

Saint Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Parish
Parish Office located at 1725 Oxford Street, Halifax, NS B3H 3Z7
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November 12th, 2017 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vision - A growing, joyful community of disciples engaged through personal relationship with Jesus Christ, inspired and sustained through the Holy Spirit, and focused on the transformation of our city and our world.

Mission - Through personal and community worship and prayer, faith development, vibrant and uplifting Liturgies, and engaged ministry leadership, we form missionary disciples to build the Kingdom of God.

<p><i>St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs, 1725 Oxford Street</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rev. Mark Cherry, Pastor frmark@bellaliant.com ➤ Rev. Owen Connolly, Assistant Priest, Part-Time owen885@ns.sympatico.ca ➤ Tracy Francis, Parish Secretary, office@bellaliant.com ➤ Deacon Dan Daley, Coordinator of Pastoral Life & Strategic Planning daleyd@bellaliant.com ➤ Mary Therese MacDonell, Director of Adult & Family Faith Formation – familyministries@bellaliant.com ➤ Heather Orlando, Youth Coordinator- youth16@bellaliant.com ➤ Melanie Kennedy, Director of Sanctus Choir, mkenney@hrsbc.ca ➤ Tony Howard, Maintenance (Janitorial) ➤ George Reid, Janitorial Assistant 	<p>Daily Masses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monday & Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. ➤ Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m. <p>Weekend Masses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saturday at 4:30 pm ➤ Sunday at 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 pm</p>
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Mass Intentions		
➤ Monday, November 13th-	7:30 a.m.	Michael McMahan †
➤ Tuesday, November 14th -	7:30 a.m.	Helen Rout †
➤ Wednesday, November 15th -	9:00 a.m.	Irene Lamey †
➤ Thursday, November 16th -	9:00 a.m.	Gertrude Mooney †
➤ Friday, November 17th -	9:00 a.m.	Vera Boudreau †

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th.

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, November 13** in observance of Remembrance Day. Let us be mindful to pray for those who lost their lives in war to preserve peace and for all who continue to strive to be peacemakers in countries where war and unrest continue.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION ~ OCTOBER 22ND
(Formerly Archbishop's Annual Appeal)

This weekend, (November 11th and 12th) is the first of two collections that focus on building Community within the Archdiocese.

A second opportunity to contribute will take place on **November 26, 2017**. Funds raised will support the following areas:

- The Ministry of Care and Companionship;
- Chaplains (University, Hospital, and Prison);
- Catechetics;
- Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax;
- Assistance to Parishes;

Please Note: The Community Collection replaces the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and the Needs of the Canadian Church collections. Please prayerfully consider your donation to the Community Collection. Thank you for your generosity!

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Pastoral Care Committee meeting, Tuesday, November 21st @ 6:30 p.m.
 Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish Office Meeting Room

2018 SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2018 Sunday Missals are now available at the back of the church. The cost is \$5.00 and envelopes are provided. Please place your envelope in the collection.

A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR YOUNG MEN AGES 17-25

Attention young men ages, 17 – 25. There will be a Day of Reflection for Young Men to grow, to be encouraged, and be strengthened in their Catholic Faith.

Guest Speakers ~

Roy O'Hearn, -

- 1) Forming a personal relationship with Jesus.
- 2) The importance of Catholic literature.

Rob Elford,

The manliness of mercy: A reflection of truth

This day is free of charge and includes a catered Italian lunch!

Date: Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: St. Theresa's Church, corner of North and Dublin Street.

To register or for more information, please contact Sharon at 902-453-2918 or email serrahalifax2017@gmail.com Sponsored by Serra Halifax.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We will again collect gifts for the patients at the Nova Scotia Hospital. Father Eric Theriault has organized the Christmas Gift Program for the last 37+ years. Because of Father Theriault's ongoing dedication and your generous donations, each person receiving services was able to have a gift to open on Christmas morning. The areas served by the parishioners' generous donations are the NS Hospital site (including the Inpatient Addictions unit), the East Coast Forensic Hospital, the Abbie Lane Memorial facility and the Community Transition program in Lwr Sackville. We ask that gifts not be wrapped. Gifts can be dropped off at the parish office or with the ushers at Mass. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated** and will help make someone's Christmas a little brighter while in hospital.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In the month of November, we traditionally pray for our faithful departed. There is a book of remembrance at the Church, in front of the Ambo, and all are invited to record the names of deceased loved ones so they can be remembered in prayer.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE
NEW MEMBERS WANTED!!

The Social Action Committee is seeking new members. The SAC takes action to help improve situations of need in the local community as well as in developing countries. Currently, the committee is involved in a variety of activities such as Hand in Hand clothing drives, St. Andrew's Church Suppers (ARK), a Saturday morning breakfast program at Brunswick Street Mission, Christmas at the Abbie Lane, which includes Christmas caroling and sharing Christmas cookies with the patients. If you are interested in becoming a member of this important ministry, please contact Tracy at the Parish Office, 902-423-3057 or come to the next meeting on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.** in the Family Room at STA Church.

ATTENTION YOUNG ARTISTS
Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

Knights of Columbus Halifax Council 1097, "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest is open to all catholic young people, in four age groups between the ages of 5 and 17. KCIC poster contest must include a slogan reflecting the topic and an original visual image, posters are due **by Tuesday Dec 5th**. For more info email: kofchalifax1097@gmail.com or call Paul 902 455 0383.



Rooted Teens continue to meet every **Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** in the hall. This week we will be looking not simply at an individual Saint...but the fact we are all called to be Saints! What makes a holy person? How can we grow in holiness? Please know that your teens are welcome to invite a friend to join us at ROOTED.
Heather Orlando : youth16@bellaliant.com or 902-423-3057

FAMILY FORMATION



We are excited to announce our new family based Parish Program, *A Family of Faith*, for parents and children in Primary to Grade 6.

Home Lessons in the Hall – This Sunday, November 12th @ 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Hall
Christ the King Potluck & Advent Activities: Saturday, November 25th: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Hall. All families and parishioners are welcome.
November Memory Verse: "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and the evidence of things not seen" Hebrews 11:1
 For more information, contact Mary Thérèse MacDonell, Director of Family & Adult Faith Formation @ 902-423-3057 or familyministries@stacm.ca (Please note that one year in Level 1 is needed in our program before children receive the sacraments the following year).

FINANCIAL CORNER –
Collections - Week of November 5th, 2017

	WEEKLY BUDGET	ACTUAL OFFERING	DIFFERENCE
PAO	\$3,231.	\$3,282.	\$51.
Envelopes	\$3,443.	\$3,012.	(\$431.)
Loose	\$436.	\$300.	(\$136.)
Total	\$7,110.	\$6594.	(\$516.)

PEW ENVELOPES

Anyone using Pew Envelopes who would like a tax receipt, please fill in the information on the front of the envelope and include your name and address. Thank you.