

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

Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

“And these signs will accompany those who believe.”

Most of us have not seen the signs indicated in today’s Gospel; demons cast out, people speaking new tongues, instant healings. Signs like these are very rare in the Church after twenty centuries.



However, many of us have seen signs of power of faith that are just as miraculous to the people who experience them. We have seen alcoholics stop drinking and reunite with their long-suffering families. We have known people whose lives, darkened by depression, lift up faces and see the light. We have seen those injured by the memory of a difficult childhood freed from the burden of the past and able to open themselves to a future of hope and happiness. We have known those tortured by a life of sin rescued from their demons through the power of love, family and community.

Signs like these happen all around us. We need to believe in them, testify to them and live them out courageously. If ascension means being lifted up, then all of us know what that is like. In this difficult time of pandemic we all know someone who needs to be lifted up through our prayer and good works.

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY – MAY 16

Words from Pope Francis:

Developments in communications and technology are bringing us closer together and making us more connected. Good communication helps us to grow closer, to know one another better, and ultimately to grow in unity.

This is not to say that certain problems do not exist. The speed with which information is communicated often exceeds our capacity for reflection and judgment and this does not make for more balanced and proper forms of self-expression. The variety of opinions being aired can be seen as helpful, but it also enables people to barricade themselves behind source of information which only confirms their own wishes and ideas, or political and economic interests.

We must be aware of the limitations that modern communication system present.

Yet, let us boldly become citizens of the global world. The Church needs to be concerned for, and be present in, the world of communication. The revolution taking place in communications media and in information technologies represent a great and thrilling challenge; may we respond to that challenge with fresh energy and imagination as we seek to share with others the beauty of God.

		
Mon. May 17	6pm	†Maggie and †Bernie Cey †Luciano Tumulad
Tues. May 18	9am	†Robert Lefebvre
	6pm	†Emilia Piliarova
Wed. May 19	9am	Arthur Connick
	6pm	†Marc Genest
Thurs. May 20	9am	†Jack Belzer
	6pm	Don Scott (90th birthday thanksgiving)
Fri. May 21	9am*	†Mary Joseph
	6pm	Bruce and Dave Halbauer
Sat. May 22	9am	†Andre Lamothe
	5pm*	†Josie Orkiya
Sun. May 23 PENTACOST	8am	Intentions of Parishioners
	10am	Dorothy Johansen
	12pm	†Fadhil Al-Nasir
	5pm	†Abegail Moya

* These Masses are also live-streamed

Priests Assembly - May 17 – 20

Our priests are away ‘virtually’ next week for their priests’ assembly. They will still be here next week to celebrate daily Mass, but will be unavailable for meetings as they are in Zoom conferences. Please keep Fr. Mitch, Fr. Curtis, and all our Archdiocese priests in your prayers!

Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 104,
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

Our Offerings: May 9,

Regular Sunday Collection: \$5,165
Together We Serve: \$ 445

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[Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) presents an informative series entitled *Evangelization with Chris Stefanick*. While the whole series is interesting, Chapter 7 in particular helps us deal with the so-called "nones" - those who believe there is no God or do not practice faith - and how we can effectively reach their minds and souls. If you are faced with family members or friends who are questioning or denying the faith, this session could help you deal effectively with the situation.

The Ascension – General Information



The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the Risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

We too, can stand like the apostles, looking heavenward to that place where our Lord ascended. We too, can experience that wonder and awe, deep within, which transforms fear and tragedy, insecurity and tension into a bright, peaceful certainty that floods the heart with loving warmth from God.



Confirmation 2021 - Registration

Confirmation classes are tentatively scheduled to take place September - November of 2021 and are designed for all students who will be in Grade 7 – 12 in Fall 2021. Registration forms are available online at: <https://stm.caedm.ca/confirmation>

Drop in registration during regular office hours: Monday to Friday, 9am - 2pm. Completed registration packages can be mailed to the office:

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish
210 Haddow Close
Edmonton, AB T6R 2P3

For more information call the office at 780-434-6313 ext. 222
or email: pastorall.stm@caedm.ca

Please register by end of school year: June 25th



Prayers for the Sick

Gordon Heddleston

May he receive the peace & healing of the Lord.

St. Thomas More Parish Cookbook 2021

As we all look forward to resuming family get-togethers and group celebrations, St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League is pleased to announce the upcoming publication of our third parish cookbook, *Gather Together Again*. We invite you to play a part in it by submitting your favourite recipes, whether they're from your family or ethnic traditions, or new ones you have perfected over this year of pandemic. Even at a distance, we can get to know our fellow parishioners by sharing the recipes that are special to our families and friends. The cookbook will be on sale this fall, making it a great Christmas gift idea. Proceeds will go to support the works of the CWL. To submit a recipe, please download the fillable form at <http://bit.ly/stmcooks> and email to cookbookstm@gmail.com, OR print and mail/deliver to the parish, marked Attention CWL. **Deadline for recipes is June 30, 2021.** We look forward to your submission!



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/>

Due to expanded restrictions on gathering limits

The Sacrament of Reconciliation has been tentatively POSTPONED to Saturday, May 29th, 10am - 4pm (drop in)

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 Sacrament of First Holy Communion is tentatively scheduled for schools:

Sunday, May 30th, 2pm: St. Boniface, St. John XXIII, and St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday, June 6th, 2pm: Monsignor Fee Otterson, St. Mary, St. Stanislaus and St. Teresa

Sunday, June 20th, 2pm: Archbishop Joseph MacNeil, Monsignor William Irwin, all other schools, and St. Augustine

† If gathering restrictions have not been lifted by May 26 we will postpone the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion to September 2021

Prayers for the Deceased

+Maurice Saad

+Frank Leszczynski

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



Newman Theological College Faith and Reason Essay Competition

The Faith & Reason Essay Contest is open to all incoming freshmen applicants of the BA in Catholic Studies program at Newman Theological College.

Visit www.newman.edu/essaycontest to apply for the new, fully accredited BA program and all scholarship and bursary opportunities.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

1st: \$24,000 - Full Tuition for all 3 years

2nd: \$6,000 - Awarded over 2 years

3rd: \$3,000 - Awarded over 1 year (*3 awards of \$3,000 available*)

*Due Canada Day, Thursday, July 1, 2021, 12:00 noon, to admissions@newman.edu or visit www.newman.edu/essaycontest

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 training workshop will be held on **Thursday, June 3, 2021 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm.**

To register for the virtual training, please contact Lucy Kaakyo by email on lkaakyo@caedm.ca

Newman Golf Classic is back

**29th Annual
Newman Golf Classic**
July 12, 2021



It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 Newman Golf Classic that will be held once again at the beautiful Blackhawk Golf Club on Monday, July 12. For more information, please visit www.caedm.ca/golf or contact Anna Jaremko at 780-952-6437 or golf@caedm.ca or Lianne Shaigec at 780-934-8124 or lshaigec@volvoedmonton.com

Terwillegar Drive Expansion Update

The City of Edmonton has shared with us the extent of construction activity that will be underway for the next two years along Terwillegar Drive. Noise construction is expected 7am - 9 pm daily and Sundays between 9am - 7pm. Two lanes of traffic will remain open in each direction with impacts to traffic flow during off-peak hours and at intersections. Stage One - South construction (between Anthony Henday Drive and Rabbit Hill Road) will commence summer 2021 with completion by end of 2023. Construction includes widening of Terwillegar drive to four lanes in each direction (three motor vehicle lanes and one dedicated transit lane), intersection and bus stop upgrades, and a shared-use path along the east side of the corridor.

For more information: Edmonton.ca/terwillegardrive



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>

Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove
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Marriage Preparation Course

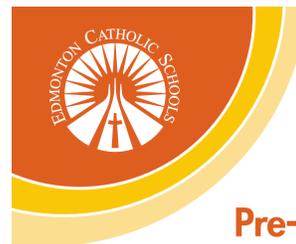
This is a three-day marriage preparation course held Saturday, June 5 (9am-3:30pm), Saturday, June 12 9am-3:30pm, and Sunday, June 13 (8:45am-2:30pm).

For more information, contact Holy Trinity at 780-960-0135 or holytrinity@caedm.ca.



To support the Knights of Columbus and purchase grocery cards contact:
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phone: 780-434-0632

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Updated Archdiocese Guidelines

Effective May 5, in accordance with new Alberta Health and Safety restrictions, in-person Mass attendance is limited to 15 people and is based on first arrival; live-streaming Masses will continue.

Funeral Masses, Weddings, and Baptisms are limited to 10 people, including participants and guests.

These restrictions will be in place for the next three weeks.