

Mass Offerings

Tues.	June 27	7pm	+	Schimper Family John Talty
Wed.	June 28	8:30am	+	Bertha Kennedy Paulita & Raul Araniego
Thurs.	June 29	8:30am	+	Leona Worth Paula Kubsch
Fri.	June 30	8:30am	+	Mary Vogt John Talty
Sat.	July 1	9:00am	+	Donald Retty Elmore Schimpers
		5pm	+	William Manning Brandon Gobin
Sun.	July 2	8:30am	+	Marvin & Mildred Trisko
		10:00am	+	Arnel Anthony Manalang
		12:00pm		All Parishioners
		6:00pm	+	Bill Schindel

Cry Room: Children are gifts from God and they are the future of the Church. We welcome them wholeheartedly to be present in the Nave of the church, nevertheless when they get a little restless you may always use our well-furnished Cry Room.

Thank you for your understanding.

Parish picnic: On Sunday St. Thomas More will be hosting its **annual parish picnic after the morning Masses.** It is a fun event with food and activities for the whole family.

Change of Mass Times: Please note Mass time changes for July and August. The morning weekday Masses will be at 9:00 am, and that includes the Tuesday 7:00 pm. This will be from Tuesday July 04 and end Friday September 01. The Tuesday 7:00 pm Mass time will revert back and continue on Tuesday, Sept. 5th. Our priests will be having their retreats with their Order (one priest in June and one priest in August), so there will be a priest here for the week of Sept. 5 to Sept. 8th to celebrate the weekly Masses. The bulletin will be published through the summer. The Parish Office hours will remain as normal 9:00am to 4:00 pm.

Calendar

<p><u>Tues. June 27</u> Mass 7:00pm Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. June 28</u> 8:30 am Reconciliation 8:00 am</p>	<p><u>Thurs. June 29</u> Mass 8:30 am Reconciliation 8:00 am</p>
<p><u>Friday. June 30</u> Mass 8:30 am Reconciliation 8:00 am</p>	<p><u>Sat. July 1</u> Mass 9:00 am Reconciliation 8:30 am & Mass 5:00 pm Reconciliation 4:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Sun. July 2</u> Masses 8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 noon 6:00 pm</p>

Confirmation Registration: If you have a child going into Grade 7 in the fall you should consider enrolling them in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation registration will be open every Saturday morning in June from 9 am to 12 pm by the entrance of the Church. Brochures are available by the entrance for more information about the program.

Wednesday Morning Scripture Study Group will meet again starting September 13, 2017, at 9:30 am. We will begin a new series by Ascension Press called "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom." Study Guide for this series will be about \$40.00. If you are interested in learning more about the New Testament please join our group. Contact Annette at 780-437-4044 or Jan at 780 434-1576.

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

Thank You!



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June 25, 2017
 The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Clergy:

Pastor: Fr. Antony Fernando, sdb
 Assoc. Pastor: Fr. Sagayaraj Devadoss, sdb
 Permanent Deacon: Deacon Randy Abele

Parish feast of our patron: Saint Thomas More

My dear people,

Wish you all a happy feast of our Patron, St. Thomas More. He was, of course, a man for all seasons, a classical scholar, a humanist, a statesman, a politician, a man of prayer, the author of the famed Utopia, a theologian, and a lawyer by profession. And yet, St. Thomas More is also a man for our times and a model for us today as we strive to serve God in our social, religious, and familial relationships.

His contemporaries knew him to possess a keen wit, a merry sense of humor, and a great common sense. He was a warm and friendly man who always seemed more concerned about the needs of his friends than his own needs. His friendship extended to looking after the poor in his village and to singing in his church choir.

Inclined in his early years to the priesthood, (he spent four years living the austere life of the Carthusian Order) Thomas eventually opted for married life. After the death of his first wife, who bore him four children, he married again, a widow, whose daughter he adopted. The family prayed together daily, and St. Thomas More himself set aside all Fridays for his own spiritual exercises.

Another example of his being a man for all seasons and for our time, St. Thomas More believed in the education of women - a truly radical notion for his time. His daughters were better educated than most men of this era.

Thomas More was a brilliant lawyer and, later, a very fine judge. Because of this distinguished service, he was appointed Lord Chancellor of England. Henry VIII, his court, and most of the English clergymen tried to persuade Thomas More to approve the king's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and to take the Oath of Supremacy, which acknowledged that Henry VIII was the head of the Church of England instead of the Pope.

More held firm to the teachings of the Catholic Church, despite knowing well that to remain steadfast meant certain execution. He was imprisoned and beheaded in London in 1535.

Four hundred years later (in 1935) he was canonized as a saint and martyr. His feast day is celebrated on June 22nd. Few saints are more relevant to our time. In the year 2000, St. Pope John Paul II named him patron of political leaders. The supreme diplomat and counselor, he did not compromise his own moral values in order to please the king, knowing that true allegiance to authority is not blind acceptance of everything that authority wants.

Saint Thomas More is the Patron Saint of: Attorneys, Civil Servants, Court Clerks, Lawyers, Politicians and Public Servants.

Let us invoke the patronage of our saint for unity, courage and steadfastness.

Yours in Christ and our Blessed Mother
 Fr. Tony Fernando sdb

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Please, all poster items
 require Fr. Tony's
 approval.

June 18
Regular Sunday Collection
\$13,248.00
Together We Serve
\$110.00
Together We Serve to date
\$91,649.00

Goal—\$176,000.00

Sacraments, Ministries & Other

Baptism: The next Baptism Preparation Class is Saturday, September 9 – 10am to 3pm. For any parents and their godparents who have already taken baptism prep and would like to baptize over the summer there are still a few spots available at both the Mass and Liturgy baptisms in July and August. All you need to do once you have gathered all the required paperwork is call Diane 780-434-6313 ext. 233 to book an appointment to register and choose a date. A new Baptism brochure with all the dates for the 2017 – 2018 year will be available in the brochure stand and on the parish website soon.

Save on vacation travel costs! Providence Renewal Centre invites you to spend time with us this summer. Pray with others, find unity, and integrate God's love into your life. Check out the variety of what is available at www.providencerenewal.ca or call 780-701-1854. Providence Renewal Centre, 3005-119 St NW.

"May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Prayer Shawl Ministry has ended for the summer. The next meeting will be Friday, Sept 8, 9:30-11:30. Thank you to the parishioners who gave generous donations of yarn and parishioners who gave shawls to loved ones and those in need. This past year over 100 shawls were made and blessed. If you would like to get a shawl over the summer contact Linda at 780-988-9229 and arrangements will be made to pick one up. See the Prayer Shawl Ministry brochure in the brochure stand at the entrance of the church.

Youth Leadership Camp! On July 18-20th we will be hosting a youth leadership camp for teens 14-18 years old. We will be hearing a list of excellent speakers including Matt Jeneroux (our member of parliament [tbc]) and Bishop David (bishop of Edmonton Ukrainian Eparchy). This is a great opportunity for our youth to be formed as leaders in our community tomorrow. Please contact Jonathan for more info at youth@stmparish.com

Are you interested in learning more about your faith, teaching religious education, or leading ministries in the parish? Then you should come to catechism classes. Jonathan, our youth coordinator, will be offering an intensive catechism course over the weekend of July 14-16th for adults. The course is offered for both beginners and those who are already catechised. The material will go in depth into some theological principles and is aimed to help participants transmit and defend the faith. Registration is \$50 and includes 3 meals and a catechism. Please email Jonathan at youth@stmparish.com to register.

St. Thomas More Refugee Initiative

Spring 2017 Update

As we await the arrival of six more families, the government's processing program has slowed down considerably. However, we are happy to report that one family of six, from the Congo, will be arriving soon.

Recently, we provided limited financial support to a man from the Congo who came to Edmonton as a refugee two years ago. He needed help to sponsor his wife and 4 children. They arrived May 17th. While our financial obligations ended after 12 months for each of our sponsored families who have arrived, there is ongoing contact with them, and we are encouraged to see their increasing independence. Many of the adults have full or part time jobs and are continuing with their English classes. The children continue to improve their English and are embracing the many school and sports activities. While you may see some of our families occasionally here at St. Thomas More, most of them attend Mass at Our Lady of Good Help Maronite Parish where they like to pray in their first language.

The Initiative's finances are sufficient to sponsor the additional six families expected. Of course, one of the committee's main goals is to put your generous donations towards helping those refugees most in need.

Parish News

Confirmation Volunteers: are you a new teacher or education student? Are you interested in faith education or need volunteer hours? Would you like to serve the needs of youth in the parish or contribute to the evangelical mission of the Church? If you answered yes to any of these questions you should consider becoming a volunteer for the Sacrament of Confirmation. STM is looking for 20 volunteers for the Confirmation program next fall. Volunteers must be over the age of 18, must be in good standing with Catholic Church and must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation themselves. They will also be required to undergo the Archdiocesan screening process, attend a training session, and help out for **five lessons** in the fall. Volunteers will have the opportunity to minister directly to a small group of 10 youth for the duration of the program. It is a wonderful opportunity to share faith and witness to a group of youth at a critical time in their lives. Please contact Jonathan for more details at 780-434-6313 or at youth@stmparish.com

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to the many boys and girls who celebrated their First Holy Communion over the past several weekends. You are now welcomed to God's table each and every weekend!
The First Reconciliation /First Holy Communion sacrament program begins when the children are in grade 2. Registration begins in the fall of the next school year. The Sacrament brochures for 2017-2018 will be in the church in August.

St. Thomas More Parish Annual General Meeting will be held in the Chapter Room on Tuesday June 27 after the 7:00 pm Mass. **Please plan to attend.**

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 5:00 pm Mass. **We now have Tim Horton's \$25.00 gift cards** that you can 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 on a regular basis.

Would you like to meet other families, couples and singles (young or older) in the parish? Would you like to grow in your faith and form friendships, then join the **Family Prayer Cells!** Family Prayer Cells 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 familyprayercellsstm@gmail.com

Dominic Savio Senior Youth Ministry: every Sun. after the 6:00 pm Mass, senior youth ages 14+ can come to the **Chapter** room for faith, fellowship, and fun. The leader of the group is George Haddad and the group has been meeting on a regular basis and is growing. The group has also done some fun events like bowling and laser tag. Contact Jonathan at the parish for more info at youth@stmparish.com

Providence Renewal Centre is accepting applications for the half-time position of Executive Director. Please submit applications to tscott@sistersofprovidence.ca by August 4th.

Retrouvaille—A lifeline for troubled marriages! Is your marriage in crisis? Communication problems? You are not alone. Helpourmarriage.ca, (587) 598-4357, infor@helpourmarriage.ca. Next Edmonton Retrouvaille Program starts Aug. 18—20th.

Youth Newsletter: Please check out our latest issue of the Youth Newsletter! In it you can find photos and videos of the parish youth activities plus opportunities to volunteer and get involved. To see this month's issue please type in the following link: <https://sway.com/QGUIWY1ZFJTUrvk6>

Marriage Preparation: The following programs are currently available to couples seeking Marriage Preparation:
Catholic Engaged Encounter: <http://ceewest.com/communities/edmonton/>
On-line Marriage Preparation: <http://caedm.ca/PastoralParishServices/LifeandFamily/MarriagePreparation/MarriagePreparationPrograms/OtherPrograms/OnlineMarriagePreparation>