

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 – 4 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
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Parish Staff:

Pastoral Assistant: Christina Faitakis
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich

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

“Are you the king of the Jews?”

In today’s Gospel, we read a portion of the Passion of Christ, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday. Pilate wants to know if Jesus claims to be the king of the Jews. Jesus makes it clear that kingship is His, but He does not call Himself the Jewish king. His kingship is broader than over one nation, and what is subject to Him is much larger than Pilate’s imagination or theology.



We stumble over the identity of Christ the King today. The view of monarchies we can see is not very inspiring. But Jesus distinguishes His kingdom from the political powers of this world. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared He might be.

Jesus’ kingship was hidden from many of His contemporaries. Only those chosen, those with the eyes of faith, were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle, at times, to recognize Jesus as king.

And yet, we know that, sovereignty, complete power over all, is in the possession of the Lord of Love. Jesus defines His kingship before Pilate as a commitment to the truth. The borders of His territory are known in our willingness to witness.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH, ON DEMAND.

FORMED

This Sunday brings the liturgical year of the Church to its culmination. At the close of the year, the Church draws our attention to Jesus's Kingship and the coming of his Kingdom. We participate in his kingship by sacrificing ourselves in love: by caring for the weak and the sick, by helping those in need, by sharing our time and our very selves with those around us. In the end, love itself proves to be stronger than even death. This week, our formed.org suggestion is *Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King*.

Advent Prayer Resources

Advent prayer, reading and reflection materials are available to help in your spiritual preparation for Christmas. They are available at the entrance of the church (by donation).

Please pick up some today!

Give some as a gift to teachers, friends and neighbours!



Mass Intentions		
FOR THE WEEK		
Monday November 22	6pm	Pat Choma Roberto Capinpin (baptism anniversary)
Tuesday November 23	6pm	†George (death anniversary) Marianne Malo Chenard
Wednesday November 24	9am	†Lucille Dendwick (death anniversary) †Feliza Te Gan
Thursday November 25	9am	Pat Coe †Cecile and †Harold Hoger Nkwete Joseph and Lovett Mwtuge (birthday blessings)
*Friday November 26	9am	Nieves and Grace (in thanksgiving) †Leonard Genest
*Saturday November 27	9am	Antony Joseph Puthussery
	*5pm	†Barb Kozoriz
Sunday November 28 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8am	Shirley Wilkinson
	10am	†Max Wan
	12pm	Intention of Parishioners
	5pm	†Milagros Manglicmot
* These Masses are <u>also</u> live-streamed		

Next Sunday Readings:
Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25,
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2, 18, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

New office hours effective Monday, November 22, 2021
Monday to Friday, 9am - 4pm

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN!
NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE CHURCH

Stewardship

Our Offerings: November 14

Regular Sunday Collection: \$9,676
Together We Serve: \$ 726

Novena for Life 2021

December 4th-12th

Sunday December 12th is the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** - Patroness of both the Americas and for the cause of the culture of life. In recognition of this important Marian feast, the K of C Father Bonner Council #7599 will once again be offering parishioners a chance to participate in a **Novena for Life to Our Lady of Guadalupe from December 4th-12th**. Parishioners will have the option of receiving daily emails with the prayer and reflection for each day. If you would like to participate, please send an email to novenas@kofc7599.org indicating whether you wish to receive the daily emails as well as the PDF version of the novena/reflections (or just the latter). Please consider participating in this beautiful devotion to Our Lady to help build a culture of life!



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. We pray for:

Anne-Marie and Hugh Stacey

May they receive the peace & healing of the Lord.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) will meet on

Tuesday, November 30 at 6:45 pm

(after 6 pm Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary room)

Our main topic/theme of this month's meeting is: ***After the pandemic, how to reach out to those who are not active in the Church?*** If any parishioners would like to contribute their thoughts/ideas on this subject please send us an email at communications.stm@caedm.ca. By emailing your ideas in this way you will be an extension of our PPC.

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

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!

Bissel Centre Lunches

Inner City Pastoral Ministry serves a nutritious lunch after Sunday Mass 52 weeks of the year. This is sometimes the only lunch provided to those in need in the inner city. Without the support of parishioners, this could not be achieved.

On Sunday December 12, St. Thomas More Parish has committed to step forward by providing 200 pre-made bagged lunches for this mission. Please join us in this mission by buying and bringing needed items. Slips of paper with suggested lunch items can be picked up from the basket at the entrance of the church this weekend. Food items must be dropped off on or before the 9am Mass on Saturday December 11.

We need your time, too. Volunteers are needed to convert our donated lunch items into the prepared bagged lunches that are ready to hand out at the Bissel Centre. Please call the Parish office to sign up to help out with this important giving opportunity.



Advent Prayer

Lord **Jesus**, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.



The GIVING TREE . . .

is a St. Thomas More Advent tradition. This year, more than ever, the support of our parish is needed for the women and children of Lurana Shelter, a refuge for those fleeing from family violence. We are unable to have you take stars and angels from the Giving Tree. Instead, refer to the list of needed items beside the tree or on the parish website. All items must be new, not promoting violence, and unwrapped. Drop off your gifts by the Giving Tree located in the gathering space of the church during the weeks of Advent up until December 19. Giving gift cards is strongly encouraged (suggested maximum amount per card is \$25) and, if purchased from the Knights of Columbus, results in double giving (contact Ken at kshivak@shaw.ca or 780-434-0632 to purchase gift cards). Drop off gift cards in the locked box outside the parish office. The Catholic Women's League is coordinating this project once again and thanks all for their support.





Infant Memorial Mass

The Infant Memorial Mass will be held Nov. 23 at 6:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Sherwood Park.

A service will honour and remember children who have died due to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, infant or childhood death.

We welcome and invite all those who have suffered the loss of a child to join us.

You are invited to write your child's name on a card provided and place it on the Remembrance Tree in the church foyer, or email info@olph.ca and we will write the name for you.

For those unable to attend, a [livestream link](#) will be available.

ADORATION FOR LIFE

First Wednesdays: Dec. 1

Adoration, Rosary for Respect for Life and
Benediction 6 pm
Mass with Knights of Columbus 7 pm
St. John the Evangelist Parish, 9830 148 St.
Presided by Fr. Dean Dowle



To support the Knights of Columbus and purchase grocery cards contact:
Ken Shivak at kshivak@shaw.ca or
phone: 780-434-0632

Net proceeds: 60% STM Parish and 40% K of C charities
resulting in a donation to the Parish of \$3,644
(July 1 to Oct. 31, 2021)

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 Rootsaert
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

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Registrations are now being accepted for those children in grades 2, 3, and 4 that are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in June 2022. Registration forms are available on our website under the [Sacraments webpage](#) or picked up at the office. Please submit completed registration packages to the office. Please see our [brochure](#) for more details.



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.

Prayers for the Deceased

+Josie Irlbacher

+Harold Fitzsimmons

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



Living with Christ Sunday Missal



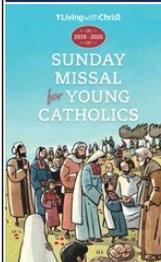
Sunday missals for the coming liturgical year 2021-2022 are now available at the entrance of the church (by donation).

Adult missal includes:

Sunday Mass scripture readings,
Musical acclamations,
Sunday liturgy reflections,
Calendar of saints.

Children's missal includes:

Parts of the Mass,
Sunday readings with glossary of key words
Prayers for use at home and school,
Examination of Conscience



Let us celebrate the Mass together!



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STM website: <https://stm.caedm.ca/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stthomasmoreyeg/>

Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZSAygs1yQAwrwU-wlq91-w>