

## *Mass Offerings*

Tues. June 20 7pm + Laura & Peter Seng  
+ Real Lamontagne

Wed. June 21 8:30am + Rose Shea  
+ Paula Kubsch

Thurs. June 22 8:30am + Albano Fernandes  
+ Leona Wirth

Fri. June 23 8:30am Peter Lema  
+ Larry Langley

Sat. June 24 9:00am + Andrew Reigh (Ray)  
Bill Lapchuk

5pm + Nonelio Aguino  
+ Juan & Paula Flores

Sun. June 25 8:30am + Dominico Peter Tran  
10:00am + John Krysak  
12:00pm All Parishioners  
6:00pm + Gervasis Kanjirakatt

**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 Sun., June 25th, 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. Contact Jonathan at the parish office, 780-434-6313 if you are available to volunteer your time.

## *Calendar*

**Tues. June 20**  
Mass  
7:00pm  
Adoration &  
Reconciliation  
6:00 pm

**Wed. June 21**  
8:30 am  
Reconciliation  
8:00 am

**Thurs. June 22**  
Mass  
8:30 am  
Reconciliation  
8:00 am

**Friday. June 23**  
Mass  
8:30 am  
Reconciliation  
8:00 am

**Sat. June 24**  
Mass  
9:00 am  
Reconciliation  
8:30 am  
&  
Mass 5:00 pm  
Reconciliation  
4:00 pm

**Sun. June 25**  
Masses  
8:30 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 noon  
6:00 pm

**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 in the Chapter Room. The group ends its yearly study the beginning of May. 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.

### **In Memory of +Jonathan Blair**

The flowers placed on the altar this weekend were purchased by parents Michael and Vivien Blair along with sister Amanda Blair in loving memory and thanksgiving to God for their son and brother +Jonathan Lindsay Blair (November 25, 1973 – June 16, 2016).

He was truly our beloved son, brother, husband, nephew and friend in whom we were well pleased.

**Change of Mass Times:** Please note **Mass time changes** for July and August. The morning **weekday Masses** will be at **09:00 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. **Starting July 4th**, the Parish Office hours will be **9 – 3pm** and this will continue over the summer months until **Friday, Sept. 1, 2017**.



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June 18, 2017  
**The Body & Blood of Christ**

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

**Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ**

My dear people,

*In the Gospel of John, Jesus invites his followers to "come and see." Nowhere is that invitation from the Lord clearer than in the invitation to share in the celebration of the Mass. Not every Mass is going to be a great and deeply moving experience, not for the vast majority of us anyway. But there is a great deal to be said for simple fidelity to our worship. Why bother going to Mass at all when we can worship God anywhere?*

1. **Participation in the salvation of the world.** The most important reason for participating in the Eucharist is that God has invited us to share in the experience of the world's salvation in the death and resurrection of the Lord every time we celebrate.

2. **Experiencing the glory of God.** St. Irenaeus, wrote that the glory of God is the human being fully alive, and that the human being fully alive is the one who is in Christ Jesus. The Mass is where we experience sacramentally our destiny as members incorporated into the body of Christ. This is what God wants the world to look like: human beings who give of themselves to others in faith, hope, and love.

3. **Discipline of faith.** A third reason to bother is the formation of the habit of worshipping and glorifying God. Human beings ordinarily develop by forming habits, some good and some bad. These are patterns that shape our lives.

4. **Hearing the Scriptures communally.** The Bible is the word of God, but let's face it, individualistic and idiosyncratic readings of the Bible have led to some pretty wacky and even destructive interpretations. We need to experience the Scriptures both alone and in community. Hearing the Scriptures in community is a way of deepening as well as safeguarding our experience of God's communication with us.

5. **Developing the moral life.** If the basic structure of the Eucharist is taking, blessing, breaking, and giving in imitation of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection, then the habit of weekly celebration of the Mass ought to help us in our development as moral human beings. The final test of whether the Mass "works" is: "By their fruits shall you know them."

6. **Companionship with Christ.** If I believe that Christ is the savior of the world, God incarnate, who has given his very self for me, then I want to share in the most intimate experience of self-giving— holy Communion—and I also want to recognize him in the brothers and sisters with whom I am sharing the act of self-giving.

7. **Focusing my needs.** From the earliest days of Christianity, men and women have brought their deepest needs and desires to the table of the Lord, confident that they can be joined to Christ's great act of intercession before the Father (Heb 7:25, 10:1-22). This is why we pray for the dead at Mass.

8. **Praying for the world.** Of course, we bring not only our own personal needs but the state of the world to the celebration of the Eucharist. There is a kind of cosmic dimension to every celebration in which the realities of our world (bread, wine, men, and women) are transformed into the body and blood of Christ. The world with all of its needs, joys, and struggles is present every time we celebrate the Eucharist.

9. **Welcoming the kingdom.** If the Eucharist is the celebration of how God wants the world to look, then every time we celebrate, we anticipate the banquet of God's kingdom "when every tear will be wiped away."

10. **Pure joy.** A final reason for celebrating the Eucharist is that here God invites us to the deepest peace and joy that is possible—sharing in his own divine life. The Mass is a foretaste of that perfectly joyful rest.

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

**June 11**  
**Regular Sunday Collection**

**\$16,468.00**

**Together We Serve**

**\$330.00**

**Together We Serve to date**

**\$91,492.00**

**Goal—\$176,000.00**

## *Sacraments, Ministries & Other*

**Baptism:** Are you expecting or do you have someone in your household up to 7 years old (before Feb. 2018) who requires baptism? To register your child for baptism you will need to bring the items listed in the baptism brochure (in brochure stand or on parish website) to your appointment (process can be started without the birth certificate if child is not born yet). The next Baptism Prep class which is a requirement for parents and godparents will be on Saturday, September 9 from 10 to 3pm. As Catholics we are to do our best to baptize our children as soon after birth as possible and also give them names with Christian sentiment. The role of godparent (faith) is not the same as guardian (legal) and as it is more than a social honour it is not necessary to choose a family member. Parents please prayerfully and carefully choose whom you wish to support and encourage you and the child in the love, knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith which comes to us from Jesus Christ through Apostolic succession. Call Diane at 780-434-6313 ext. 233 to begin the process for baptism, sign up for baptism preparation or with any questions.

**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](http://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 last gathering of this ministry will be on Friday, June 23 in the youth room. The first meeting in the fall 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.

**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.

**Catechism 101:** 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 14-16<sup>th</sup> for adults. Registration is \$50 and includes 3 meals and a catechism. Please email him at [youth@stmparish.com](mailto:youth@stmparish.com) to register.

**Altar Servers!** To all altar servers in the parish. Friday, June 23 – Altar Server Deputization – **At STM Mandatory Ceremony for ALL servers!** -\*\*Correction\*\* 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. For any questions please direct them to Christopher Snaith at [altarservers@live.ca](mailto:altarservers@live.ca) God bless!

**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 (\$20) for the Captains Leadership Program. Please register at the office

**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 [family@stmparish.com](mailto:family@stmparish.com).

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

***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

***The 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.

***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)

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

***The CWL Invites all ladies to our Annual Summer Potluck*** on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The Catholic Women's League (CWL) of St. Thomas More is part of a National Organization of women who are actively involved in their parishes and communities. We invite you to bring your favourite dish and celebrate the beginning of summer with us in the Parish Hall.

***"The Sri Lankan Catholic Community of Edmonton*** invites all with joyful heart for the celebration of Feast of Our Lady of Madu (a Sri Lankan Shrine) at a special Mass at 6:30 pm on Friday, July 1st in our Parish (St. Thomas More). For further information please see the poster on the notice board. "

***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>