

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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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*
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 (pastorall.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 (pastorall.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 (pastorall.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



Pentecost

May 23, 2021



“Peace be with you...”

The synoptic Gospels tell stories in easily recognizable forms. The Gospel of John is different. The discourses in the Gospel of John are long, mystical, and strange-sounding. They echo the sound of ancient mystery religions popular twenty centuries ago.



With a small breath, Jesus anticipates the wind of God that descends on Pentecost, bringing with it the power of the Holy Spirit. We can recall the story of Elijah, waiting on God’s voice through a storm and an earthquake, hearing it at last in small, still way. This gentle breath has the full force of the storm in its wake.

We who hope for the action of the Spirit in our lives are poised between two traditions: which will it be? Should we look for the Spirit in tongues of fire, inspired speech, and charisma? Or should we expect it with no fanfare, in the softness of a breath, in the tender moment of forgiveness?

Certainly, it is easier to spot the action of God in heroic hours, in the midst of wind and flame. But we would be wise not to miss the small, still way that God’s Spirit is available to us, breathing new possibilities into our lives.

Come Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.
Amen.

Today we celebrate the great solemnity of Pentecost. Originally, it was a Jewish feast of the harvest. We know it as a great birth of the Church when the Holy Spirit came down in wind and flame to transform the Apostles and disciples into great missionaries of the Gospel and make of them a Church, a kind of Easter harvest.

There is one old ritual in Europe that is still celebrated on Pentecost. People climb hills and mountains early in the morning of this day to pray. They call this custom “catching the Holy Spirit.” It is a ritual that says that the gifts of the Holy Spirit can only be “caught” in deep prayer.

This month, we actually never had really hot days. Almost every day we could feel that cool breeze. Here in this part of Alberta we do not have mountains to climb or even too many hills. But we still can go out on the porch and breath deeply.

By doing this we can feel the breath of Jesus in us. Despite all the scars on the earth, our society, the church, ourselves, we can still feel how the spirit of God still continues to breathe life into all of creation and to renew our drooping spirits.

So feel the spirit of God move not just in expected places like church, but feel the Spirit of God move whenever it wants in surprising places and ways. After you catch God’s Spirit, go give it away!

MARIAN MASS in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary, Friday, May 28, 21 @ 9:00 am. This Mass will be live-streamed.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Mon. May 24 <i>Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church</i>	6pm	†Renee Ozorio Buddle Family
Tues. May 25	9am	†Len and †Anita Paproski
	6pm	†Maria Pham
Wed. May 26 <i>St. Philip Neri</i>	9am	†Melecio de Castro
	6pm	†Milagros Angeles
Thurs. May 27	9am	†Maria Au
	6pm	†Gaspar Ajedo
Fri. May 28	9am*	†Peter Tran
	6pm	†Ted Van Beek
Sat. May 29	9am	Sr. Christina Wong (birthday blessings)
	5pm*	Intentions of Parishioners
Sun. May 30 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	8am	†Max Wan
	10am	Clover Oryschak
	12pm	Cordelia Ugo (birthday)
	5pm	†Fr. Ted

* These Masses are **also** live-streamed

Next Sunday Readings:

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40, Psalm 33,
Romans 8:14-17, Matthew 28:16-20



Pentecost is considered the Birthday of the Church. Our [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) viewing suggestion this week is *Formed now: The Holy Spirit in Light of Pentecost*.

This video presentation, with two noted Catholic theologians, discusses the Holy Spirit throughout the salvation history and the role of Pentecost in our spiritual and temporal lives.

Saint Philip Neri – The ‘Second Apostle of Rome’

When we think of the canonized saints of the Church, our minds might paint for us a general picture of how these men and women lived their lives. The saints were holy people – they were devoted to prayer – they led by example – they led lives of extraordinary virtue – they knew what it was that God called them to – and they took this calling very seriously.

When we consider the life of Saint Philip Neri, however, whose Feast will be celebrated this coming Wednesday (May 26th), we see a saint who knew God and followed his call, and who did so with a great deal of joy and humor!

Philip Neri was born in the year 1515 in Florence, Italy. At the age of 18, he experienced a conversion. As he grew in his Christian faith, he discerned God’s call to work for the re-evangelization of Rome, where Christianity had declined. He was eventually ordained a priest, and every aspect of his priesthood was shaped by his enthusiasm, his joy, and above all, his keen sense of humor!

Everything about Fr. Philip was formed from his understanding that: "a joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one."

Saint Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, is the patron saint of Rome, of home missions, and of laughter, humor, and joy!

Celebrating Anniversaries

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



Dick & Heather-Jane Au
30th Wedding Anniversary
May 25th, 2021

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

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

+Fadi Kanno

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

Prayers for the Sick

Gordon Heddleston

May he receive the peace & healing of the Lord.



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:

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For more information call the office at 780-434-6313 ext. 222 or email: pastorall1.stm@caedm.ca

Please register by end of school year: June 25th

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
Presents

TRANSFORMED
IN *love*
In-person Marriage Preparation

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:
Ken Shivak at kshivak@shaw.ca or
phone: 780-434-0632

Thank-you for your continuing support!



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

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

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.