

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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Pastor: Fr. Mitchell Fidyka

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

* These Masses are also live-streamed

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 (baptism.stm@caedm.ca)

Marriages

- Schedule an appointment before you book any other facilities
- 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 Reconciliation/First Communion 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

Parish Staff:

Pastoral Assistant: Christina Faitakis
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich

Business Coordinator: Paul Givens
Bookkeeper: Elvie Fermin-Chua
Maintenance Manager: Marian Ragac

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 2021

“The poor widow has put in more than all the rest.”

Some people in Africa say this joke:

When the missionaries came to Africa, we had the land and they had the Bible. Then they said, “Let us pray ...,” and asked us to close our eyes. By the time the prayer was over, they now had the land and we had the Bible. And they usually end the joke by adding, “And I think we got the better deal.”



Today’s gospel is about great generosity and also about greed. Today we hear about two widows. Both widows are very poor. In fact, in Biblical times all widows struggled. There were no jobs for widows. The widows were easy prey. Jesus says: the scribes “devoured the houses of widows.” The Scribes mentioned in today’s gospel were not a religious sect, as were the Pharisees and Sadducees. They were simply men who knew how to read and write - a distinct minority in those days. Illiterate people depended on them for help in preparing documents, such as contracts.

Today’s gospel gives us, comfortable members of this society, a lesson of giving. There is also another lesson: don’t be like the scribes, showy, wearing their piety on their sleeves, making certain everyone saw their prayer boxes and fancy robes. Jesus teaches us lessons in giving. We do not need to fear to give, because God will provide.

*Jesus tells us not to be showy, not to give so people will see how much we give.
And again, Jesus teaches us, make God our priority.*

Catholic Education Sunday

Catholic Education Sunday is an annual event that serves to celebrate the important and critical role that our Catholic schools play in the province of Alberta. It provides us with an opportunity to recognize the vibrant faith that is the foundation of our Catholic schools, and encourages us to reflect with gratitude on the countless blessings to be found within the Catholic educational community. Catholic Education Sunday also serves to challenge each of us to step forward as advocates, inspired and emboldened to ensure the future of Catholic education as an essential dimension of the mission of the Church.



Memorial Mass

Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 at 6 pm*

St. Thomas More parish will hold a Memorial Mass to remember and pray for parishioners and loved ones who have died during this past year.

If you have a loved one who has died this past year or in 2020, we welcome you and your family to attend.

**This Mass will also be live-streamed*



Let Us Pray for All Souls

The office will be closed
Thursday, November 11 for Remembrance Day.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday November 8	6pm	†Betty Ashdown and †James Masson †Irene Freeman
*Tuesday November 9 <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	6pm	†Primitiva Langlois †Ernest, †Philomena and †Lil Scherman
Wednesday November 10	9am	†Alfred and †Lucy Wan †for all departed Legionaries
Thursday November 11	9am	Ramon & Alice Ocampo (birthday blessings) †Garnet McKee
*Friday November 12	9am	†Abigail Moya †Garnet McKee
*Saturday November 13	9am	Kate Baldoz (birthday blessing)
	*5pm	†Oscar Ocampo
Sunday November 14	8am	†Donald Forest
	10am	†Wilfredo Ycay
	12pm	†Bostjan Ceh
	5pm	†Estelita Gan

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Next Sunday Readings:

Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16,
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18, Mark 13:24-32



Our Offerings: October 31

Regular Sunday Collection: \$15,192
Together We Serve: \$ 600

Has Covid changed your practice of attending Sunday Mass? Have you become complacent in your religious practices? The participation in Sunday Mass is central to our faith. If you need some inspiration to act, watch the [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) presentation *The Spirit and the Eucharist*. "At the Centre of the Church is the Eucharist, where Christ is present and active in humanity and in the whole world by means of the Holy Spirit." (Pope St John Paul II). The Eucharistic liturgy is saturated with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Decide to return to Mass and let the Holy Spirit be active and alive in you!

Prayers for the Deceased

+Elvira Valentini

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

Safe Environments

The next Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention training sessions, **Called to Protect**, by Zoom is scheduled for **November 15, 2021, from 7 to 9:30 pm**. This is required for all volunteers and employees in the Archdiocese 18 years and older. For registration, please contact Lucy Kaakyo by email at lkaakyo@caedm.ca. Instructions, training material and the link to the zoom session will be sent close to the date.

Weekend Hospitality Volunteers Needed

We are looking for ushers for Saturday and Sunday 5pm 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!



USHERS
Ministry of Hospitality

Donation Envelopes

Donation envelopes have been prepared and are ready for pick up from the tables outside the Our lady of the Rosary Room. Please pick yours up today. Check for accuracy and update any address changes/corrections at the office.

Thank-you for your continued financial support of the Parish!

Congratulations to the following children who entered into the community of the Church in September and October through the **Sacrament of Baptism**:



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

Mason Walter, Nicholas William,
Luna Victoria Dizon, Nicholas James,
Jaromir Lyle Mark, Maria Josefina,
Olivia Marie, Chimmora Chryssa, Ayla Fay,
Jonathan Jorge, and Matthew Manuel

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

Celebrating Anniversaries

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



Kathy and Eric Newell
50th Wedding Anniversary
November 13th, 2021

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

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - NOVEMBER 14



November 14 is the World Day of the Poor. Your Society of Saint Vincent de Paul invites you to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters, especially at this uncertain time. We encourage you to lend a hand by donating non-perishable food items or making a financial gift. In this very busy period, we also welcome volunteers who are willing to serve the poor in our community. Please read our [letter of appeal](#). You may donate online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/The-Society-of-Saint-Vincent-de-Paul-Divine-Mercy-Conference/> or by using envelopes that will be available at the church on the weekend of November 13-14. This year, we need your help more than ever. For more information, contact Maria at mariakssvp@gmail.com

Pray for our Seminarians

A new academic year has started at **St. Joseph Seminary** with 30 seminarians from 10 dioceses. We ask that you pray for each seminarian on a specific day, and generally for an increase in vocations. Download a copy of the [Seminarian daily prayer calendar](#) from the St. Joseph Seminary website.

CWL Membership Drive



St. Thomas More Catholic Women's League is holding a membership drive on the weekends of Nov. 6-7 and Nov. 13-14, after all Masses. Come by the table in the church foyer to get more information.

St. Thomas More Parish Cookbook 2021

Our new parish cookbook, *Gather Together Again*, will be available for pickup or purchase after masses on the weekends of Nov. 6-7 and Nov. 13-14. The cookbook features over 300 tried and true favourite recipes submitted by STM parishioners and will make a great Christmas gift! Cookbooks are \$15 each or two copies for \$25. You can also order copies by downloading an order form at <https://bit.ly/CookbookOrder> or pick up a form from the CWL bulletin board. This is a project of STM Catholic Women's League, and proceeds go to support the many ways the CWL serves our parish and community.

Catholic Young Adults of Edmonton

We are incredibly excited to invite you into this new young adults ministry.

The Catholic Young Adults of Edmonton (C-YEG) will promote events run by us and other organizations for those who are thirsting for a faith community in the Church!

Young adults are invited to the C-YEG Mass on the third Sunday each month at [St. Charles Parish](#) at 4 pm.

Come for Mass and stay for socializing. We look forward to seeing you and your friends at our next Mass Nov. 21!

Retrouvaille: A Life Line for Married Couples

Edmonton Retrouvaille is planning to offer their next program beginning with the weekend of November 12-14. If you are struggling in your marriage relationship, Retrouvaille may be the solution.

For further information:

email info@helpourmarriage.ca, call 587-598-4357, or check the website helpourmarriage.com

Baptism Celebrations

The next scheduled in-person Baptism preparation classes will be held on:

Saturday, November 20, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Baptism preparation includes watching on-line video resources. After your child's registration information has been submitted, and the on-line portion completed, one of the in-person preparation class can be taken and a date for Baptism can be scheduled. Baptisms will be celebrated throughout the year on the 4th Sunday of every month at 2pm. Extra celebrations may also be scheduled. For most updated information please contact the office, visit our website or email: baptism.stm@caedm.ca.



We want to hear from you!

The *Together We Serve Annual Appeal* was introduced by the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton in 2014. Its purpose was to combine monthly special collections and other fundraising appeals in parishes into one annual campaign. As we prepare for the 2022 campaign, we are reviewing *Together We Serve* to make sure it is responsive to today's realities.

Tell us what you think about Together We Serve: *why you give, why you don't give and how we can make it better.*

To complete a quick online survey:

- Enter this link into your browser: www.surveymonkey.com/r/TogetherWeServe
OR
- Look for a link on your parish website
OR
- Email Stephane.Hache@caedm.ca and we will send you the link

SURVEY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 12, 2021



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>



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!

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	Azza Ghali
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