

## Mass Offerings

Tues. Nov 14 7:00 pm + Jose Mathew  
+ Jelayza Fernandes  
Marguerite Collinson

Wed. Nov 15 9:00 am Wenger Family  
Gau Family  
Lashan & Rushika

Thurs. Nov 16 9:00 am + Wilfred Goh  
+ Romeo Dumont  
Andrechuck

Fri. Nov 17 9:00 am Kay Free  
+ Dan Gau  
+ Annette Bienvenue

Sat. Nov 18 9:00am Juan Carlos Moreno  
+ Mirabel Ebigide & Faith  
Eyanhonre  
  
5pm + Mark Free  
Dean, Zvono & Steve

Sun. Nov 19 8:30am + George Bouchard  
Carol Bryant  
  
10:00am Cheryl Pilipchuk & family  
+ Lydia Plando  
  
12:00pm All Parishioners  
  
6:00pm + Maurice Pare  
Lorraine Heber

## Calendar

Tues Nov 14  
Mass  
7 pm  
Adoration &  
Reconciliation  
6:00 pm

Wed Nov 15  
Mass  
9 am  
  
Reconciliation  
8:30 am


Thurs Nov 16  
Mass  
9 am  
  
Reconciliation  
8:30 am

Friday Nov 17  
Mass  
9:00 am  
  
Reconciliation  
8:30 am

Sat Nov 18  
Mass 9 am  
Reconciliation  
8:30 am  
&  
Mass 5 pm  
Reconciliation  
4:00 pm

Sun Nov 19  
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 regularly.

**Pancake Breakfast** hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Sunday, November 26 from 9:30 am to noon in the parish hall. You and your family are invited to enjoy pancakes with strawberries and whipped cream, sausages, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, and juice. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

### Society of Saint Vincent De Paul:

This week we launch our annual parish drive for funds. Please note that we are not included in the Together We Serve program and, therefore, must raise our own funds to support those we serve. A donation envelope and a letter detailing where our conference spent \$58,000 during 2016 are included with the bulletin. Two of the recent calls were from previously homeless women who have nothing and are trying to stabilize their lives as they move into new rental accommodations. Pray for their success and the success of all we visit and thank you if you can assist with your donations as well. 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](http://www.ssvpedmonton.ca).





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Office Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

November 12, 2017

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Clergy:*

Pastor: Fr. Antony Fernando, sdb  
Assoc. Pastor: Fr. Sagayaraj Devadoss, sdb  
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All bulletin items and after mass  
announcements should be directed to:

Olivia Dias at  
stm.secretary@stmparish.com

Deadline: Tuesday noon

**November 05**

**Regular Sunday Collection  
\$16,000.00**

**Together-We-Serve (TWS)  
\$11,038.00**

**PAD (RS) \$24,597.70**

**PAD (TWS) \$3,924.60**

**Online TWS \$57.90**

**General \$250.90**

**Building Fund \$9.65**

**TWS (to date) \$149,150.00**

**TWS (Goal) 176,000**

My Dear People,

Just as Baptism gives new life, Eucharist nourishes life, and Reconciliation restores life when it is broken, Confirmation strengthens that life by the gifts of the Holy Spirit (cf. CCC 1285). It is about strengthening what God has given, and continues to give, to his sons and daughters (cf. CCC 1302-1303).

The Sacrament of Confirmation is not the Catholic equivalent to the Jewish bar mitzvah. Confirmation is not a “coming of age” celebration. Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation does not mark the end of formal religious education. We never outgrow a need for a deeper knowledge and appreciation of our faith.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is not a rite of passage, nor a graduation from religion class, nor a ratification of a personal faith choice. Rather, it’s all about what God is doing for his beloved daughters and sons.

And what is God doing? Strengthening the divine life which he gave at Baptism, nourishing us in the Eucharist, and reconciling with us in Penance. Why? So that the individual can better defend and witness to the faith through the gifts and workings of the Holy Spirit. And there are—and will be—many situations where we are called upon to defend and witness to our faith. And we need all the help we can get!

Would it be better to confirm people when they are adults and can make their own choices? Canon law states that, except when there is a danger of death, anyone who is baptized and has the use of reason, is properly instructed and disposed, and is able to renew their baptismal commitment, is able to be confirmed. The same code states that the proper age for reception of the sacrament is at the age of reason, unless the episcopal conference decides differently (cf. CIC, can. 891).

Perhaps the requirement that one be “properly disposed” is the key to when the sacrament is received. Proper disposition refers to the recipient’s willingness to cooperate with the gifts of the sacrament, which can happen at almost any age.

It is the gifts of the Spirit offered to give the recipient the courage and strength to witness and serve—two responsibilities implied in baptism—which are the grace and focus of the sacrament.

Thus, it is important not to view the Sacrament of Confirmation as a rite of passage, a ratification of a personal choice, or a graduation from religious instruction. Rather, it is to be viewed, as are all of the sacraments, as a distinctive working of God in a person’s life.

How does this sacrament benefit us in our adult lives as Catholics?

The Sacrament of Confirmation helps a person remain faithful to his or her baptismal commitment to witness to Christ and to serve others. The gifts of the Holy Spirit associated with Confirmation are strengths (or virtues) that Christian living requires if it is to be fruitful and complete. Thus wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord, are divine aids to Christian living without which fulfilling one’s baptismal calling would be far more difficult, if not impossible.

Perhaps we don’t recognize these qualities as gifts of strength because they have become a part of our Christian living and appear quite natural—a fact that affirms how closely the Holy Spirit works with us.

Yours in Christ and our Blessed Mother

Fr. Tony Fernando, sdb

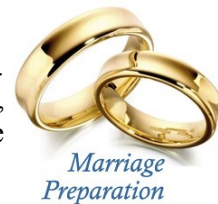
## *Sacraments, Ministries & Other*



***First Holy Communion.*** The First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion sacrament program begins when the children are in grade 2. The next registration is Saturday, December 2nd from 9am to 11am. Brochures are available at your Catholic school or in our Parish, on our brochure stand. Space is limited. Please register early to ensure the dates you want are available.

### ***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](mailto: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 (Infants to 7 years)***



**UPDATE: Baptism Preparation November 20 ONLY** from **6:30 to 9:30pm** - note different start and finish time. This is a condensed '2 in 1' class because the Nov. 6 (part one) had to be cancelled. New registrations are being accepted for this condensed class. These preparation classes are for parents & godparents and may be taken before the arrival or registration of the child to be baptized. **Registration/Office Visit** for both parents November 27 (only day time appointments remain) or December 11 (day and evening appointments available).

Please call Diane to book B.P. or Reg./O.V. at 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 October the following children were received into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Sullivan A. Benson D. Jayden Y. Riley Y. Amber-Leigh S. Sophie T. and Paulina F. Please remember them in your prayers.

***Confirmation 2017:*** Due to Confirmation being celebrated at the **6pm** Mass on Sunday, November 19, this Mass will be very crowded. If possible, please try to attend an alternate Mass that weekend. Over 200 young people will celebrate Confirmation at two Masses. Some will be confirmed at the 3pm Mass and others will be confirmed at the 6pm Mass on November 19. Please keep all of these young people in your prayers.

***St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital*** will hold its annual Christmas decoration, jewelry and bake sale on Friday, November 24, from 11:30am to 2:30 pm, in the auditorium of St. Joseph's Hospital - 10707 29 Avenue NW. In addition to delicious baking, decorations and jewellery, also for sale this year are Royal Daulton figurines and Hurricane lamps. Proceeds from this sale will be used to make a positive difference to the residents of St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital.

***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 17<sup>th</sup>. The performance will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:god-is-love-trust-him@outlook.com) or 780 438 0516.

*Ministries, Sacraments and Parish News*

*Remand Centre Christmas Project:*

**3000 Chocolate Bars & Bookmarkers NEEDED by December 10<sup>th</sup>! WILL YOU PLEASE HELP US?** St. Thomas More Parish is once again asking all parishioners to kindly donate chocolate bars (100 grams or more) and pick up blank bookmarkers to decorate for our inmates at the Remand Centre. Bookmarker pick up and drop off for Chocolate bars are located next to Monica's office. We greatly appreciate your support!



*Thank you to everyone* who participated in the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE! Your prayers and presence at the Back Porch, Church and at home saved lives and helped in the healing of our brothers and sisters who are hurting from abortions.



*World Youth Day 2019:* Are you someone who is interested in travel and would love to go across the world with other young adults? World Youth Day offers a great way to experience a different culture, meet friends, enjoy new foods and grow in your faith! If you are interested email us at [youth@stmparish.com](mailto:youth@stmparish.com) to get more details.

*Annual Carmelite Sale:* Our parish is privileged to have a Carmelite Order of Sisters living nearby and giving us much support with their prayers. Join in helping to support their needs by purchasing some of their cards, crafts and knitted goods after all the Masses on November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Also, this year our Ladies Auxilliary will have a table out at the same time of their beautiful handmade quilts. Payment can be made by cash or cheque.

*Volunteers Needed* at St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital to accompany Residents in wheelchairs from the elevator on the main floor to the chapel for Mass on Fridays at 11a.m. Portering begins at 10:30am. For more information, contact Sister Rita Gleason at 780 432 3279 or e-mail at [gleasonr@telus.net](mailto:gleasonr@telus.net)

*Would you like to meet other families, couples and singles (young or old) in the parish?* Would you like to grow in your faith and form friendships? Then join the **Family Prayer Cells!** We 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 780 217 5955 or [familyprayercellsstm@gmail.com](mailto:familyprayercellsstm@gmail.com)

*Called To Protect Training* is **MANDATORY** for all of our parish volunteers. The two-hour session provides participants with tools to identify inappropriate behaviors, methods to report potential abuse, and best practices in ministering safely to the young and vulnerable. These sessions are being presented by archdiocesan staff in individual parish locations. There will be a session held at St. Thomas More Church on Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm. If you have not attended Called to Protect then you are requested to attend the session at St. Thomas More Church in the hall on Wednesday, November 22. Please call the parish office 780 434 6313 to register.

Please see <https://www.caedm.ca/CalledtoProtectCalendar> for additional dates and locations. To register, please call the office of the parish that is hosting the training.