed to Knights of Columbus Youth Icon Program.

Application deadline is **May 15, 2021**. Please contact Jason Kalapurakal or Tony Joseph at family@kofc7599.org if you have any questions.



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!

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-wIq9l-w>



ADORATION FOR LIFE

May 5, June 2

Adoration with Rosary 6-7pm, Mass 7pm
St. John the Evangelist Church, 9830 148 St.
with Fr. Dean Dowle

Register at 780-218-5493 to insure a space
Saving lives, one prayer at a time!

Bloom Where You're Planted

Especially for Moms!

Via Zoom with Ruth Heine

"Spirituality is seeded, germinates, sprouts and blossoms in the mundane.

It is to be found and nurtured in the smallest of daily activities"

(Thomas Moore)

Mothering in all ways can be an indescribable blessing. It can also be full of constant demands leaving little time to connect with yourself and with God. You're invited to come and explore a few ways of nurturing some simple spiritual practices to awaken your awareness of God's presence and movement in your life. Learn how to create some intentional space with habits that can work for your unique personality and situation. We will look at various tools that can help you bloom right where you're planted to keep your spirit nourished as you grow in God's love.

Wednesday May 5 (10:00-11:30 a.m.)

14280 \$25. Register by April 28

www.providencerenewal.ca 780-701-1854

Certificate in Catholic Studies

Newman Theological College offers a comprehensive selection of online courses on various aspects of the Catholic faith.

Each course runs five weeks and costs just \$85. Take an individual course, or work toward one or all of the 22 specialized [Certificates in Catholic Studies](#).

This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. Students may register completely online.

Contact Sandra Talarico:

780-392-2450 Ext. 2214

Toll free: 1-844-392-2450

Email: sandra.talarico@newman.edu

Link: [Register here](#)



BENEDICT XVI
Institute for New Evangelization

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