

Mass Offerings

Tues.	Oct 10	7:00 pm	+	Eva Ereiser Simone Walsh
Wed.	Oct 11	9:00 am	+	Terry & John McGhee Wilfred Goudreau
Thurs.	Oct 12	9:00 am	+	Juliette Dias Jack Whalen
Fri.	Oct 13	9:00 am	+	Bacso Family Avery Hart
Sat.	Oct 14	9:00am	+	Jose Plathottam Charles Sequeira
		5pm	+	Alice Fluet Stephan Erickson
Sun.	Oct 15	8:30am	+	Modest Kowal
		10:00am	+	Jose Mathew
		12:00pm		All Parishioners
		6:00pm	+	Ruth Wasylenko

Calendar

Tues Oct 10 Mass 7 pm Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00 pm	Wed Oct 11 Mass 9 am Reconciliation 8:30 am	Thurs Oct 12 Mass 9 am Reconciliation 8:30 am
Friday Oct 13 Mass 9:00 am Reconciliation 8:30 am	Sat Oct 14 Mass 9 am Reconciliation 8:30 am & Mass 5 pm Reconciliation 4:00 pm	Sun Oct 15 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 on a regular basis.

Introduction to Centering Prayer at Providence Renewal Centre on Saturday, October 21, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, \$140 (lunch included) plus six Wednesday evenings. Experience a century's old prayer practice of our Christian tradition. Register online at www.providencerenewal.ca or call 780 701-1854.

St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary is seeking donations of gently used Christmas decorations, jewelry, and trinket and jewellery boxes. Please leave your clearly marked donations in the cloakroom of the church. If the item is very large and/or heavy, please contact Yvonne at 780 433 8106 to arrange dropping off. Donations should be dropped off by October 28.

Society of Saint Vincent De Paul : Your generous contributions to SSVP make a big difference to the lives of many. A recent call came from a woman who, with her 13 year old daughter, fled their abusive home in Calgary and came to Edmonton with nothing but the clothes on their back. They were very grateful when they were provided with some comfort that the essentials they need to begin a new life would be available through SSVP. Please continue to support the less advantaged in our community with your donations of food, clothing, household goods, furniture, and money. We do this work on behalf of parishioners, in the name of Christ who loved the poor. If you or someone you know needs help or wishes to donate furniture or household goods, please give us a call at 780-471-5577 or visit us at - www.ssvpedmonton.ca

Slow Down! Retreat Days with Sandy Prather at Star of the North Retreat Centre

Oct 19: *'I Will Give You Rest'*: Turning to our Faith to Find Balance in Our Lives

Nov 16: *'And Power Came over Them'*: Christian Leadership for Life

9:30 to 3 pm, cost: \$40 (includes lunch). Please register one week before the program date at www.starofthenorth.ca
780 459-5511

Twilight Recovery Evening Retreats with Archbishop Sylvain L. Join this venture of faith, fellowship and personal growth. The evenings are open to anyone either in a 12 Step Program or loving one who is. Thursdays, Oct 12, Nov 16 and Dec 14, by donation. Please register: www.starofthenorth.ca 780 459-5511



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October 8, 2017

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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A Salesian style of Mission

My Dear People,

St. John Bosco (1815-1888) lived during a time of political, social and religious upheaval in Italy and Europe. The industrial revolution had finally come to the Italian peninsula, which itself was transforming from a mere geographical expression, made up of various principalities and occupied territories into an independent, unified nation. With these changes, the temporal power of the Catholic Church, as it had been exercised and understood previously, also came to an end. The newly formed Italian state was in conflict with the Church, placing strict limits on how she could function, and what social and educational services she could give. It was in this anticlerical atmosphere that Don Bosco struggled to start his educative pastoral project on behalf of the young.

In a way, Don Bosco's oratory was a small, intentional community, where young people and those who served them lived the Gospel and preserved culture. It was an island of prayer, where youth could engage in wholesome recreations and learn a trade. They were meant to be a shelter from the increasingly secular society around them, which was losing touch with Gospel values.

But the boys weren't meant to live out their entire lives at the Oratory. It was there that they received a well-rounded Christian formation so that they could go out and become involved citizens. They were meant to be a leaven that transformed society, helping to form a true Christian culture. They were to go out, putting into practice the spiritual and practical lessons that they had learned so that they could change the world, a little at a time. As disciples of Christ, we aren't called to simply stay closed in on ourselves, focusing in on a small list of issues that affect us alone. We are called to be voices crying out, preparing for a "Christian Revival," but not from behind monastery walls. While the monastic vocation is valuable, as Salesians we are called to go out, engaging, with joy, the culture, always ready to give reasons for the hope that we have in Christ Jesus (1 Peter 3:15).

Don Bosco, while seeking to shield his boys from the moral dangers of the streets, and the ideological dangers of anticlerical textbooks, going as far as writing his own History of Italy for use at the Oratory, wasn't afraid to work with "the enemy." In formulating the Salesian constitutions he consulted with government officials, including the very author of some of the anticlerical laws, to see how he could formulate a rule that would pass muster with both the state, as well as the Church.

In all this, Don Bosco gives us an example to follow. A Salesian's work, be it a school, a parish, a youth center, among the many types of works we run, should form intentional, Christian communities. They should be sanctuaries, where the culture of life is lived. When a student, parishioner or member enters, he or she should have a sense that they are in a different place, guided by different values than those of the world. At the same time, they are being prepared to go back out into the world to engage others. They should be ready to live the faith with integrity, while being active, engaged citizens. This engagement can come with dangers and sacrifices. It's not for no reason that there are Salesian martyrs among the saints and blessed of the Church. While there's still a need for the Benedictine spirit, and those who embrace it, the Salesian call, and I believe the call for most Christians, is one of membership in an intentional, formative Christian community that leads us to active engagement with the world.

Yours in Christ and our Blessed Mother

Tony Fernando, sdb

October 1

Regular Sunday Collection
12,032.00
Together-We-Serve (TWS)
\$2,705.00
PAD Reg. Sunday \$24,787.70
PAD TWS \$3,924.60
On-Line donations(RS)
\$636.90
On-Line Donations TWS
\$9.65
On-Line Donation Building
Fund \$9.65
TWS (to date) \$138,926.25
TWS (Goal) 176,000

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, November 4th from 9am to 11am. Brochures are available at your Catholic school or in our Parish, on our brochure stand.

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, 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 (7 years and under)

Diane will be away from October 16 through November 3, please call her before October 16 to book upcoming Registration/Office Visits or Baptism Preparation 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 September, the following children were received into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Jack K. Ivanna N. Kayla N. Liam AG. Olivia C. Aidan B. Althea G-Y. Charlotte G-Y. Fergus M. William O. and Alexander S. Please keep them in your prayers.

The photo album of children baptized in 2016 is now with the other albums on the shelf at the library entrance. Please handle all the albums with care. The grape vine mural is near completion. It has been a very slow process due to the volunteer artists being in school or working full time. The remaining work is: a few touch-ups, addition of the script John 15:5 and application of a clear protective coating. There will be a plaque of acknowledgement and thanks added as well.

Baptism preparation for parents and godparents is on Saturday, Oct. 14, 10am to 3pm with a 1 hour break for lunch. Taking class before the child arrives is fine.

Catholic Education Sunday: Sunday November 5th is dedicated to Catholic Education. St. Thomas More Parish will celebrate the gift of Catholic Education at the 10 am mass. The family of schools that are associated with STM will be honoured and celebrated at this mass. Children will read, carry the gifts and help with offertory at this special mass.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is back!! Will you help us save lives on Tuesday October 17th? We need volunteers who can commit one hour, half an hour, half a day or a whole day to pray from home, at church or across the Abortion Clinic in Edmonton during the 40 Days for Life Campaign on Tuesday, October 17th, 2017. We also invite parishioners who would like to fast on this day for the intention that babies will be saved from abortion in Edmonton. If you would like to join us in peaceful prayer, next to the Back Porch (across from the Abortion Clinic) anytime between the hours of 8 am to 6 pm, then please sign up at the entrance of the church.

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 17th. The performance will be on April 20th and 21st. 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 or 780 438-0516.

Ministries, Sacraments and Parish News

Conversio – Young Adult Catechism Class: Conversio is a young adult catechism program for anyone above the age of 18. This program is designed to teach adults the foundations of their Catholic faith by working through the Catechism. This program happens every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 7:30 to 9pm starting October 21, 2017 to May 19, 2018. Contact Corina Santaera at CorinaSantaera@stmparish.com, she can send you more information. If you or anyone you know would like to be a leader for this ministry, please also contact Corina and she can get you set up.

Youth Rally with Face 2 Face Ministries in Red Deer: Youth from grades 7 to 12! There is an exciting youth rally opportunity for you in Red Deer on Saturday, October 28th, Face 2 Face ministries is putting on a youth rally at St. Joseph's High school in Red Deer. The cost of this rally is \$65 for the day; meals, t-shirt, registration, and bus fees included; if money is an issue, but your child is interested in attending, please contact the parish and we can work something out. Deadline to register is October 18th. Please contact Corina if you have any questions at youth@stmparish.com

Donations: St. Thomas More is pleased to offer the ability for you to use your credit card or Pay Pal account to make donations to the Parish. Donations can be made by going to stmparish.com and selecting the donate button. This will then forward you to Canada Helps secure website. Here you will set up a monthly or a onetime donation. You can make donations to General, Building Fund or Together We Serve. Donations will be accepted for the current year up to and including midnight of December 31. Tax receipts will be issued by Canada Helps.

World Youth Day 2019: Are you someone who is interested in travel and would love to go to Panama with a whole bunch of young adults? You could get to experience a different culture, meet friends from all around the world, and enjoy great food that you have never tried before. Will you be 18 by January 2019? Come to our information night about World Youth Day on Saturday, November 4th at 6pm in the Chapter Room at St. Thomas More! Whether you are sure you can make it or not – if you are interested at all, please come!! Contact Corina or Sara for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Would you like to wrap someone in God's Love? Consider giving a PRAYER SHAWL to someone who is suffering from an illness, has lost a family member, or is struggling with the challenges of life. A Prayer Shawl can also be given to someone who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, marriage, birth of a child or moving to a new location. Prayer Shawls are knit with prayer and blessed by a priest. At present, there is a good selection of prayer shawls. Shawls are not sold but a monetary donation is gratefully accepted to purchase more yarn. To obtain a shawl contact Linda at **780 988-9229**. For more information on the Prayer Shawl ministry, pick-up a Prayer Shawl brochure in the brochure holder at the entrance of the church.

33 Days to Morning Glory—Parish-Wide Consecration to Jesus through Mary

St. Thomas More Parish invites parishioners to make or renew your **Consecration to Jesus through Mary** on **Saturday, December 9th**.

To prepare for the consecration, participants are invited to make a 33 day personal “retreat” using the book, **33 Days to Morning Glory** by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. This retreat requires about 10 minutes of reading per day, which can be done on your own, where and when you choose. The retreat begins on Monday, November 6th. You can purchase a copy of **33 Days to Morning Glory** through the Church Office for \$6.

For those who are interested, the 33 Days to Morning Glory DVD series is available on Formed.org to assist in preparing for your consecration. To register on Formed.org, use the Parish Access Code TBQYW9.

If you would like to join in the 33-day preparation beginning November 6th, please sign up with June (**780-633-0123/iwanicka@telus.net**) or Kathy (**780-436-2455/gust1@telusplanet.net**) or the Church office by submitting your email and phone number. On the weekend of Oct 21/22 parishioners can sign up for the consecration at the Church entrance following all Masses.