

Saint Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Parish
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August 6th, 2017 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

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 align="center"><i>St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs</i> 1725 Oxford Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rev. Mark Cherry, Pastor fmark@bellaliant.com ➤ Rev. Owen Connolly, Associate Pastor, Part-Time owen885@ns.sympatico.ca ➤ Tracy Francis, Parish Secretary, office@bellaliant.com ➤ Deacon Dan Daley, Coordinator of Pastoral Life & Strategic Planning daley@bellaliant.com ➤ Mary Therese MacDonell, Director of Adult & Family Faith – familyministries@bellaliant.com ➤ Heather Orlando, Youth Coordinator- youth16@bellaliant.com ➤ Melanie Kennedy, Music Director, mkennedy@hrsbc.ca ➤ George Reid, Maintenance Assistant 	<p align="center">Daily Masses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monday & Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. ➤ Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m. <p align="center">Weekend Masses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saturday at 4:30 pm ➤ Sunday at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (Until September 3rd) <p align="center">Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 pm</p>			
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Happy Natal Day

There will **Not** be a 7:30 a.m. Mass on Monday, August 7th. Also, the parish office will be closed.

Your invited....Alpha Course
September 18th, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.



There will be a 10-week Alpha Program at the St Thomas Aquinas Parish Centre, (6350 Cornwall Street) beginning **September 18th, at 6:30 p.m.**, beginning with a **“Come and See”** supper, video and discussion. You are invited to come and check out this unique journey in Christian life experience.

What is Alpha? Alpha is a ten-week course investigating the person of Jesus Christ; His life, death and resurrection. Alpha answers the questions: **Who is Jesus Christ? Why did He come to earth? What does His life tell me about God and who I am? How can I have a personal relationship with God?**

Alpha is an opportunity to learn about God and His personal love and to be able to ask questions in a safe friendly, open and informal environment. Each evening begins with a meal. This is an opportunity to get to know each other and form new relationships.

If you have experienced Alpha already, please pass this news on to someone you feel may be at a point in their life for an enriching and new experience in their faith journey. Just give Tracy a call at 902-423-3057 and let her know you would like to attend the meal on the 18th.

If you are interested in joining the Alpha team we would love to hear from you. Phone Tracy at the Parish office for more information.

WEEKLY BULLETINS & MASS INTENTIONS

Weekly bulletins will resume on September 10th. Also, a list of Mass Intentions are posted on the website for the month of August. You may also phone Tracy at the Parish Office for a complete list as well.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Our summer Mass schedule continues throughout the month of August. This schedule reflects the resources we have during the summer months with students away for the summer, vacations and cottage life. As a reminder, our summer schedule will be:

- **4:30 p.m. Mass (Saturday)**
- **8:30 a.m. Mass (Sunday)**
- **10:30 a.m. Mass (Sunday)**

This will continue until after Labor Day. There are no changes to the weekday Mass schedule.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED

We are looking for two or more people to come forward and assist driving one of our parishioners to the 10:30 a.m. Mass (11 a.m. in the fall) on Sunday mornings. If we are able to find two or three to volunteer, then it would only be required of each person to assist once a month. Please prayerfully consider this request and phone or email Deacon Dan Daley at 902-423-3057 or daley@bellaliant.com for more details.

VOLUNTEER OFFICE COVERAGE NEEDED –
AUGUST 16th – 25th

Tracy is going on vacation. She will be away from the office from August 16th – 25th and we are in need of coverage for that time. If you can volunteer to take a morning or afternoon to come in and answer the telephone and greet parishioners, please call Tracy at the parish office 902-423-3057. Thank you.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation Association)

- Are you someone or do you know someone who:
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
 - Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for adults is not a program, but a process by which a person who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seeks the triune God with a sincere heart and enters the Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A process finds its roots in the life of the early Church, where those seeking to enter the Church were slowly and systematically introduced into the rich sacramental, spiritual, and prayerful traditions of the Catholic Church, with the help and support of the local church community. If you would like more information, have questions, or would like to begin discerning becoming Catholic in the R.C.I.A process, please contact Tracy Francis at the parish office or speak to Fr. Mark after Mass.

OPEN DOOR CENTRE

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Open Door's **Change For Life** campaign 2017! This year the Centre has have raised **\$22,000** with their Baby Bottle Campaign!! **St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs raised \$1,162.75.** Because of your generosity, the Centre is able to help women and families in need. Your generosity is truly appreciated. God Bless you! *There are still a few bottles unaccounted for. If you still have your bottle at home, please drop it off at Mass or at the Parish Office. (Even if it's empty, they'll gladly use it for next year's campaign)

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
AT GATE OF HEAVEN

All are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Mancini at this year's Mass for the Faithful Departed **at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Lr. Sackville.** The annual Mass is scheduled for **Thursday, August 17 at 7:00pm.** Please bring a lawn chair! There will be a collection to support the maintenance and care of all three of our Catholic cemeteries: Gate of Heaven, Holy Cross, and Mount Olivet In the event of rain the Mass will be celebrated at St. John Vianney Church, 4 Beaverbank Rd., Lr. Sackville.

IT'S BEEN AN AWESOME YEAR! Thank you to all our youth and families for your support this year. It has truly been a great year getting to know you all and spending time with your teens. THEY ARE AMAZING! We are officially finished all our regular programming for the summer.

Heather Orlando, youth16@bellaliant.com or 902-423-3057

FAMILY FORMATION

Our Sunday School program, **the Family Formation program**, is a parent based program for children in Primary to Grade 6. Please note that one year in Level 1 is needed in our program before children receive the sacraments the following year.

For more information on our Family Faith Program: contact Mary Thérèse MacDonell, 902-423-3057 familyministries@stacm.ca

FINANCIAL CORNER –
Collections - Week of June 18th, 2017
PARISH FINANCES

As we enjoy our beautiful summer, we would like to ask parishioners who are going to be away for an extended period of time to remember the parish in your weekly giving. You can do this either by leaving post-dated cheques at the office or signing up for the PAO option for your giving of the parish. During the summer months, revenues tend to drop while our expenses continue and we cannot afford to have this happen. Post-dates cheques may be dropped off at the office. If you have any questions about the PAO system, please phone Deacon Dan Daley at the parish office at 902-423-3057. Thank you to all our faithful parishioners for your on-going support of our parish.

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.