

Novena to Mary Help of Christians: Our parish prays a monthly a novena to **Mary, Help of Christians** preceding the first Saturday of the month. The novena starts on the Friday that is 9 days before the first Saturday of the month. Father leads the novena prayers following daily Mass; or, we are invited to pray the novena on our own as well.

Friday, May 26th is the day that the novena began for this month.

Copies of the novena prayer can be picked up at the back of the church.

The last day of the novena...Saturday, June 3rd is also the day that the petitions from the petition box are burned in the courtyard after the 9 a.m. Mass.



The Perpetual Novena to
Mary, Help of Christians
(As recommended by Saint John Bosco
for graces and favours ...)

1. To Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Most Sweet Jesus, You delight in being with your children and being the food of their souls. Grant we pray that through the merits of St. John Bosco who did so much to spread the love of frequent union with You in the Sacrament of Your Love among youth and Christian peoples, we may receive what we humbly implore with all the fervour of our souls.

Pray *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be*, with the invocation, **Blessed and praised every moment be the most Holy and Divine Sacrament.**

2. To Mary Help of Christians

O Most Holy Virgin, Help of Christians, who, through St. John Bosco did work and still continues to work so many wonders, grant we pray that through your own motherly goodness and through his merits, we poor sinners may receive the graces we beg with all the fervour of our souls.

Pray *Hail Holy Queen*, with the invocation, **Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.**

3. To Saint John Bosco

And You, O St. John Bosco, offer our prayers to Jesus and Mary together with the grace we implore. Grant that through your intercession we may obtain an ever increasing love for Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and for Mary, Help of Christians. Amen.

Consecration

of Canada, the Archdiocese of Edmonton and St. Thomas More Parish
to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*July 1st—Canada Day
the 150th Anniversary of Confederation*

As part of Canada 150 celebrations, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has invited Bishops of Canada to consecrate their dioceses to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bishops, in turn, may invite their parish priests to consecrate their parishes. (<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/4725-catholic-bishops-of-canada-invited-to-consecrate-canada-to-the-blessed-virgin-mary>).

At St. Thomas More

Saturday, July 1st at the 9:00 am Mass

Our Priests will consecrate St. Thomas More Parish to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Following the Mass parishioners are invited to a potluck breakfast to celebrate! Please bring a breakfast potluck item to share. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

July 1 and 2, all parishioners will be invited to participate in the consecration of our Parish at all weekend Masses.

At St. Joseph's Basilica

Saturday, July 1st at the 5:00 pm Mass

at St. Joseph's Basilica,

Archbishop Richard Smith will consecration the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Bishops of Canada —September

When the Bishops of Canada meet as a group in September, they will consecrate our country to the Immaculate Heart of Our Mother.

Famine Relief Fund—An estimated 20 million people are on the brink of starvation in South Sudan, Yemen, Nigeria and Somalia. In response to this humanitarian crisis, Canada's faith leaders are making an unprecedented joint appeal for famine relief. Donations collected in Canada before June 30 will be matched by the Canadian Government.

Development and Peace—**Caritas Canada** is present in the region and working closely with our local partners to respond to this humanitarian crisis threatening the lives of millions of people, by working with the most vulnerable populations..

Archbishop Smith is requesting that we encourage our parishioners to make donations directly to a Canadian Catholic agency. The three collecting monies for the famine relief:

1. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada: <https://www.devp.org/en/famine-relief-fund> Phone (toll free): 1 888 664 3387
2. Aid to the Church in Need Canada: www.acn-aed-ca.org/iamstarving Phone (toll free): 1-800-585-6333
3. Canadian Jesuits International <http://www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/2017/06/05/famine-relief-appeal/> Phone (toll free): 1-800-448-2148