

Mass Offerings

Tues. May 23	7pm		Eileen Kirkoff + Allen Kirkoff
Wed. May 24	8:30am	+	Erlinda Adriano Joshy & Beena
Thurs May 25	8:30am	+	Maria Dillon Caroline Kiely
Fri. May 26	8:30am	+	Ed Dauphinais + Kelly
Sat. May 27	9:00am	+	Ed Dauphinais + Deceased members of Riess & Doran Families
	5pm		Brendan & Jo Anne Ward & Family + Kennedy & Manning & Families
Sun. May 28	8:30am 10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	+	Peter Tran Baclig Family All Parishioners Head Ushers

Calendar

<u>Tues. May 23</u> Mass 7:00pm Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00 pm	<u>Wed. May 24</u> Mass 8:30 am Reconciliation 8:00 am	<u>Thurs. May 25</u> Mass 8:30 am Reconciliation 8:00 am
<u>Friday. May 26</u> Mass 8:30 am Reconciliation 8:00 am	<u>Sat. May 27</u> Mass 9:00 am Reconciliation 8:30 am & Mass 5:00 pm Reconciliation 4:00 pm	<u>Sun. May 28</u> Masses 8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 noon 6:00 pm

Lumen Film Festival

The 4th annual Lumen Film Festival will be hosted on Sunday May 28th from 7:30pm until 9:00pm. This short film festival showcases the talented story telling of the St. Thomas More Youth. This year's theme for the festival is martyrs and miracles. There is no admission to the film festival, hot-dogs and hamburgers will be available as well as a snacks. Proceeds from the snacks will go towards **Conquest and Challenge** projects within the St. Thomas More community.

Altar Server Events in June! To all altar servers in the parish, there are 2 big events coming up in June.

Friday, June 16 – Altar Server Social @ Hawrelak Park!– BBQ, Sports, and Awards– 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Friday, June 23 – Altar Server Deputization – At STM
Mandatory Ceremony for ALL servers! - 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

For any questions please direct them to Christopher Snaith at altarservers@live.ca God bless!

Pancake Breakfast *Sunday, May 28*

9:30 to 12:00 noon in the Parish hall.

Enjoy pancakes with strawberries & whipped cream, sausages, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea & juice, \$5.per person,
\$20.per family

TAIZE – An invitation for a sacred time of music, prayer and silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at Providence Centre, 3005 – 119 Street, Edmonton, MONDAY, MAY 22, from 7P.M. to 8P.M.

Confirmation - 2017

Confirmation is celebrated at STM for the student who is in grade 7 (or older). Registration begins in June. Pre-registration forms will be delivered to the grade 6 classrooms of local Catholic schools in May and will also be available here at the parish. Preparation begins in Sept. with Confirmation to be celebrated on Nov. 26, 2017.

"The Catholic Church has traditionally devoted the entire month of May to honor Mary, the mother of God. It is a great time to learn more about Mary, including Our Lady of Fatima, regarded as the most important spiritual event in the last 100 years. Please stop by the **Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk** at the entrance of the church and grab your CD on Fatima: Living the Message. In this CD, you will hear more about the miracle that has been promoted by Popes, approved by the church and validated by over 70,000 witnesses. All CDs are available for a suggested donation of \$5 each."



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May 21, 2017
6th Sunday of Easter

Clergy:

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

Jesus said so

My dear people,

From this Sunday on we are going to have the celebration of the first Holy Communion of our children at STM.

Jesus is the center and the heart of the Christian religion and the Eucharist is the center and heart of Christian worship because the Eucharist IS Jesus Christ. Down through the centuries, the Eucharist, like a pure underground stream, has been nourishing both the Church and its members. It is the greatest gift the Lord has given us, the greatest treasure of the Church. It is the gift of the Giver. The Second Vatican Council calls the Eucharist the summit and the source of all holiness. And because of the different time zones in the world the Eucharist is celebrated several times every minute of every day, thus fulfilling the request of Jesus, "Do this in memory of me."

FAITH IN THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST IS FUNDAMENTALLY AND ULTIMATELY FAITH IN JESUS. In the First Holy Communion Class Johnny is asked, "What is the Eucharist?" He replies immediately, "The Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus." The teacher continues, "Now Johnny how do you know that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus?" Johnny beaming with confidence says, "Jesus Christ said so and He ought to know." We may smile at this but the most learned theologian cannot give a better or any other answer. Jesus said so and He ought to know.

But did Jesus really say so? The sixth chapter of John's Gospel begins with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. The people were so awed at this miracle that they wanted to make Jesus their king. But Jesus did not come to be this kind of a king. His kingdom is not of this world. So he withdrew from them. The next day the crowd set out to look for him and found him in Capernaum. When Jesus saw them coming, he rebuked them saying, "You are looking for me not because you have seen signs, but because you have eaten of the bread and were filled. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you...I am the living bread that came down from heaven, whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews found this hard to take and quarreled among themselves saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said, "Amen, amen I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you do not have life in you." Realizing that he meant exactly what he said, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

That clear unequivocal promise Jesus made that day was fulfilled on the most solemn occasion of his life as his last will and testament. The account is given in Matthew, Mark and Luke. "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat, this is my body. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins."

The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist was also the understanding and the practice of the first Christians as we read in the first Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, "For I received from the Lord, what I handed over to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and after he had given thanks broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way also the cup, after supper saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.'

We wish our children the very best and promise to pray for them.

Yours in Christ and our Blessed Mother

Fr. Tony Fernando sdb

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

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

May 14 Regular Sunday Collection
\$16,950.00
Together We Serve Collection
Week— \$ 5,892.00
Total—\$77,316.00
Goal—\$176,000.00

Sacraments, Ministries & Other

Our Lady of Fatima



Experience local youth from Edmonton and Beaumont performing: "Our Lady of Fatima," with acting, music and dancing.

FREE ADMISSION

Snacks will be provided

May 26th,
2017 at 6pm

Saint Vital
Catholic Church
4905 50 street
Beaumont AB
T4X 1J9

First Holy Communion: This weekend marks the first of four weekends that will celebrate First Holy Communion masses. The Saturday 5:00 pm mass as well as the Sunday 10:00 am and 12:00 noon masses will include many of our young parishioners celebrating their First Holy Communion. We welcome and congratulate these 260+ special children of God as they continue on their faith journey. Jesus loves you.



"St. Thomas More Parish called to Stewardship Fair" May 27 & 28, 2017

GOD is inviting YOU TO SHARE YOUR GIFTS and TIME with St. Thomas More Parish! WILL YOU answer God's invitation? Each of us is called to be a "good steward" and we have all been given special gifts for God's special purpose." "*Founded* on both the writings of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus, based on Scripture, stewardship is living life as God intended... a way of thanking God for all that has been given to us. By returning a portion of the time, talent and resources allotted to us, we demonstrate our gratitude." Come, join us on May 27 & 28, and take a look at the many ministry display tables set up in the foyer and church hallway. God is waiting!

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) and VBS Captains Leadership Program IS BACK at St. Thomas More Parish

— **July 10 to 14, 2017** from 9 am to 12 pm for children ages 5 – 10 years (\$50) and 11 – 14 (\$30) for the Captains Leadership Program. Registration Drop In dates are: **Sat. & Sun. May 27 & 28th during the Stewardship Fair; Monday, May 29 and Thursday, June 1 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm (deadline for registration).**

Want to be a part of VBS Captain Leadership Program? Captains (11-14 yrs.) have fun learning about the Catholic faith, grow in their relationship with Christ, prepare & participate in skits, assist with various exciting activities and make new friends. Attending the orientation on Thurs. July 6th in the evening will be required.

Parents, young and retired adults! We need volunteers! Do you enjoy being with children and have some free time during the summer? Then join our Adult Volunteer Group and become Station Leader preparing/facilitating an activity station (easy instructions is provided), a **Group Leader/Assistant Leader** and offer your time and energy to supervise a group of children, moving from activity to activity without any preparation **OR** if like working with youth and/or have music experience, then come and be a **Captain** or Music Leader! Email the Family Evangelization Office at family@stmparish.com or come to Registration nights.

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 two training sessions, and attend one 90-minute Confirmation lesson per week for two and a half months. They may commit to either Mon. or Thurs. nights for the duration of the program. Volunteers will have the opportunity to minister directly to a small group of 10 youth for the duration of the two and a half month intensive 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.

DON BOSCO YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Every Sun. after the 6 pm Mass young adults are welcome to attend a meeting in the Youth room where there will be fellowship, fun, and faith formation. Initial members will be able to choose what program we will follow. We will likely use either the Catholicism series, Symbolon, or a similar series. Young adults will also have opportunities to connect with other groups around the Archdiocese and be given opportunities to contribute back to the parish community. For more details contact Jonathan at youth@stmparish.com or at 780-434-6313..

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – FR. BONNER COUNCIL NO. 7599 is continuously recruiting members throughout Columbian Year 2016-2017. If you are a Catholic gentleman but not yet a Knight, we invite you to join us to be the strong voice in support of the church, the family, culture of life, youth, vocations and Catholic education. Membership is open to men 18 years and over who are practicing Catholics as defined by the Church. If you are interested in becoming a Knight, please contact our Membership Director Paolo Festa-Bianchet at (780-433-7282) (email) paolo.festa-bianchet@doccio.com.

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

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/r4OeNxGiGgAq3ex2>

DOMINIC SAVIO SENIOR YOUTH MINISTRY every Sunday 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. We plan to go to Launch Pad Trampoline Park soon as well. Please contact Jonathan at the parish for more info at youth@stmparish.com

BAPTISM -: If you wish to baptize your child in July, August or September please note that there are no Baptism Preparation Classes offered at St. Thomas More over the summer. Child does not need to be born yet for parents and godparents to take the class.

Last Chance Baptism Prep Class – Saturday, June 17 – 10am to 3pm. Registration and Office Visit – appointments available at 45 min intervals from 10am to 9pm, Monday, May 29 and July 19. Monday, July 19.

Please book with Diane to ensure a spot by calling 780-434-6313 ext. 233. Addition information is available in the brochure which is available in the stand at the main entrance or on the Parish website under Ministries.

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>