

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm



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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 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 (pastorall.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 (pastorall.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 (Julie.Lee@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 (rciacoordinator.stm@caedm.ca)

Parish Staff:

Pastoral Assistant: Christina Faitakis
Julie Lee

Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich

Business Coordinator: Paul Givens

Bookkeeper: Elvie Fermin-Chua

Maintenance Manager: Marian Ragac

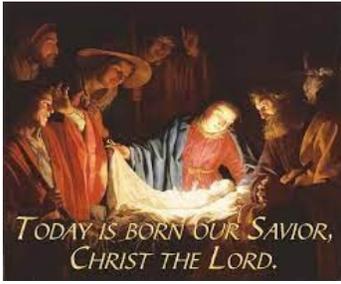


The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2021



“Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.”



From the infinite Kingdom of Heaven, the Word of God journeys to the small town of Bethlehem. The Light from Light enters a darkened world in the middle of the night. The Only-Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, takes on flesh and is born of the lowly Blessed Virgin Mary. The All-Powerful God becomes vulnerable, unable to move His limbs as He is wrapped in swaddling clothes. The Word through whom all things were made, including blazing sun, relies on the embrace of His mother to keep Him warm. The King of Kings is hidden under the veil of flesh, but not lost. His divine nature is perfectly united to human nature so that we might be able to see the living God face to face and be saved.

Rejoice! Our God has come to save us!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26, 2021

“His parents found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers.”



We recognize the importance of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as models for all human families. Saint Pope John Paul II asserted that marriage and family life are windows into the divine world, as the self-giving love found in families reflects that of the Holy Trinity. Every family has hidden within it the seed of holiness. Let us take to heart St. Paul’s message to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and forgiveness, for we are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved.

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (New Year’s Day)

January 1 , 2022



“Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

Today we honour Mary as the Mother of God, while also marking World Day of Peace. This feast day and the theme of peace have much in common. Their connections run deep within our Catholic tradition. For example, Mary carries, among others, the title Queen of Peace. In today’s Gospel passage, Mary has just given birth to the Prince of Peace. Being at peace and bringing peace are central to Mary’s life.

Mary shows us how choosing to be open to God’s will brings peace in her heart necessary to her to reflect and ponder of her life.

Epiphany of the Lord

January 2 , 2022

“We have come from the East to pay homage to the king .”



Epiphany gets its name in the story of the three astrologers from the East. They saw a sign in the heavens, correctly understood it and chose to follow it, no matter the personal cost. These three are fearless pilgrims, walking in the tiny light of a star, travelling by faith. They are called wise because they search the heavens and their dreams for the direction from a source they cannot name.

And, in their zeal, they find the One they are looking for.

These wise men were the first Gentile followers of Jesus. Without the benefit of Scriptures or the stories of salvation, without religion and its rituals, they made their way into the presence of Christ. Many have since followed in their footsteps, through many places and years, searching for the light that they do not entirely understand but are willing to risk everything for.

Christmas Greetings from Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Today we are given the greatest gift of all time. God came to save us, to set us free. We are given hope – hope for better or at least normal times again, hope for peace, hope for love in our families and in our world. We are given the joy of Christ among us.

You give freely of your time and talents in the many ministries and services that you perform. You continue to demonstrate a generous spirit and prayerful hearts.

Your generous financial support has made possible not only to maintain our own church but also to share with other parishes. Thank you also for the many personal kindnesses to me as your pastor.

I wish you many blessings this Christmas Season and in the upcoming year. May you and those near to you experience good health, peace, happiness and a growth in piety and faith.

God bless you today and always.

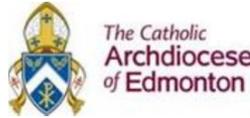
Father Mitch

Another Christmas greeting from Fr. Mitch on our YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/nL_cYbHvA7Y

Christmas Greetings from Archbishop Smith



His Grace, Archbishop Smith's [Christmas message](#) for this year can be found at the Archdiocese of Edmonton's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/ZcEpD9pJXdk>



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday December 27	6pm	†Berta and †Ernest Mikula Rosario Capinpin (birthday blessings)
Tuesday December 28 HOLY INNOCENTS	6pm	†Randy Larson †Elvira Valentini †all souls
Wednesday December 29	9am	†Reynaldo Encarnacion †Mauricio and †Leonora Pacleb, †Priscilda, †Vincente and †Addie Tejada
Thursday December 30	9am	†Max Wan (first year death anniversary) RJ and Alma Vistro
*Friday December 31	*5pm	Collins Ugochukwu (birthday blessings) Cristina and Glenn Elle
*Saturday January 1 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	10am 12pm	Alexandra Christie (birthday blessings) For children of our parish baptized in 2021
	*5pm	†Mrs. Nghe (Thi) Pham
Sunday January 2 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	8am	Georgette Butz
	10am	Angela Andreychuck
	12pm	Maria Ha (for healing)
	5pm	Ron Beattie (for healing)

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

Christmas Table Prayer

Lord of Love and Mercy,

We pray a thankful prayer today.

We are thankful for the Christmas gift of the birth of our Savior. We thank you for our own families and for all families of our parishes. We thank you for our opportunity to serve them.

We are thankful for the blessings of sharing this simple meal.

Lord, we ask that you bless this food and bless our fellowship.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen

Feast of the Holy Family

Dec. 26 at 8 am, 10 am*, 12pm, and 5pm

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Dec. 31 at 5 pm* (Vigil)

Jan. 1 at 10 am and 12pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Jan. 1 at 5 pm* (Vigil)

Jan. 2 at 8 am, 10 am, 12pm, and 5 pm

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Prayers for the Deceased

+Donna Pawliw

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

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Monday January 3	6pm	Teresa and Ikenna Ejinaka John, Bernadette, and Patrick Norris
Tuesday January 4	6pm	† Agewale Olusegun Banjo †Paul Cetinski Jr.
Wednesday January 5	9am	†Catherine Piere †Maria Nguyen
Thursday January 6	9am	†Ella Curley †Gloria C. Villanueva
*Friday January 7	*9am	For all souls in purgatory Evelyn Ereiser
*Saturday January 8	9am	Linda Sorenson
	*5pm	Nhun Ho Wong
Sunday January 9 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8am	†James Williams
	10am	Stephanie Lema
	12pm	†Primitiva Langlois (7 year death anniversary)
	5pm	Gilyermo and Eldie Cruz

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Christmas Week Office Hours

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec. 20	21	22	23	24
9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 12pm
27	28	29	30	31
closed	closed	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 12pm
Jan. 3	4	5	6	7
closed	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm

Next Sunday Readings: Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72,
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Next Sunday Readings: Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalm 104,
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Our Offerings: December 19

Regular Sunday Collection: \$16,946
Christmas/Other: \$ 3,278
Together We Serve: \$ 526

Donation Envelopes - 2022

Donation envelopes for 2022 are ready for pick up from the tables outside the Our Lady of the Rosary Room. Please help us clear up the backlog and 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!



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The Archdiocese of Edmonton participates in an ecumenical justice housing initiative called **No Room in the Inn**, based on the biblical story of Mary and Joseph being homeless after discovering that there was no room in the inn in Bethlehem the night that Jesus was born. For 2021 No Room in the Inn campaign, your parishioners are invited to support L'Arche Edmonton. This year we are striving to improve the housing for people with special needs in our community. One of the homes in particular is over 50 years old and needs repairs and updates. **Your donations will help make this happen.**

Please see the Archdiocese website to donate:

<https://caedm.ca/nri/>

Please follow the [L'Arche brochure link](#) from our online bulletin, or pick up a copy at the parish.

Winter 2022 STM Scripture Study

The scripture study will begin on Thursday, January 13, 2022 from 7:30-9:00pm. There will be 10 weekly sessions – the last one on March 17, 2022. Our sessions will be virtual meetings on Zoom so one would need to have this free app to access the study. We will be studying the letter of Paul to the Romans using the booklet entitled: *"Romans: Salvation offered to All"*. Booklets are \$12 each. Once I have your contact information (email and phone number), I can make arrangements to get the booklets to you. Join to learn, pray, and share your faith. The time commitment is 90 minutes each week. Those who have participated in other scripture studies have noted a positive impact upon their faith life. For registration or information call Deacon Randy Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or email: randy.abele@caedm.ca



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Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZSAygs1yQAwRwU-wIq9l-w>



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