

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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Pastor: Fr. Mark McGee

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 (pastoral1.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 (pastoral1.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)
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Parish Staff:

Pastoral Assistant: Christina Faitakis
Pastoral Assistant: Julie Lee

Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich
Business Coordinator: Paul Givens



Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

International Workers' Day



Christ has given us the keys

We all know what happiness means. We have moments of true happiness here on earth, though they are always marred by the knowledge that they cannot last. In heaven, happiness will be unending. True friendship for all of us and true love for one another and for God, will not only be more complete and unselfish in heaven, but will continue forever.

If we could guarantee that our health and that of all those we love would continue indefinitely, how happy would we be? If we could promise ourselves that all our financial worries would end forever, how fortunate could we count ourselves?

We may not know as much about the future life in heaven as we would like to know, but we know more than enough to make us want to go there. We know there will be no suffering, no tears, no fears there and the positive side of that is that it will be a state of perfect and permanent happiness.

The vast majority of us will reach heaven by leading normal honest lives, doing what we know to be right and avoiding what we know to be wrong.

If we do just this, we too will one day join that immense choir of angels and men who are chanting the praises of Christ, the Lamb of God, who earned this supernatural, eternal home of happiness for us.

Collections Report for Holy Week and April 24

- Support of our Parish: \$34,444
- Together We Serve (Good Friday): \$12,275
- Easter Offering: \$14,629
- Other: \$490

The Good Friday collection will go in support of the Holy Land.

International Workers' Day

May 1st is recognized around the world as International Workers' Day (May Day). It is also the day that we normally celebrate the memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker (when not falling on a Sunday Solemnity). Joseph must have been a good provider for his family and taught his son Jesus the dignity of work. Trusting in God we must know that we will never go hungry when we do our work diligently in accordance with the instruction of God given to us through His beloved Son Jesus. Let St. Joseph the Worker be the model and guide of all those who labour.



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday May 2	6pm	†Robert Chiasson Mona Billington †Deryn Jane Stewart
Tuesday May 3 St. Philip and St. James	6pm	Robin Joseph †William Cottrell
Wednesday May 4	9am	†John and †Caroline MacPhee †Lucio B. Dimailig
Thursday May 5	9am	†Edwidge Gouin Fr. Mitch (for healing)
*Friday May 6	*9am	Kevin McCabe †Cherlita C. Castro
*Saturday May 7	9am	†Dora Notte
	*5pm	For our parishioners
*Sunday May 8	8am	†Carmen-Helena Rodriguez and †Madeleine Jardine
	10am	†Mary Gonsalves
	12pm	†Camilin Moorthie
	5pm	†Lucila Manuel

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Prayers for the Deceased

- +Elmer Goulet
- +Walter Lukay
- +Joy Turnbull
- +Efren Custodio

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

Next Sunday Readings

Acts 13:14, 43-52, Psalm 100,
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17, John 10:27-30

Next Sunday Hymns:

CBW 569 *Sing to the Lord*, CBW 601 *Gather Us Together*,
CBW 393 *Something Which is Known*,
CS p. 110 *One Love Released*,
CBW 511 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

Anchor Youth Group



If you are in grades 9 - 12, you are again invited to join Anchor THIS Sunday. We will meet from 6 - 8 pm after the 5 pm Mass May 1st, for a time of formation, prayer, food and hanging out!

*All youth in grades 9 - 12 are welcome.
Bring a friend!*

Next Sunday is **Mother's Day**. After a 3-year absence, the **Knights of Columbus** are excited to once again offer **roses for sale** on Mother's Day after the Sunday morning Masses. Single roses cost \$2 or purchase 3 for \$5 (cash only). All proceeds will go to the *Alberta March for Life*, which is being held on May 12. For more information visit: albertamarchforlife.com



Happy Mother's Day !

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

With the legalization of medical assistance in dying in 2016 and the gradual easing of restrictions on it since then, it is more important than ever to show our support for the alternative – good quality palliative care accessible by all. Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problems associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of physical, psychosocial and spiritual suffering. St. Thomas More Council of the Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to join us in praying for palliative care on **Friday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Please offer an hour of prayer, either at home or in the church. The CWL's "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" runs simultaneously with the *Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association's National Hospice Palliative Care Week, May 1–7, 2022.*

Alberta March for Life

Mark your calendars early and please join us at this year's **15th Annual Alberta March for Life**. Events include:

Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life, Monday, May 9

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral (starts at 7pm).

Mass for Life, Thursday, May 12

St. Joseph Basilica (Mass at 10am).

Rally and March for Life, Thursday, May 12

Alberta Legislature (starts at 12 noon).

For more information, please visit albertamarchforlife.com

For those interested in attending the rally and march please add your name to the sign up sheet at the entrance of the church or email ProlifeSTM@gmail.com

All Lives Matter: From Conception to Natural Death

North of 60° Project

The **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**, Divine Mercy Conference of St. Thomas More Parish is planning again this year to send a sea container of food to the small town of Fort Good Hope in the Northwest Territories. Thirteen NWT communities in northern Canada receive containers from parishes in Edmonton and Calgary. This food security program provides food hampers to families in need. The community of Fort Good Hope has no road access, so the Canadian Government provides food subsidies: last year this amounted to 25% of the cost of food on our shipment. Our plan this year is to ask for financial donations, so that we can take advantage of bulk purchasing to lower food costs. Unemployment is high in this community and families and children are in desperate need. If you are not able to donate financially, we simply ask for your prayers. If you can afford to donate, we appreciate your prayers and your financial donations.

To donate by cheque: Please make cheques payable to SSVP Divine Mercy Conference (note on memo line: "North of 60"). Drop off your cheque at the container in the parking lot after Masses on May 8th or drop in the St. Vincent de Paul donation box in the church or drop off or mail to the parish office. A donation receipt will be sent to you. Donations can also be made online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/The-Society-of-Saint-Vincent-de-Paul-Divine-Mercy-Conference/>



Please add a note in the comments:
Donation to North of 60.
For more info call Lou Normand
at 780-218-4952.

We thank you for your support.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

This annual multinational prayer event will be held on

May 6th – 8th 2022, and coordinated by the **Saint Michael the Archangel Organization**



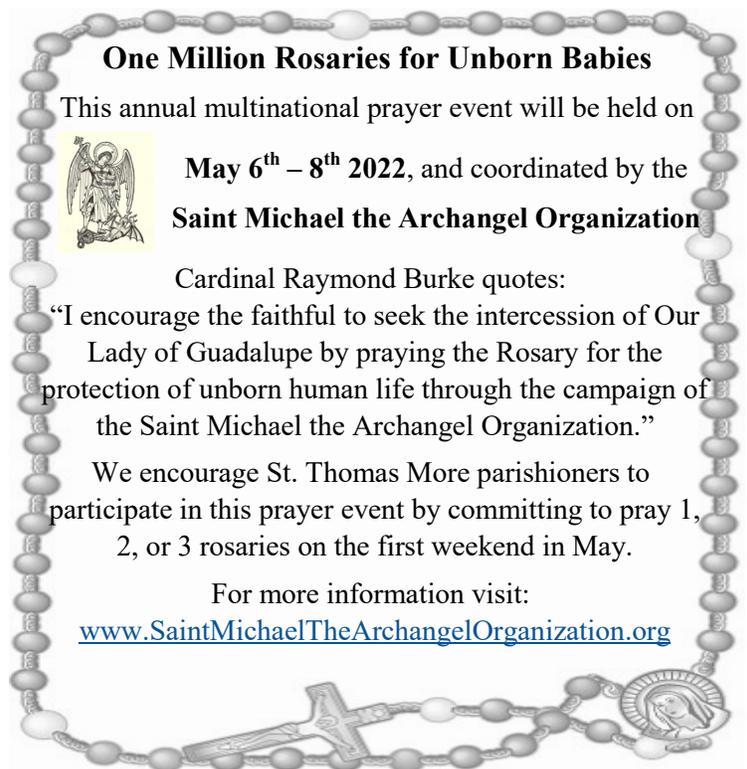
Cardinal Raymond Burke quotes:

"I encourage the faithful to seek the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe by praying the Rosary for the protection of unborn human life through the campaign of the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization."

We encourage St. Thomas More parishioners to participate in this prayer event by committing to pray 1, 2, or 3 rosaries on the first weekend in May.

For more information visit:

www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org



ALL ARE WELCOME! EXPERIENCE THE HEALING TOUCH OF JESUS

JESUS Heals

EDMONTON

LED BY



FR. JILTO GEORGE CMI

HOLY MASS | PREACHING | HEALING ADORATION

MAY 17 | TUE

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM GMT

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

210 HADDOW CLOSE NW
EDMONTON AB T6R 2P3

MAY 19 | THU

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM GMT

ST ANTONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

4708 50 AVE DRAYTON
VALLEY AB T7A 1E1

MAY 18 | WED

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM GMT

ST THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

7508 29 AVE NW
EDMONTON AB T6K 3Y8

MAY 20 | FRI

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM GMT

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH

13 BROWER DR, SHERWOOD
PARK AB T8H 1Y7



ADORATION FOR LIFE

Saving lives, one prayer at a time
Wed. May 4: *Adoration for Life* 6 pm,
Mass 7 pm,
St John the Evangelist Parish, 9830 148 St.

CAEDM Summer Camps 2022!

Save the Dates



Camp Ministry returns in 2022! The Archdiocese of Edmonton is excited to announce that they will be hosting three weeks of summer camps this summer at Camp Oselia on Wabamun Lake.

Weeks of Camp include:

Counselor Week: July 25-29, 2022

(for youth going into grades 10-12)

Encounter Week: August 1-5, 2022

(for youth going into grades 4-6)

Our Lady of Victory Week: August 22-25, 2022

(for youth going into grades 7-9)

Keep an eye on the Archdiocese website page for registration information starting Friday, May 13: <https://caedm.ca/camps>

Marriage Preparation

Holy Trinity parish in Spruce Grove is hosting this course **May 7, 14 and 15**. Cost is \$200 including lunches and workbooks. To register call 780-960-0135 or email holytrinity.sg@caedm.ca Space is limited so register early.

Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove
Presents

**TRANSFORMED
IN Love**
In-person Marriage Preparation

Al-Anon group meetings

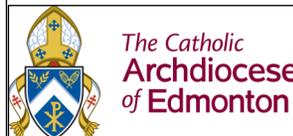
Are you troubled by someone's drinking/addiction? Al-Anon can help. Meetings will be held every Sunday at the Riverbend United Church at 3pm starting on Sunday, May 15, 2022. There is no charge to attend. For more information call Paulette at 587-982-1267.

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

+++ Called to Protect +++

Our next *Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention* training session, "Called to Protect", is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7pm**. 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 follow the [link](#) or 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.

The Annual **Newman Golf Classic** will celebrate its 30th Anniversary this summer. We invite you to combine your love of the game with your love of the Lord, and join us on **Monday, July 11** at the spectacular Blackhawk Golf Club for this highly anticipated event.



IN SUPPORT OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

For more information and to review registration form or sponsorship matrix to find the sponsorship opportunity that is right for you, please visit www.caedm.ca/golf or contact Anna Jaremko at golf@caedm.ca 780-952-6437.



St. Thomas More Parish

Annual Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2021

Dear fellow parishioners,

2021 was another active year for our parish. We had 165 baptisms, 166 first communions, 2 confirmations, 19 weddings, and 34 funerals and 2 people attended the RCIA program and entered the Church.

Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples had great financial need in 2021 after their August 30, 2020 fire. Through a special collection, our Parish was able to donate \$200,679 towards the rebuilding of this 108-year-old church. Sacred Heart Parish is designated as the National Indigenous Church and supports the indigenous community from across Canada and locally, as well as disadvantaged people within the inner city of Edmonton.

In 2020 Archbishop Smith asked our Parish to lead the mission for the new Divine Mercy Parish in southwest Edmonton. Individual donations of \$12,304 were made towards this mission and our Parish made its own contribution of \$300,000 again this year. We also contributed \$10,000 to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul (SSVDP) to support the wonderful work they do for those in need in our community. Our contributions to Together We Serve this year was \$124,768.

Total revenues for 2021 including collections, interest, parish programs, parish activities and all other income was \$1,510,183. Your contributions continue to demonstrate the generosity of St. Thomas More parishioners while we all cope with the unprecedented challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Total operating disbursements were \$811,724 which is a decrease of \$87,279 from 2020. This decrease is due mainly to the significant reduction in Archdiocese assessments as a result of our contribution to the Divine Mercy Parish mission offset by significant increases in our utility and insurance costs. The financial summary of our 2021 operations along with the 2022 budget is attached to this report.

The Finance Committee has undertaken a 20 year capital replacement study which should be completed later this spring. Our 2022 capital budget includes a planned reinvestment of \$312,000 into our church. These funds will be used to renovate flooring, most urgently the areas where the existing carpet is damaged, wrinkled and beginning to pose a tripping hazard. Additional funds have been set aside to repair excessive floor

settlement in the Youth Room and Hall and a contingency amount has been allocated to resolve the Nave lighting issues. This will result in a reduction of the Capital Reserve fund to \$688,000. The fund will be reassessed on an annual basis.

The time and talent contributed by retiring Finance Council members Glenn Elle, Iwona Mlynarski, and Peter Semchuk are gratefully recognized by the Parish and Fr. Mitch. Peter has kindly agreed to remain as the head of the Building Committee which oversees our building and rectory capital and major repair projects.

Should you have any questions regarding the 2021 financial report or the 2022 budget, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Edmonds at 780-910-2900 or Paul Givens, our Parish Business Coordinator, at 780-434-6313.

On behalf of Father Mitch, Deacon Chris, Deacon Randy, Deacon Tom and the Finance Council I want to thank you for your continued generous financial and volunteer support of St. Thomas More and the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.

Respectfully yours,

Parish Finance Council

Mike Edmonds - Chair
Barry Devlin
Pat Moric

St. Thomas More Parish Financial Report

January 1 to December 31

Actual**2021****Actual****2020****Budget****2022****Revenue**

Collections	\$1,150,409	\$1,162,089	\$1,125,000
Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy special collections	212,983	0	0
Interest and Other	137,905	129,926	136,000
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	21,190	131,810	0
	<u>1,522,487</u>	<u>1,423,825</u>	<u>1,261,000</u>

Less: Operating Disbursements

Salaries, wages and benefits	355,729	366,836	475,000
Utilities, insurance, property taxes and maintenance	229,680	169,244	255,000
Archdiocese assessment	127,415	269,881	188,000
Office and administration	57,971	61,627	60,000
Liturgy, parish activities and parish events	40,929	31,415	60,000
	<u>811,724</u>	<u>899,003</u>	<u>1,038,000</u>

Operating Surplus

	<u>710,763</u>	<u>524,822</u>	<u>223,000</u>
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Less: Other Disbursements

Divine Mercy contribution	312,304	300,000	0
Sacred Heart contribution	200,679	0	0
SSVDP contribution	10,000	0	0
IT equipment, furniture, repairs and replacements	6,653	36,348	20,000
	<u>529,636</u>	<u>336,348</u>	<u>20,000</u>

Net Operating Surplus for the Year

	<u>\$181,127</u>	<u>\$188,474</u>	<u>\$203,000</u>
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The Net Assets of St. Thomas More are held in its bank account and are comprised of the following:

Operating surplus	\$449,800	\$1,268,673	\$652,800
Capital replacement fund	1,000,000	0	688,000
Refugee fund	61,187	94,294	26,400
Divine Mercy fund	12,304	0	0

Total Net Assets at December 31

	<u>\$1,523,291</u>	<u>\$1,362,967</u>	<u>\$1,367,200</u>
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