

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*
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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20, 2021

“The wind ceased and there was great calm.”

The disciples wake Jesus with an accusation – “Teacher, doesn’t it matter to you that we are going to drown?” And Jesus first calms the storm, and then casually rebukes His students. What is amazing is that, after the calming of the storm, the disciples wondered among themselves, “Who can this be?” They seem astonished at His power. If they did not expect Him to do just what He did, then why did they wake Him up? They probably expected Him to save the boat, and not to stop the storm. They probably expected a more normal kind of salvation. They, who could not see that there is no danger while Jesus is in the boat, cannot imagine the extent of His authority.



How often do we fail to recognize Jesus’ presence when our lives are buffeted by adversity? The Gospel of Mark is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like disciples of Jesus, we may believe that He is unconcerned or “sleeping.” At such times we have a choice: to seek Jesus through prayer or to lose hope.

How strong is our faith? How strong is our hope in prayer?

How focused are our eyes on the person of Jesus?

SACRED HEART PROJECT

In the past weeks, a few tragic news stories have captured our attention. We listen and wonder what can be done. How can we as individuals and as good Christians help with the situation. The two stories that I speak of are in a sense related.

The prominent news event has been the discovery of the graves at the residential school in British Columbia. We react with empathy, Christian concern and charity. What can we do to show that we love and care for each other and show that our thoughts are with those who suffer?

The second story that gives a possible answer to the first dilemma is the fire at Sacred Heart Parish. Sacred Heart is one of the oldest parishes; it is in the inner city and serves mostly First Nations community. It is one of the poorest parishes in our archdiocese.

The suggestion has been made that St Thomas More Parish, as one of the richest parishes in the diocese reach out to help Sacred Heart, as one of the poorest. We know that we have been given the task of buying the land for the new Divine Mercy Parish but this is a separate and great call.

Our goal is to raise at least \$100,000 to help with the restoration or rebuilding of Sacred Heart Church. The idea is to use this money for specific projects to rebuild the community and Christian spirit of the parish. It would provide an answer to the question of “what can I do to help?”

Working in consultation with the pastor Father Susai and the parish community the goal would be to identify specific needs and help the parish finance those needs.

Are we willing to do something concrete to help our suffering fellow Christians and restore faith in each other?

If you would like to support this project, please make your generous contributions and bring or send them to the parish office. Working together we can make a positive difference in the lives of community.

Let us put our solicitude into action.

Fr. Mitch

Mass Intentions

Mon. June 21	6pm	†Mark and †Bob Free †Louise Shaw
Tues. June 22 <i>St. Thomas More</i>	9am	†Fr. Don Stein
	6pm	†Sharon Hills
Wed. June 23	9am	†Paul Caouette
	6pm	†Michael & Catherine Hinchey
Thurs. June 24 THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	9am	†Dennis Heber
	6pm	†Caroline Zingle
Fri. June 25	9am*	†Patrick Murray
	6pm	Tie
Sat. June 26	9am	†Dominic Tran
	5pm*	†Theresa Boire
Sun. June 27	8am	†Ana Gonzales
	10am	Rein Van Beek (spiritual guidance after graduation)
	12pm	†Ellie De oro
	5pm	Jessica Hilbrecht
* These Masses are <u>also</u> live-streamed		

All are cordially invited to a Solemn Mass to celebrate the FEAST OF ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA, founder of Opus Dei on **Monday, June 21th at 7:30pm** in St. Thomas More Parish. Presided by Fr. John Agundez, priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei. Confessions available from 6:30pm.

With regret we would like to inform our parishioners that **Shannon Van Soest** will be leaving her position as Pastoral Assistant at the end of June. Her warm, gentle and kind heart will be missed. We thank her for her dedicated work and wish her all the best!

We are looking for candidates to fill this position; anyone interested, please contact the parish office.

**Feast of St. Thomas More &
St. John Fisher (June 22)**

John Fisher was an English priest, who became the bishop of Rochester; Thomas More was an important lawyer in the courts of King Henry VIII. Both men, when they opposed the king's plan to divorce his lawful wife, were marked as traitors and were imprisoned in the Tower of London. They both died the death of martyrs when they chose to place their service of God and his truths above their service to the king.

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24)

This feast has long been held in commemoration of St. John the Baptist, the forerunner of our Savior. Six months before the Feast of the Nativity marks the point of transition from the close of the old Covenant to the beginning of the new Covenant in Jesus Christ. This very important messenger was sent to prepare the world for the coming of the Lord.

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.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH,
ON DEMAND.

FORMED

Recently we celebrated two feasts: Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary. For anyone who attended our Catholic schools these images are burned into our minds as they were displayed in all the classrooms. Our formed.org suggestion for this week is Sacred Art: The Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart. Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today.

Novena to St. Joseph



The **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** has sent out an invitation to all the faithful to participate in a 9 day *Novena to St. Joseph* from **June 22 to June 30** culminating in an Act of Entrustment on July 1.

Print a [copy of the novena](#) from the link at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' website.

We will pray the novena at all morning and evening Masses

Please join us!

Next Sunday Readings:

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24 Psalm 30,
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mark 5:21-43

Archbishop Smith responds...

Archbishop Smith has responded to the news of the discovery of 215 graves at the site of the former residential school in Kamloops. In a [letter to the faithful](#), Archbishop Smith expresses our deep regret and profound condolences to their families and communities. He met with Chief Littlechild and both spoke on reconciliation; please watch the interview [here](#).

The Archdiocese recognizes that many of you have questions concerning the reconciliation between the Catholic Church and the Indigenous communities regarding the residential



The Catholic
Archdiocese
of Edmonton

schools and has prepared a comprehensive response FAQ sheet to answer your questions and concerns. Please inform yourself of

Wrap someone in God's Love; give them a **PRAYER SHAWL!** Prayer Shawls come in many shapes and colours, and can be given for a number of reasons: celebration of sacraments, a birth or death, a new home, retirement, birthdays, illness, or just love for a friend. At present there is a good supply of Prayer Shawls. Contact Linda 780-920-9359 for more information. Prayer Shawls cannot be sold, but a monetary donation is accepted to purchase more yarn.

The St. Thomas More Council of the Catholic Women's League is looking for a person experienced in masonry to install a memorial plaque on a stone boulder.

If you are interested please contact Pam De Luca at (780) 4341034 or email stmowl@gmail.com

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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Please register by end of school year: June 25th

Our Offerings: June 13,

Regular Sunday Collection: \$9,610
Together We Serve: \$1,105

The Society of St Vincent de Paul 2021 North of 60 project has collected, sorted, packed and shipped eight sea containers from the Edmonton area to nine communities in the North West Territories. St. Thomas More Parish, SSVP (Divine Mercy Conference) sent 2 containers: one to Fort McPherson & Tsiighetchic and the other to Fort Good Hope. The parish youth group painted a beautiful picture of Mary on the



container that will remain in Tsiighetchic in the parish of Holy Name of Mary; it will become the food storage facility for the parish.

Heather Bourassa, our local contact in Fort Good Hope says, *“Thank-you so much for the continued support, it is so appreciated in the community.”*

Many thanks to our parishioners for their continued prayers and the gift of their time; last year financial donations from parishioners and a special large donation from the Knights of Columbus, Father Bonner council supported the purchase of food for both communities this year.

Read more about the [North of 60 project](#) at Grandin Media.



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

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 Rootsaert
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

Re-opening of our churches...

Stage 2 of *Alberta's Open for Summer Plan* starts June 10 and includes:

- Sunday and weekday Mass attendance occupancy increases to 1/3 of church capacity. Attendance at weddings, funerals, and baptisms is 20 people. Visitation of the sick is permitted by a priest or deacon.
- Outdoor social gatherings are permitted, up to 20 people.
- Indoor social gatherings are not permitted at this time.
- All protocols dealing with proper physical distancing, the use of masks, contact tracing, and sanitizing remain in effect.



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!

Do you have or know a child between the ages of 8 and 14 who would like to become a Catholic?

St. Thomas More Parish RCIC - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, adapted for children, is a faith formation process designed for children and youth who are inquiring and seeking initiation into the Catholic Church. Children who have either not been baptized OR have been baptized as members of another Christian community will prepare to receive the sacraments of baptism, communion, confirmation. Sessions run on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30pm beginning October 2021 to May 2022.



For more information or to register, email pastoral1.stm@caedm.ca or call Christina at 780-434-6313 ext. 222.

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