

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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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 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 (pastorall.stm@caedm.ca)
- An approved pre-marriage course is required (stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com)
- 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 in grades 7-12, 11 years (& older) by Confirmation date
- Registrations for Confirmation 2022 Program (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
Pastoral Assistant: Julie Lee
Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich

Business Coordinator: Paul Givens
Maintenance: Mark Whaley

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022

“Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?”



The statements of Jesus spoken centuries ago to his fellow men are as true today as they were in the year 29 A.D. They are the words of him who was the Truth. They are put before us today for there are few amongst us who do not need to be reminded of their lesson. We are all so prone to see the neighbor's faults and shortcomings and so inclined to cover up or deny our own.

While we ourselves are blind to, or wanting in, many necessary virtues, yet we can spot this lack in our brother and have the audacity to offer to lead him on the right road. We can all criticize minor defects in our neighbor's behavior whilst our own way of living is giving far greater scandal.

It is for this very same purpose the Church has selected this particular lesson for us today. Let us turn this criticism on ourselves rather, and judge ourselves honestly and sincerely and in a short while we may, with God's grace helping us, notice a change in our Christian conduct.

We shall not become saints in a week or a month but little by little, unnoticeable at first perhaps, we shall find ourselves becoming more Christian and therefore more charitable towards our neighbor and less critical of the faults of others.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues for forty days, recalling Jesus' forty days fasting and praying in the desert. During Lent, we are invited to pay special attention to our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we may renew our baptismal vows at Easter with great fervor: *+ Create a new heart in me, O Lord.*

We encourage your participation in:

- + Eucharistic Adoration
- + Praying the Stations of the Cross.
- + The Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- + Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Liturgical Schedule for Lent & Easter

- Ash Wednesday Masses:** March 2 at 9am, 6pm*
- Way of the Cross:** 6pm all Fridays in Lent - March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 and 8.
- Confession:** one hour before all weekday Masses
- Penitential Service:** Wednesday, March 30 at 6pm
- Holy Thursday Mass:** April 14, 7pm*
- Good Friday:** April 15, 9am, 12pm, 3pm*
- Holy Saturday Basket Blessing:** April 16, 12pm
- Easter Vigil:** April 16, 9pm*
- Easter Sunday:** April 17, 8am, 10am*, 12pm and 5pm
- * These celebrations will also be live-streamed



We are happy to let you know that Mark Whaley is joining our team as our Parish Maintenance person. Please say hi to him the next time you see him around the church!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

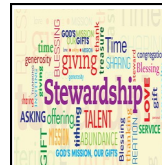
Monday February 28	6pm	Patrick and Angela de Bruin (wedding anniversary) Mathew Lee
Tuesday March 1	6pm	†Chase Gourley †Angelito Angeles
Wednesday March 2	9am	†Alfred Luiz
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	*6pm	Baby and Mary Joseph (wedding anniversary)
Thursday March 3	9am	†Joseph Mponyoye and †Venerande Niyonzima
*Friday March 4	*9am	†Julie Glennie Anne-Marie Stacey (for health)
*Saturday March 5	9am	Fr. Mitch Fidyka
	*5pm	For our Parishioners
Sunday March 6	8am	Dolores Pinkowski and Teresa Haykowski (for healing, faith & courage of mother and daughter)
	10am	†Van Tran
	12pm	Lilia Blanco
	5pm	†George Hernando Amistas Sr.

* These Masses are also live-streamed

Next Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Psalm 91,
Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

Our Offerings: February 20



Regular Sunday Collection:	\$16,317
Together We Serve:	\$ 340
Other:	\$ 100

2021 tax receipts have been mailed



World Day of Prayer

Join the 2022 World Day of Prayer as we celebrate the theme: *I Know the Plans I have for You*. World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church event coordinated in Canada by the **Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)**.

Please watch the WDP service video prepared by WICC at (<https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer-2022-service-video/>)

or on Shaw Direct at 9am or 8pm and on YESTV Edmonton (CKES) at 7am on March 4.

Offerings received through the World Day of Prayer transform our prayers into action in the form of project grants empowering women and children in our own country and throughout the world. Please donate on the WICC website (www.wicc.org/donate). Cheques should be made out to

Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and mailed to:

WICC (Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada)
47 Queen's Park Crescent East
Toronto, ON M5S 2C3

I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow (Jeremiah 31:13)

At St. Thomas More we are beginning the Spring session of "Grief as a Journey: Our Walk to Emmaus". This program is from the Archdiocese of Edmonton and is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. The format is a weekly seminar/support group for those who are trying to cope with the troubling effects of grief. In this faith-based program, you will learn valuable information that will help you heal in this difficult time in your life. You will be together with others who are able to empathize with how you feel in the pain of your loss. We are commencing the meetings here at St. Thomas More parish, in the St. Marguerite Room (Library) on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Please contact Deacon Randy or Roseanne Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or by email: Randy.abele@caedm.ca for more information or to register.

Participate in an Archdiocese Listening Session

Facilitated by: *Dr. Eugenia Pagnotta-Kowalczyk and Fr. Glenn McDonald*

Here is your chance to participate in an actual Listening Session. Come prepared to join in a conversation that is rooted in prayerful discernment and inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Archdiocese of Edmonton welcomes your feedback on the Synod Questions. The list of questions will be sent to participants prior to the Zoom meeting to provide them an opportunity to prepare for the dialogue.

- Tuesday, March 29 7 pm – 9 pm
- Wednesday, March 30 7 pm – 9 pm
- Thursday, March 31 1 pm – 3 pm
- Friday, April 1 10 am – 12 pm
- Saturday, April 2 10 am – 12 pm

Self-register for these Zoom events: <https://caedm.ca/synod>

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

The Catholic Bishops of Canada have announced an Indigenous Reconciliation Fund to advance healing and reconciliation initiatives. The Archdiocese is committed to working with the bishops of Canada to meet the goal of securing \$30 million over a five year period.

We have entered an era of reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples and this is an important step in our journey. Funds raised locally will remain in the area and will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building and healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

For the faithful who wish to contribute to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, there will be two special collections across the Archdiocese on March 5/6 and March 12/13 weekends. Envelopes will be provided, or donate through the on-line link found at <https://caedm.ca/IndigenousRelations>.

We are committed to continue the journey with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. For more information, please contact the Archdiocese website www.caedm.ca or visit www.cccb.ca.

Are You Being Called to Volunteer with the St Thomas More Synod Team? We need your support!

Learn About the Synod

Facilitated by *Dr. Eugenia Pagnotta-Kowalczyk*

If you missed the information session in January, here is your chance to learn about the Synod and how to participate. This 2-hour session will provide you with all the information you need to actively engage in the Archdiocese of Edmonton Synod Listening Phase.

- Tuesday, March 1, 10 am – 12 noon
- Wednesday, March 2, 7 pm – 9 pm

Self-register for these Zoom events:
<https://caedm.ca/synod>

- STM Listening Sessions will be online in March and April.
- Volunteers are needed for several roles: Listening Leaders*



- Note Takers
- Online Platform Submitters
- Room Set-Up/Welcome
- Zoom Technology Support

Contact us at STMSynod@gmail.com to find out more and to volunteer.

*Register for an upcoming Listening Leader Training by CAEDM via Zoom:

Tuesday, March 1: 7 – 8:30 pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88963868751>

Wednesday, March 2: 10 – 11:30 am <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89657802911>

Stay tuned to <https://stm.caedm.ca/synod/> for St Thomas More's synodal journeying together in prayer and Listening Sessions!

Development and Peace - Share Lent

This year, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's *People and Planet First* campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. Do this by:

Donating online at <http://devp.org/give> or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 3, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 85 projects in 27 countries around the world!

Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at <http://devp.org/lent/resources>

Signing the petition for strong laws to control Canadian corporations' behaviour abroad at <http://devp.org/act>

For more information, contact Carmen Michaud, regional animator at cmichaud@devp.org or 780-469-1010 ext. 2180



40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

The *Culture of Life* ministry at St. Thomas More invites you to participate in 40 Days for Life this lent by praying, fasting, and keeping vigil for an end to abortion. Participation is encouraged throughout Lent from March 2nd - April 10th.

You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way near: Woman's Health Options abortion centre, 12409 109A Ave., Edmonton.

For information email: prolifestm@gmail.com or **signup at:** www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/edmonton/

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

"But when the Son of Man comes,
will He find faith on earth?" - Luke 18:8

St. Theresa's Parish Youth Ministry is hosting a 1 day-retreat on **Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.** **Theme:** Why God is asking FAITH from us? What are the indulgences and why do we need them? Why will we have a 2nd Judgment at the end of time, when we have already been judged at our death?

Speaker: Fr. Matthew Hysell
Location: Providence Renewal Centre
Cost: \$15 (includes a pizza at the end)
Please bring your lunch, Bible & journal.
Welcome: 16-35 y/o

Registration: Please email Santo at santo@strcp.com

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



We are accepting registrations for Confirmation 2022 for youths in grades 7 to 12. Please visit the parish website: <https://stm.caedm.ca/confirmation> or the office for more information.

Registration deadline is February 28, 2022

Those who have already registered for Confirmation 2021 do not need to register again



The Society of St Vincent de Paul is in need of gently used furniture and household items suitable to furnish small apartments. Some examples are smaller sofas, living room chairs, kitchen tables and chairs, dressers, mattresses, etc. We are unable to accept very large or heavy items. If you have items to donate please call 780-471-5577.

Our SSVP pantry is in need of some items: jam, juice, canned vegetables and fruit, coffee, rice (small packages) pasta sauce, granola bars, and laundry detergent.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Called to Protect

Our next *Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention* training session, "Called to Protect", is scheduled for **Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 1pm.** The workshop will take place over Zoom. It will be approximately 2.5 hours long. This is a requirement for all volunteers and employees in the Archdiocese 18 years and older.

For registration, please contact Lucy Kaakyo by email at lkaakyo@caedm.ca and include the name of your parish. Helpful instructions, training material and the link to the Zoom session will be sent close to the date. We appreciate your time and talent in the service of the Church.

Virtual Open House Listings
EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SAVE the DATE

MOTHER MARGARET MARY
2010 Leger Rd NW • ph: 780-988-2279
Open House: March 1 at 7 pm

ST. JOHN XXIII
365 Windermere Rd SW • ph: 780-469-2451
Open House: March 9 at 6:30 pm

ST. MONICA (PRE-K)
14710 53 Avenue NW • ph: 780-436-7888
Contact for more info.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
420 Desrochers Blvd SW
ph: 780-409-2604
Open House: March 18 at 6:30 pm