

Mass Offerings

Tues.	June 12	7:00pm	+ Tin Fat Lung + Jim Wenger
Wed.	June 13	9:00am	+ Elia Areekadam All Souls
Thurs.	June 14	9:00am	+ John Helen + Brian Moore + Jeff Hollman
Fri.	June 15	9:00am	+ Susan Barling-Frye Elizabeth Orichowski
Sat.	June 16	9:00am	+ James Rezman Pearl Babich
		5:00pm	Brad Schindel & Terry Jenish + Desiderio Ruiz
Sun.	June 17	8:30am	Lucille Steinhauer
		10:00am	Michael John Lema
		12:00pm	All Parishioners
		6:00pm	Lucille Steinhauer

Parish Picnic: On Sunday, June 24, St. Thomas More will be hosting its annual parish picnic after the morning Masses. It is a fun event for the whole family, with food and activities, including a petting zoo and a bouncy castle. We do need volunteers for this event, and if you're interested in giving your time, please contact the parish office to find out how you can help!



Calendar

<u>Tues June 12</u> Mass 7pm Adoration & Reconciliation 6pm	<u>Wed June 13</u> Mass 9am Reconciliation 8:30am	<u>Thurs June 14</u> Mass 9am Reconciliation 8:30am
<u>Fri June 15</u> Mass 9am Reconciliation 8:30am	<u>Sat June 16</u> Masses 9am & 5pm Reconciliation 8:30am & 4pm	<u>Sun June 17</u> Masses 8:30am 10am 12pm 6pm

Did you know you can receive tax credits for the money you donate to registered charities including St. Thomas More? You can claim your donations and receive a credit of up to 33% on total donations over \$200 on your tax return! If you are a first time donor you may also be eligible for an additional credit of up to \$250. Didn't claim your donations on your taxes? Don't worry, you can carry forward donations made from as far back as 5 years ago. For more information visit the Canada revenue agency website at www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.

St. Thomas More Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, after the 7:00 PM Mass in the Chapter Room. Attendance at the AGM is open to all parishioners, and is a great opportunity to hear what our various ministries have accomplished this past year. We hope to see you there!

Our new parish website is live! Visit the site at www.stm.caedm.ca to access up-to-date information about parish ministries and sacramental preparation programs, as well as the weekly bulletins, a calendar of events, and contact information for office and pastoral staff. **You can also use the website to access the online parish survey.** The new site is responsive – meaning that you can view it on your tablets and phones in addition to desktop computers – so you can access parish information on the go! We invite you to visit the new website in the coming weeks and to bookmark it for easy reference. If you have bookmarks to our current site already saved – don't worry, we will redirect you to the new site.



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

June 10, 2018

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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All bulletin items and after Mass announcements should be directed to:

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Deadline: Tuesday noon

World Day of Prayer for Priests

My Dear People,

On the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday, 8 June), we mark the *World Day of Prayer for Priests*. We will certainly pray for all priests and also vocations to ministerial priesthood. It is fitting for us to refresh ourselves with some of the fundamental aspects and truths about priesthood as recorded, particularly, in the Encyclical of Pope Pius XI on "the Catholic Priesthood" (*Ad Catholici Sacerdotii*) promulgated in 1935.

The Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, is not to be regarded merely as a spiritual institution which can be neither touched nor seen. It is a concrete organism which is visible in its members, the faithful, who are joined together under the leadership of their pastors. Priests are shepherds chosen by Christ from among the people to become His ministers and appointed by Him to guide souls. He governs and sanctifies the Church by means of the Bishops and the Pope. He has placed all the powers given to His Church in the hands of the priests. Hence, priests must be thoroughly aware of the great dignity of their call, if they wish to live at the height of their vocation.

A priest is a man, and therefore always remains fallible and capable of making mistakes, but this does not prevent him from being the Anointed of the Lord, marked forever with an indelible sign and having the power to consecrate the Body of Christ, to administer the sacraments, and to preach to the people in the name of God. That is why without the priesthood we would be deprived of the Holy Eucharist and would never have the consolation of hearing, in the name of God, "Thy sins are forgiven thee". Imagine if there were no priests: the churches would be deserted, there would be no nuptial blessings, the dying would be deprived of final consolation, children & the young would be abandoned to evil, people would become totally immersed in misery, with no one to raise them up and lead them to God, with no one to pray to Him in their name and for their welfare. But Jesus, the sole Mediator between God and man, willed to institute the priesthood to perpetuate among us, in a visible manner, His work of mediation, salvation, and sanctification. Consequently, the priest accompanies us at every step of our life. Soon after our birth, he welcomes us at the baptismal font. He administers the Sacraments to us, helps us to understand divine truths, shows us how to lead a good life, blesses our efforts, sustains our footsteps, and strengthens us in our last agony.

From all this we understand that the priest is the ordinary minister of nearly all the Sacraments (those channels through which the grace of the Saviour flows for the good of humanity) and is the appointed "**dispenser of the mysteries of God,**" for the benefit of the members of the mystical Body of Christ. He often works unseen and unknown, sometimes misunderstood, perhaps not sufficiently supported and appreciated. Yet his apostolic work is priceless, indispensable.

That is why every Christian ought to be grateful for the gift of the priesthood: in the first place, we should be grateful to Jesus who instituted it, and then to those who perform its sublime duties. We must express this gratitude, not only by showing regard for God's ministers, but also by assiduously offering our prayers and good works so as to awaken, foster and help vocations to the priesthood. Blessed are the families that have had the honour of giving a priest to God! St John Bosco said, "**A priest is the greatest gift God can give to a family!**" Let us continue to pray, make sacrifices, and do good works so that the Lord may raise holy priests for His kingdom who are to be "the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

Let us pray for Deacon Robert Lee who will be ordained as priest on 28 June and also for all the seminarians especially those who are in our Seminary.

Fr. Sagayaraj Devadoss, SDB
Parochial Administrator

June 3
Together We Serve
\$3,700.00
Regular Sunday
\$16,934.00
PAD TWS
\$3,811.00
PAD Regular Sunday
\$24,199.00

Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic? Would you like to Sponsor someone who would like to become Catholic? For Adults wishing to be initiated into the Catholic Church, the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* (RCIA) will run from **20 Sep 2018 to 9 Jun 2019**.

For practicing Catholics who wish to be a **Sponsor**, this is a richly rewarding experience of sharing faith and an opportunity to learn more about the “treasure” that is yours! A pamphlet depicting the four-phase RCIA Process is located at the entrance of the Church. Visit the RCIA links at www.stmparish.com for more details including audio & slide shows of the teaching sessions. Contact Darlene Smigelski at 780-434-6313 ext 226 or 780-435-3370; stm.rcia.coord@stmparish.com.



Do you have or know a child between the ages of 7 and 15 who would like to become a Catholic? The R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ADAPTED for CHILDREN is a faith formation process designed for children and youth who are inquiring and seeking initiation into the Catholic Church. Children who have either not been baptized or have been baptized as members of another Christian community will prepare to receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and communion. Sessions begin October 2018 on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:15 pm beginning October 2018 – June 2019. For more information or to register, email family@stmparish.com.

Pastoral Care Ministry: We are in great need of volunteers for this ministry. At the present time we are visiting eight senior residences, one Auxillary Hospital, four home visits, three care centres as well as hospital visits for Catholic shut-ins. Our number of volunteers is only 18, including the Legion of Mary members. They visit these residences offering a lay liturgy or prayers and Holy Communion to the Catholic residents on a weekly basis as well as Mass once a month at some of the residences. There have been two new senior residences opened in the last few months and requests have already been made for our Parish to visit the Catholic residents. There is also one new senior residence opening in 2019 within our Parish boundaries. Please consider sharing your talents in this ministry. It is very rewarding for the volunteers as well as for those who are unable to get to Mass to receive Holy Communion.

All are invited to attend the *13th Annual Edmonton Homeless Memorial* on Friday June 15, 2018 at 2:30 PM at Boyle Street Community Services (BSCS) , 10116 105 Ave NW.

We will have a service at BSCS followed by a lead walk to the Homeless Memorial Plaza at 3 pm. All are invited back to BSCS at 3:30 pm for some light refreshments. Everyone Welcome. Visit Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness at ecohh.ca.

