

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

210 Haddow Close, Edmonton, AB, T6R 2P3
Office: **780-434-6313**; Fax: 780-438-2088
Rectory: 780-434-9483, Pastor's Cell: (emergency only) 780-907-7782



Pastor: Fr. Mitchell Fidyka
Associate Pastor: Fr. Curtis Berube
Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Chris Ashdown, Tom Sudsbear
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 6:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am
Friday 9:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

* This Mass is 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:

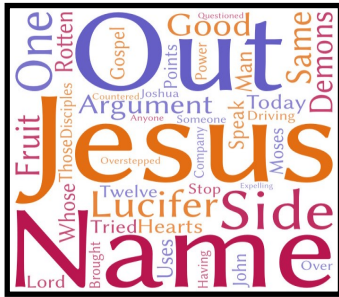
Pastoral Associate: Christina Faitakis
Pastoral Assistant: Shannon Van Soest
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich

Bookkeeper: Elvie Fermin-Chua
Maintenance Manager: Marian Ragac

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

"Whose side are you on?"



In today's Gospel, the disciples of Jesus overstepped their boundaries. A man who was not one of the Twelve was driving out demons in the name of Jesus. They tried to stop him. John brings to Jesus the same saga Joshua brought to Moses: *someone not from our company is speaking in the name of the Lord.*

Jesus points out that anyone expelling demons in His name is likely to be on His side. It is an argument He uses with those who questioned His own power over demons: might He be in league with Lucifer? Jesus countered: Lucifer is having a bad day if he is casting out his own demons! There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who at the same time can speak ill of me.

Whoever is not against us is for us.

Good fruit comes from good hearts, and rotten fruit from rotten hearts. It is a simple enough formula to understand. Jesus moves much further than we would like in this argument. He says whatever leads us into sin is not worth possessing.



Angels

Next week we celebrate two days that are dedicated to God's messengers, the angels. Wednesday, September 29, is the feast of the Archangels; and on Saturday, October 2, we honor our Guardian Angels.

Remember - Live in such a way that your guardian angel doesn't have to work overtime.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH - ON DEMAND.

FORMED

In the coming days we have several days dedicated to the angels - the Archangels on September 29 and the Guardian Angels on October 2. Our [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) suggestion is *Angels Explained: What You Should Know About the Nine Choirs*. This audio teaches us on the fascinating subject of Angels. Why did God create angels? How are they different from humans? Are guardian angels found in Scripture? Discover the answer to these questions and many more in this interesting presentation.

Prayers for the Deceased

+Justin Ormel
+Susan Fish

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

Our Offerings: September 19

Regular Sunday Collection: \$9,080
Together We Serve: \$ 85



<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Mass Intentions</h2> <p style="margin: 0; font-weight: bold;">FOR THE WEEK</p> </div> </div>		
Monday September 27	6pm	Evelyn Ereiser †Rufino Hilario
Tuesday September 28	6pm	Margaret England †Andrew Morrison
Wednesday September 29 ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, ST. RAPHAEL	9am	†John and †Caroline MacPhee †Catherine Allen
Thursday September 30	9am	†Max Wan †Kay Feehan
Friday October 1	9am	†Dalton De S. Wijeyeratne Pat Coe
Saturday October 2	9am	Kathleen Malyk
	5pm*	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday October 3	8am	In reparation for all offenses against the sacraments
	10am	†Mateo Yu
	12pm	Peter Lavoie (for health)
	5pm	†Milagros Manglicmot
* This Mass is <u>also</u> live-streamed		

Next Sunday Readings:

Genesis 2:7ab, 15, 18-24, Psalm 128,
Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Please note: the office will be closed on Thursday, September 30th, but **Mass will be celebrated as usual.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) will meet on
Tuesday, September 28 at 6:45 pm
(after 6 pm Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary room)

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (PFC) will meet on
Wednesday, September 29 at 6:45 pm
(Our Lady of the Rosary room)

Both these committees are still open to parishioners with good pastoral vision for the Parish or knowledge and sound financial advice. Please submit your name detailing your background and interest in serving on either of these councils.

Thank-you for your willingness to share your time, talent and treasure to the betterment of St. Thomas More Parish!

Marriage Preparation

Our first course is October 16, 23 & 24, 2021, 9am – 3:30 pm each day.

The course is \$200 and includes materials and lunches. There are registration forms on our website at: [Marriage - Holy Trinity Catholic Church](#) You can call the office for more information, 780-960-0135.

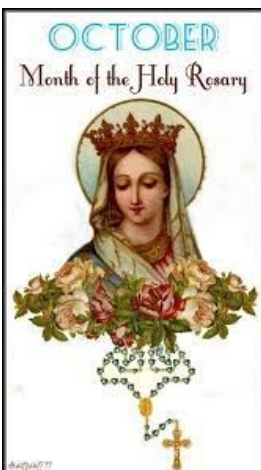
Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove
Presents

TRANSFORMED
IN love

In-person Marriage Preparation

The Archdiocese will recognize the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** September 30 as a statutory holiday. This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools, and commit to working for truth and reconciliation in the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Mass of Reconciliation will be celebrated by Archbishop Smith at St. Joseph's Basilica, (livestreamed at 7pm).

October, Month of the Holy Rosary



In October, which is dedicated to Mary, we make the effort to pray more, and a special way that we can honor Mary, is by praying the Rosary. Pray at home, or join us the 1/2 hour before weekday and weekend Masses as we pray together. Learn more about the life of Jesus by learning to pray the Sorrowful, Glorious, Joyful and Luminous mysteries of the rosary. Praying the rosary is a great way to increase our devotion to Mary and invariably leads us closer to Jesus.

The Parish is looking to hire for two positions...

Pastoral Assistant: responsible for sacramental preparation, faith formation, worship, life and family, pastoral care, and management of the Parish.

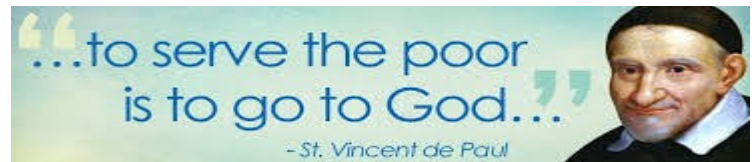
Business Coordinator: assist in providing operational and administrative management to the Pastor and will be responsible for the stewardship of the financial resources, the human resources and the physical assets of the parish.

The general position descriptions and core competencies required can be found at the [Archdiocese website](#). We invite interested applicants to drop off their resume at the office. Applications will be accepted until the positions have been filled.

Weekend Hospitality Volunteers Needed

We are looking for greeters and ushers for all weekend Masses. The commitment is once or twice monthly, and volunteers are asked to arrive 45 minutes before Mass begins. Consider volunteering with a family member or friend! To volunteer, please contact **Johanna Dietrich** (Johanna.Dietrich@caedm.ca or 780-919-3747) or **Jean Ashdown** (780-435-1861) and we will arrange a training session. New volunteers are required to complete a Volunteer Information Form and attend an upcoming Called to Protect Session.

May you be blessed abundantly for your service to our Parish and the Lord!



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Divine Mercy Conference

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is: To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. We respond to calls for help and assistance within our community. Volunteers are needed in many areas. To volunteer or learn more, call Maria at 780 893 8419 or email: mariakssvp@gmail.com

The **STM Refugee Initiative** is expecting the arrival of the last sponsored family on October 5. They have been waiting for visas for over 2 years. We are in need of new bedding linens and pillows for queen and single beds for a family of 8. We also need small kitchen appliances and all other kitchen accessories.

For pick-up, please contact Eric Green at 780-953-3435

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The **Culture of Life Ministry** at St. Thomas More invites you to participate in the fall campaign of **40 Days for Life** by praying, fasting, and keeping vigil for an end to abortion. Come join us for an hour or more in prayer.

Vigil location: Outside the MLA office of Edmonton-Glenora (10996 - 124 Street) and Woman's Health Options abortion facility (12409 109A Ave., outside the 50 meter access zone).

Fall campaign runs September 22 - October 31

St. Thomas More vigil date:

Wednesday, September 29, 8am to 5pm

For more information and to sign up for vigil hours see:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/edmonton/>

What is a PRAYER SHAWL? It is a wrap or blanket that is knit or crocheted with prayers. Prayer shawls are a great way of sharing God's Love with friends and family, who are celebrating special occasions: births, birthdays, new home, anniversaries, marriage, or are suffering because of death, sick or hardships. St. Thomas More Prayer Shawl ministry has been meeting for over 15 years. Ladies meet every Friday, September to June, 9:30-11:30am, in St. Joseph's room to knit, pray and share knitting ideas. Everyone is welcome, there is no registration, just come and join us. At present there is a very good selection of prayer shawls to choose from. Prayer shawls cannot be sold but a donation is appreciated to purchase more yarn. For more information, a brochure is available at the entrance of the church. If you would like to pick up a prayer shawl, contact Maureen at 780-435-4917.

St. Thomas More Parish Cookbook 2021

St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League is taking orders for our new cookbook, **Gather Together Again**, featuring over 300 tried and true favourite recipes submitted by STM parishioners. To reserve your copies now, send an email to cookbookstm@gmail.com and arrange payment by e-transfer or cheque. The price is \$15 each or two books for \$25. We also have limited numbers of our 2010 cookbook, **Gather & Celebrate**, available for \$10 each or two for \$15, if you also purchase **Gather Together Again**. The cookbooks will be available for pickup at the church in late October, in time for Christmas gift-giving. Proceeds will go to support the many ways the CWL serves our parish and community. For more information, call Dorothy at 780-989-0663.

WASH your HANDS and say your PRAYERS,
cause JESUS and germs are everywhere.

Campaign Life Coalition Life Chain

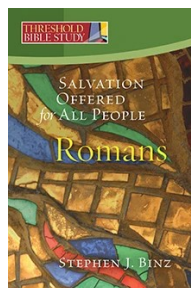
Join thousands across Canada in this peaceful demonstration standing in support of the life of the unborn!

This year's **Life Chain** is **Sunday, October 3, from 2 - 3pm**. We will meet at 1:15 pm in the St. Thomas More Parish library. We will walk across the parking lot to stand at the intersection of 23rd Ave. and Terwillegar Drive. Please join this prayerful and peaceful demonstration in support of life.

Presented by the **Culture of Life Ministry**
at St. Thomas More Parish.



Fall 2021 STM Scripture Study



The Fall scripture study will begin on **Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7pm**. We will be studying the letter of Paul to the Romans using the Threshold Bible Study workbook entitled: "*Romans: Salvation offered to All*". Join to learn, pray, and share your faith. There will be 8-10 weekly sessions from 7pm to 9pm. The time commitment is 90 minutes (online) or 2 hours (in person). The workbooks will be pre-ordered (cost \$15 per book). Those who have participated in other scripture studies have noted a positive impact upon their faith life. We will be meeting online via zoom. **For registration or information call Deacon Randy Abele at 780-435-5070 or 780-493-1972 or email: Randy.Abele@caedm.ca.**



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>

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	Patrick Lema
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	Thomas Rees
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	Michele Wedemire
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