

## *Mass Offerings*

Tues. May 16 7pm + No Mass  
+ Priests away at retreat

Wed. May 17 8:30am No Mass  
+ Priests away at retreat

Thurs May 18 8:30am + No Mass  
Priests away at retreat

Fri. May 19 8:30am No Mass  
+ Priests away at retreat

Sat. May 20 9:00am Theresa Benson  
+ Mary Joseph  
5pm + Mark Free  
+ Eldie Cruz

Sun. May 21 8:30am + Joe Kennedy  
10:00am Don & Margaret England  
12:00pm All Parishioners  
6:00pm + Erlinda Adriano

## *Calendar*

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No Mass

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at  
Retreat

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Thurs. May 18  
No Mass

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at  
Retreat

Friday. May 19

No Mass

Priests away  
at  
Retreat

Sat. May 20

Mass 9:00 am

Reconciliation  
8:30 am  
&

Mass 5:00 pm  
Reconciliation  
4:00 pm

Sun. May 21

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.

*Grace this week*....As part of his Every Life Matters initiative, Archbishop Smith asks us all to heed the invitation of our Holy Father and embrace the custom of praying at mealtime, and to add to the usual Grace before meals one line from Scripture and one line of prayerful response to it. New lines are posted each week at [www.caedm.ca/grace](http://www.caedm.ca/grace).

**Grace with lines from the readings for May 14th, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You reveal yourself as the Way, the Truth and the Life. (John 14:6).

**All:** We praise you, Lord, for in you we come to the Father, in you we know what is true, and in you we receive the fullness of life.

### Please be mindful

of the amount of perfume/cologne you are wearing. This past weekend 2 parishioners fell ill because of allergies to perfume/cologne.

**Thank You!**

## *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 month of May is dedicated by the church for 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. The miracle has been promoted by Popes, approved by the church and validated by over 70,000 witnesses.

Please stop by the Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk at the entrance of the church and grab your CD on **Fatima: Living the Message** and more CDs about Mary. All CDs are available for a suggested donation of \$5 each.



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**May 14, 2017**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**

**Clergy:**

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

**Creating a Faith Based Community Garden**

My dear people,

Edmonton has garden fever and the climate is inducing it. What about a faith based Marian community garden in our parish. Community gardens are springing up in church parking lots all over.

There are many reasons to start a community garden. Aesthetics, beautifying, community building, stimulating social interaction, honouring our Blessed Mother, provide a venue for prayers, meditation and spiritual walks, creating opportunities for recreation, exercise, therapy, formation and education, to help those in need through the produce etc. We want to celebrate life in partnership with the pro-life group of our parish and educate the parish about the spirituality and theology of life in the Marian garden.

A community garden is not just a place to grow food and to have a venue for our formation only. It is a way to express our faith and interact with God and God's good creation. Perhaps one reason God created human beings to tend the garden is because God knew that it is in the midst of a garden that we connect most intimately to the character and ways of our Creator.

*"The act of gardening can teach us something about ourselves, about our interdependence with the world of nature, about the relationships between work and creativity, and about how we might begin to discern those spiritual facts that elude us in other aspects of life. Gardening can also be an expression of community and conversation – another way to say that God is with us on the earth, a way to picture God's presence with us – through the gifts of nature and gardening together."*

May I invite passionate individuals who really want to see this happen. I invite generosity, the most important kingdom values a church based garden can portray. Working together as a church community provides a wonderful sense of accomplishment and offers tremendous opportunity to strengthen inter-generational ties as young and old work side by side, weeding, watering and planting. The garden is a place of healing, of wholeness and of deeply spiritual encounters where God restores our bodies and our spirits in a way that is truly miraculous.

Support us with generous donations for this initiative. Volunteer to be working in the garden. You may also offer us potted plants, seeds, seedlings, flowers/greenery, herbs, tools and other such requirements in kind.

Yours in Christ and our Blessed Mother

Fr. Tony Fernando sdb

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**All Bulletin Board items require**

**Fr. Tony's approval.**

**Bulletin announcements must be in by Noon Tuesday.**

**No Masses May 16 to 19th.**

**Priests away at retreat.**

**May 7—Regular Sunday Collection**  
**\$17,116.00**

**Together We Serve Collection**  
**\$3,877.00**

# 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

## *Mary's Garden of Life.*



**A RETREAT DAY FOR SINGLE YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18—40.** . Come Sit With Me, theme this month: "Entering the Silent". On May 20, 2017 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at Providence Centre 3005 119 St. NW (for directions call: 780 436-7250). To register contact: Sr. Isabel Cid, SP, Cell: 780-720-6020 or [icid@sistersofprovidence.ca](mailto:icid@sistersofprovidence.ca)

**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](mailto:familyprayercellsstm@gmail.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.

In April the following children were received into family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism: Kennedy C. Kolton C. Lumena R. Vincent J. Isla L. Lala L. Bella S. Chloe D. Temilolluwa O. Toluwanimi O. Antoniett A. Matthew B. Owen F. Malayka O. Margot M. and Maxwell S. – please remember these children and their families in your prayers.

## *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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**THE LORD'S FLOCK CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY:** an international organization with a chapter here at St. Thomas More, invites you to a seminar featuring our founder and prominent preacher, Techie Rodriguez. Come and learn how the Holy Spirit can empower you and put new meaning into your lives. No cost to attend, registration not required, free lunch provided. Saturday, May 20 from 11am to 4 pm in the parish hall. Come and re-awaken the Holy Spirit in your life! More info: Adam 780-660-2366 [tanguyen@ualberta.net](mailto:tanguyen@ualberta.net) or Lyn 780-716-7608

**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](mailto:youth@stmparish.com)

The next **Youth Mass will be on Sunday, May 21 at 10 am - HAS BEEN CANCELLED. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**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>