

## Mass Offerings

Tues. Nov 21 7:00 pm Lashan & Rushika  
Cindy Mulherin  
Charito B. Calpo

Wed. Nov 22 9:00 am Pat Choma  
+ Dan Gau  
+ Rubena Goulet

Thurs. Nov 23 9:00 am + Dan Gau  
+ Mary Jigolyk  
Angie Worobetz

Fri. Nov 24 9:00 am + Anatolia Belen  
+ Dan Gau  
Cedric Reimer

Sat. Nov 25 9:00am + Jonathan Blair  
+ Unborn child  
Fredita Enumah

5pm Pat Coe  
+ Dan Gau

Sun. Nov 26 8:30am + Roger Bouchard  
Bouchard Family

10:00am Vicky Kryzanowski  
Stella Hoeg

12:00pm All Parishioners

6:00pm Kim Jenish  
+ Cyril Power

## Calendar

**Tues Nov 21**  
Mass  
7 pm  
Adoration &  
Reconciliation  
6:00 pm

**Wed Nov 22**  
Mass  
9 am  
Reconciliation  
8:30 am

**Thurs Nov 23**  
Mass  
9 am  
Reconciliation  
8:30 am

**Friday Nov 24**  
Mass  
9:00 am  
Reconciliation  
8:30 am

**Sat Nov 25**  
Mass 9 am  
Reconciliation  
8:30 am  
&  
Mass 5 pm  
Reconciliation  
4:00 pm

**Sun Nov 26**  
Masses  
8:30 am  
10 am  
12 pm  
6 pm

### Grocery Card Program

The St. Thomas More Parish grocery card program welcomes more participation. Members of the Knights of Columbus sell grocery cards (**Safeway, Superstore, Sobeys & Save-On**) before and after all Sunday morning Masses. They will also be selling grocery cards on the first and third Saturday of each month before and after the 5pm Mass. **Tim Horton's \$25 gift cards** are also available for purchase. This is a great way to assist parish projects (i.e. upgrading the church lighting and the cement entrance steps) and also to help the less fortunate. Please take the time to support the program regularly.



**Pancake Breakfast** hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Sunday, November 26 from 9:30 am to noon in the parish hall. You and your family are invited to enjoy pancakes with strawberries and whipped cream, sausages, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, and juice. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

### Knights of Columbus & Society of Vincent De Paul Clothing Drive:

With the arrival of cold weather the Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, with support from the parish Youth Ministry are teaming up to conduct a clothing drive in support of the vulnerable and less fortunate in the Edmonton area. We are appealing to the parish community to contribute new or gently used items, in particular:

Men's clothing with a particular focus on long underwear, winter coats, and winter mitts/gloves; Boots, runners, shirts, sweaters, hoodies, t-shirts, and jeans for men, women, and children; and, winter coats for women and children.

Your donations can be dropped off with volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul truck, which will be parked near the entrance of the church the weekend of Nov 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>. All items collected will be distributed through the Marian Centre and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to those in need.

Questions about the clothing drive can be emailed the Knights of Columbus [info@kofc7599.org](mailto:info@kofc7599.org). May God bless you for your generosity!





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Office Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

November 19, 2017

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Clergy:*

Pastor: Fr. Antony Fernando, sdb  
Assoc. Pastor: Fr. Sagayaraj Devadoss, sdb  
Assoc. Pastor: Fr. Samson D. Antony, sdb  
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All bulletin items and after mass  
announcements should be directed to:

stm.secretary@stmparish.com

Deadline: Tuesday noon

*Out of respect for people with  
allergies, please be mindful of the  
amount of perfume/cologne you are  
wearing, Thank you!*

**November 12**

**Regular Sunday Collection  
\$15,629.00**

**Together-We-Serve (TWS)  
\$1,048.00**

**TWS (Goal) 176,000**

My Dear People,

We as Catholics are aware that he or she, by baptism and confirmation, is a “missionary disciple” called to bear witness to Christ in daily life and to invite others into our shared communion as members of the Church.

An increasing number of our young people are shying away from embracing a Christian “state of life,” as evidenced by the delay and decreasing numbers of sacramental marriages, ordinations to the priesthood and consecrations to religious life.

You’ll notice that it is not just a crisis for priesthood and religious life, but marriage and family life, too. Our parish pastoral planning is focused on the challenge to revitalize a new generation of young Catholics who believe and practice their faith, and who hear and respond generously to God’s call, whatever it may be.

I am happy to announce next Sunday as Vocation Sunday. What is envisioned involves everyone at various levels: not only the engagement of the young people but also parents, teachers and sacramental ministers, and members of the pious association.

Prayer is essential, but so is a communal effort to encourage and invite our young people to hear and heed God’s call. We will have a special mass at 10am, followed by talks in the youth room by our vocation directors.

Faith assures us that God has a providential and loving plan for everyone and everything, especially his Church. As a wise churchman once observed, “The possibilities of God begin precisely where human possibilities end.” As people who are firmly convinced of the action of the Holy Spirit, we can believe in a new springtime. We need not fear the future.

To the extent that all of us are “docile to the Holy Spirit,” we can expect a new springtime of vocational commitment, too. I say “all of us” because a vocation — whether to marriage, priesthood or religious consecration — takes root and grows through the support of family, friends, parishioners and the community. It is very sad that sometimes parents are not supportive when their children indicate an interest in a religious vocation. It is equally sad when we priests do not do all that we should to promote these vocations.

With regard to the priesthood, Pope St. John Paul the Great once wrote: “Let every believer become an educator of vocations, without fearing to propose radical choices; let every community understand the centrality of the Eucharist and the necessity for ministers of the Eucharistic sacrifice; let the whole People of God raise an ever more intense and impassioned prayer to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest.”

In the spirit of these words, I ask you to do the following:

- Educate yourself about vocations and their discernment so that you will have good information to pass on to others as an effective advocate for vocations.
- Personally invite the young people in your life to pray and to seek out God’s plan for them. If you see someone you think would be a good priest or religious sister or brother, ask if he or she has considered it. You will be serving as God’s instrument, lending your voice to Christ.
- Pray Jesus told us: “Pray to the Master of the harvest. ... ” (Mt 16)

Yours in Christ and our Blessed Mother,

Fr. Tony Fernando, sdb

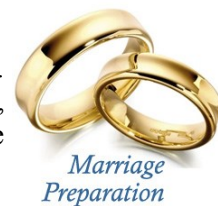
## *Sacraments, Ministries & Other*



***First Holy Communion.*** The First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion sacrament program begins when the children are in grade 2. The next registration is Saturday, December 2nd from 9am to 11am. Brochures are available at your Catholic school or in our Parish, on our brochure stand. Space is limited. Please register early to ensure the dates you want are available.

### ***Marriage Preparation***

The next Marriage Preparation program at St. Thomas More will take place on March 16, 17 and 18, 2018. For information and to register, email [stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com](mailto:stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com), please indicate your name, wedding date and location when emailing for information. Other Marriage Preparation programs available are:



**Catholic Engaged Encounter:** <http://ceewest.com/communities/edmonton/>

**On-line Marriage Preparation:** <http://caedm.ca/PastoralParishServices/LifeandFamily/MarriagePreparation/MarriagePreparationPrograms/OtherPrograms/OnlineMarriagePreparation>

### ***Baptism For children (Infants to 7 years)***



**UPDATE: Baptism Preparation November 20 ONLY from 6:30pm to 9:30pm** - note different start and finish time. This is a condensed '2 in 1' class because the Nov. 6 (part one) had to be cancelled. New registrations are being accepted for this condensed class. These preparation classes are for parents & godparents and may be taken before the arrival or registration of the child to be baptized. **Registration/Office Visit** for both parents is on November 27 (only day time appointments remain) or December 11 (day and evening appointments available).

Please call Diane to book B.P. or Reg./O.V. at 780 434 6313 ext. 233. Please refer to the brochure for process, requirements, documentation and dates. It can be found on the parish website (Ministries link) or on the brochure stand near the main doors.

**Congratulations to the Newly Baptized:** In October the following children were received into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Sullivan A. Benson D. Jayden Y. Riley Y. Amber-Leigh S. Sophie T. and Paulina F. Please remember them in your prayers.

***Development & Peace-Caritas Canada Emergency Appeal:*** for the Rohingya Refugee Crisis. Donations will serve to provide water, food, hygiene and sanitation needs to hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing Myanmar to Bangladesh. All donations will be MATCHED by our Federal government until November 28th. Send a cheque to Development and Peace marked Rohingya Refugee Crisis or by internet to [devp.org](http://devp.org) or telephone **1 888 664 3387** or text PEACE to 45678 to donate, THANK YOU. DONATION ENVELOPES available at the entrance to the church.

***St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital*** will hold its annual Christmas decoration, jewelry and bake sale on Friday, November 24, from 11:30am to 2:30pm, in the auditorium of St. Joseph's Hospital - 10707 29 Avenue NW. In addition to delicious baking, decorations and jewellery, also for sale this year are Royal Daulton figurines and Hurricane lamps. Proceeds from this sale will be used to make a positive difference to the residents of St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital.

***Catholic Drama at St. Thomas More:*** The Light of Christ Drama and Dance Ministry is seeking actors and dancers for a play called "Beauty of Conversion." Practices will be held on Fridays from 5 to 7pm starting November 17<sup>th</sup>. The performance will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. You must be at least 7 years of age in order to participate in this ministry and have a desire to act or dance, no experience is necessary. The cost is \$80 for the first family member and \$60 for the second and \$40 for any more children in the family. If a family is struggling financially but has a child who would like to participate, please talk to me because every child is welcome. Please contact Renata at [god-is-love-trust-him@outlook.com](mailto:god-is-love-trust-him@outlook.com) or 780 438 0516.

## *Ministries, Sacraments and Parish News*

**Remand Centre Christmas Project: 3000 Chocolate Bars & Bookmarkers NEEDED by December 10<sup>th</sup>!** **WILL YOU PLEASE HELP US?** St. Thomas More Parish is once again asking all parishioners to kindly donate chocolate bars (100 grams or more) and pick up blank bookmarkers to decorate for our inmates at the Remand Centre. Bookmarker pick up and drop off for Chocolate bars are located next to Monica's office. We greatly appreciate your support!

**Vocation Sunday:** On Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Mass there is an event happening in the youth room. Two guest priests are coming to speak on the beauty in each vocation: marriage, ministry work, the priesthood, and religious life. This is an event for all youth and young adults. Come see what Fr. Dominic, STB and Fr. Marc Cramer have to say about vocations. The Knights of Columbus will be having their pancake Sunday that weekend, so pancakes will be provided courtesy of the Knights. We hope to see you there!

**Annual Carmelite Sale:** Our parish is privileged to have a Carmelite Order of Sisters living nearby and giving us much support with their prayers. Join in helping to support their needs by purchasing some of their cards, crafts and knitted goods after all the Masses on November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Also, this year our Ladies Auxiliary will have a table out at the same time of their beautiful handmade quilts. Payment can be made by cash or cheque.

**Beatitudes - A healing retreat at St. Thomas More Church:** a program of spiritual closeness for all those who long to learn about Life and become pro life ambassadors. It is titled healing in the beatitude way.

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*“Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Mt. 5: 1-3*

We are having this program on the feast of St. Juan Diego, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 5pm with confession and Eucharist. Kindly register in the office or meet our Pastoral assistants.

***Would you like to meet other families, couples and singles (young or old) in the parish?*** Would you like to grow in your faith and form friendships? Then join the **Family Prayer Cells!** We gather once a month to pray, learn, engage, discuss and socialize which results in building a stronger community and developing an effective support system for families. If you are interested, contact the facilitator, Mary Ann Kalapurakal at 780 217 5955 or **familyprayercellsstm@gmail.com**

**Called To Protect Training** is **MANDATORY** for all of our parish volunteers over the age of 18 years. The two-hour session provides participants with tools to identify inappropriate behaviors, methods to report potential abuse, and best practices in ministering safely to the young and vulnerable. These sessions are being presented by archdiocesan staff in individual parish locations. There will be a session held at St. Thomas More Church on Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm. If you have not attended Called to Protect then you are requested to attend the session at St. Thomas More Church in the hall on Wednesday, November 22. Please call the parish office 780 434 6313 to register.

Please see <https://www.caedm.ca/CalledtoProtectCalendar> for additional dates and locations. To register, please call the office of the parish that is hosting the training.