

Mass Offerings

Tues.	June 5	7:00pm	Phoebe O'Abure Fr. Roger Rouleau
Wed.	June 6	9:00am	+ Ken Askin + Mr. Chacko
Thurs.	June 7	9:00am	Yvonne Fummerton Camalin Moorthie
Fri.	June 8	9:00am	+ Souls of DeCastro and Baldoz Families + Wayne Hanatuke
Sat.	June 9	9:00am	Paulette Anctil + Jeff Hollnuan
		5:00pm	+ Sr. Martina Fernandes + Raymond Fernandes
Sun.	June 10	8:30am	+ Laurel Buckan
		10:00am	Michael John Lema
		12:00pm	All Parishioners
		6:00pm	Thanksgiving Mass

The Parish of St. Thomas More will be having a **Day of Recollection** on Friday, June 8, 2018, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, from 8:25am (Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet), Mass at 9am, lunch at noon, closing with BENECTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT at 3pm. (The day will be hosted by the Eucharistic Study Group). The guest speaker is Fr. Miguel Irizar. Everyone is welcome!

Calendar

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

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!



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!

We are launching our new parish website next week. The site features 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. The new website address will be published in the bulletin, but if you have bookmarks to our current site – don't worry, we will redirect you to the new site.



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June 3, 2018

Body and Blood of Christ

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

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Deadline: Tuesday noon

Just a kind reminder not to leave any valuables in the pew unattended.

Let us renew our Faith in Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist

The Corpus Christi (the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ), celebrated on this Sunday, is certainly one of the great popular solemnities for us Catholics. It is so because of its meaning, which recalls the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and because of its style of celebration. In many places, it is celebrated with visual representations and processions through the streets decorated often with flowers and colours. Let us try to understand a bit of its history and its meaning.

The history of the origins of the feast takes us to Liege, Belgium, in the 13th century. The then Bishop of this place complied with the request of a religious who wanted to celebrate the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ outside of Holy Week. The religious was Juliana, a Norbertine canoness regular and mystic, who later became a saint (now called St Juliana of Liege and also Juliana of Mount-Cornillon). From her early youth, Juliana had great veneration for the Eucharist and longed for a special feast day in its honour. At age 16, she began having visions of a full moon having one dark spot or crossed diametrically by a dark stripe. In time she came to understand that the moon symbolized the life of the Church on earth, the opaque line, on the other hand, represented the absence of a liturgical feast in honour of Christ's Body and Blood.

It was her spiritual director, the canon John of Lausanne, supported by the positive judgment of numerous theologians, who presented to the Bishop the request to introduce a feast in honour of Corpus Domini. The approval arrived in 1246 with the date of the feast set for Thursday after the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Traditional scholarly sources have long recognized St Juliana of Liege as the promoter of the Feast of Corpus Christi, first celebrated in Liege in 1246, and later was extended to the whole Universal Church.

The extension of the solemnity to the whole Church, however, must be traced back to Pope Urban IV, who, with the papal bull "Transiturus" of 11th August 1264, established the feast of Corpus Christi. Just one year before this, the great Eucharistic miracle of Bolsena (Viterbo) took place. It was here a Bohemian priest stopped to celebrate the Holy Mass, while being on a pilgrimage to Rome. He was a pious priest but found it difficult to believe that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. At the breaking of the consecrated Host, in response to his perplexities, he saw blood started to seep from it and trickle over his hands onto the altar and the corporal (the stained corporal is still preserved in the Cathedral of Orvieto and also some stained stones of the altar kept in the Basilica of Santa Cristina where the priest celebrated the Mass). Prompted by this miracle, Pope Urban IV commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the *Proper* for a Mass and an *Office* honouring the Holy Eucharist as the Body of Christ. Tradition has it that precisely because of the depth and theological completeness of the *Office* composed for Corpus Domini, Jesus - through the Crucifix - told his favourite theologian: "Bene scripsisti de me, Thoma" (You have written well of me, Thomas). The main hymn of Corpus Domini, sung in the procession and in Vespers, is the "Pange lingua Gloriosi Corporis Mysterium" (Of the glorious Body telling, O my tongue, its mysteries sing) written and meditated upon by Thomas Aquinas.

As we recall to our minds the historical facts, meaning, and celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi, let us renew our faith in Christ's true presence in the Eucharist and pray that the "springtime of the Eucharist" which we are witnessing in the Church today may bear fruit in an ever greater devotion to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Fr. Sagayaraj Devadoss, SDB
Parochial Administrator

May 27
Together We Serve
\$145.00
Building Fund
\$230.00
Regular Sunday
\$12,937.00

Do you know 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. A graphic depicting the four-phase RCIA Process is located at the entrance of the Church.

For information on registration, or if you wish to sponsor someone entering the faith, call Darlene Smigelski at 780-434-6313 ext 226 or 780-435-3370; stm.rcia.coord@stmparish.com or visit the RCIA links at www.stmparish.com.

Would you like to Sponsor someone who would like to become Catholic?

This is a richly rewarding experience of sharing faith and an opportunity to learn more about the “treasure” that is yours! See the pamphlet at the entrance of the Church and call Darlene Smigelski at 780-434-6313 ext 226 or 780-435-3370; stm.rcia.coord@stmparish.com

Also visit the Photo links on the Parish website at www.stmparish.com for a photo journey through the program! See the RCIA Links for more details on the program including audio & slide shows of the teaching sessions.



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.

The *Dust Angels* are our parishioners and volunteers looking for help. They meet every Monday morning at 7am to clean the church, to give us a clean space in which we meet and worship. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please come on Monday morning at 9am and ask for Arthur Connick.

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.

