

**Saint Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Parish**  
**Parish Office located at 5900 Inglis Street, Halifax, NS B3H 1K8**  
**Phone: 902-423-3057 Fax: 902-484-6944 (Open: Monday to Friday from 8:00 am - 12 pm and 1 – 4:00 pm)**  
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**May 15th, 2016 – PENTECOST**

**STACM MISSION STATEMENT**

St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Parish is a Halifax based Roman Catholic community of disciples.  
 We strive to proclaim Jesus Christ in word and deed and build up the Kingdom of God on Earth by celebrating dynamic liturgy of the Lord Jesus and worship, evangelizing and working for social justice and charity.

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**Mass Intentions**

Monday, May 16th -	Les Kay †	(7:30 a.m. Mass CM)
Tuesday, May 17th -	Vincent Madigan †	7:30 a.m. Mass CM)
Wednesday, May 18th -	Bette Maloney †	(9:00 a.m. Mass STA)
Thursday, May 19th -	Thomas Covey †	(9:00 a.m. Mass STA)
Friday, May 20th -	Harold Meisner †	(9:00 a.m. STA)

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Congratulations to the following children who will receive **Jesus** in the **Eucharist** for the first time today at the 11 a.m. Mass. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. This is a very special occasion as they make their First Communion on Pentecost Sunday. May they come to know and love the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass each Sunday. Please keep these children in your prayers, as well as their families and Godparents who have been helping them on their journey. There will be a reception afterwards in the lower level of St. Thomas Aquinas Hall. All are welcome.

*Lydia Brown*  
*Sammy Bryson*  
*Iona Cameron*  
*Henry Dougan*  
*Leo Hanada*  
*Alison Johnston*  
*Libby MacDonald*

*Talia Metlej*  
*Luke Salah*  
*Felicity Sapp*  
*Ryan Simms*  
*Bram St. Peters*  
*Madeline Tannous*



**THANK YOU**

**MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BRUNCH**

*Mother's Day Pancake Brunch* -- What an incredible event! Thanks to everyone who helped by attending the brunch and supporting the youth. Thank you for purchasing tickets; giving donations; cooking in the kitchen; decorating; and all the work behind-the-scenes! Thank you for bidding on the auction items. The proceeds of the supper amounted to \$882. We ask you to continue to pray for the youth as they prepare for this wonderful conference on July 8th – 10th, 2016. May God bless you!

**Auction Items** -- If your bid was the highest bid, please come pick up your item at the Youth Office as soon as you can. Thank you. ☺

**TRANSITION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Transition Committee is encouraged with the progress to date concerning the sale of the Canadian Martyrs site. The next step is due diligence with the preferred purchaser, and at the same time, pursuing the required approval process with the Archbishop and the Vatican. As you can appreciate, this process may take several more months. In the meantime, the Transition Committee is bound by confidentiality obligations surrounding the offers. While this may be frustrating to some, the committee is confident parishioners will be pleased with the eventual financial outcome.

As well, the committee is beginning work on a process plan for redevelopment of the St. Thomas Aquinas site and those details will be shared with you further, likely in a Parish town hall meeting once we have sufficient detail to report.

**COLLECTION FOR FORT MCMURRAY**

The bishop has requested that a special collection be taken up for the people of Fort McMurray. With so many displaced people and homes lost, they will require help. The funds collected would be sent to the Diocese of St. Paul in which Fort McMurray is located. The diocese would be able to bring the funds to bear in those places with the most need. This special collection will take place this weekend, May 15th. *(Attached is an envelope for this essential collection)*

**2016 FEAST OF PENTECOST CELEBRATION**

An evening of gratitude for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Guest speaker: Lorraine Shonaman, Chairperson of the Atlantic Service Committee. Join us for praise, worship, teaching and social time in honor of this great gift. **Sunday, May 15th at 7 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Church** 320 Flying Cloud Drive, Dartmouth, NS.

**MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

The Magnificat Women's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 28th from 9am to 12noon in the Msgr. Leo Day Auditorium at Saint Agnes Church, Mumford Road. Magnificat is a ministry to Catholic women. Guest speaker is Liane Beaulac. Information is available on the church bulletin boards. For tickets, please contact Krista Garnier, 902-461-1349 or our Parish Representative Kerry Daley, 902-456-7173. Tickets are \$15.00 each and must be pre-purchased.

**DIVINE MERCY**

*This is what makes the soul truly free Diary 462*

Now I understand well that what unites our soul most closely to God is self-denial; that is, joining our will to the will of God. This is what makes the soul truly free, contributes to profound recollection of the spirit, and makes all life's burdens light, and death sweet.

**MAY IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY**

**COME, PRAY THE ROSARY**

As the month of May is dedicated to our Lady, please join us every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning in May at 8:30 a.m. to pray the Rosary before the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL SEEKS FAMILY PLACEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Sacred Heart School of Halifax is seeking family placements for international high school students who attend Sacred Heart. Please consider having an international student come to live with your family for the September 2016–June 2017 school year. Having an international student stay with your family is a wonderful way to: form worldwide friendships, learn about another language and culture, and gives your family a wonderful learning experience. Starting September 2016, families will be paid a monthly stipend of \$900 a month. You must have a spare room and welcome your international student into your family. Please contact Alison Boyer by May13. Alison Boyer, International Student Director, Sacred Heart School of Halifax, 902-422-4459 or e-mail [aboyer@shsh.ca](mailto:aboyer@shsh.ca)

**FAMILY FORMATION**

**First Communion is this Sunday, May 15th at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas.** Please keep: *Sammy Bryson, Alison Johnston, Luke Salah, Leo Hanada, Libby MacDonald, Ryan Simms, Iona Cameron, Bram St. Peters, Felicity Sapp, Talia Metlej, Madeline Tannous, Henry Dougan, and Lydia Brown*, and their families in your prayers as they receive Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

There will be a parish reception in the St. Thomas Aquinas hall following the Mass on Sunday, May 15th.

The **May Memory Verse** is “...you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church...”

\*New this year, children in **Primary** are welcome to join our program. Please note that one year in Level 1 is needed in our program before children receive the sacraments the following year. For more information contact Mary Thérèse MacDonell, Director of Family and Adult Faith Formation: 902-423-3057 [familyministries@stacm.ca](mailto:familyministries@stacm.ca)

**YOUTH NEWS**

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**Edge:** The Edge program is for youth in grades 7 and 8. The Edge runs on Tuesday nights at Canadian Martyrs in the gym from 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm.  
**Oneight** is Life Teen's Confirmation program based off on Acts 1:8. We begin our Sessions at Canadian Martyrs Hall at 6:45 p.m. with Group Session until 8:30 p.m.

**FINANCIAL CORNER –**

*Week of May 8th, 2016*

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
<b>PAO</b>	\$3,480.	\$3,525.	(\$45.)
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$3,891.	\$4,519.	(\$628.)
<b>Loose</b>	\$480.	\$519.	(\$39.)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,851.</b>	<b>\$8,563.</b>	<b>(\$712.)</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!!**

**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.