



### **Crafters with a Mission?**

Fr. Justin spoke with Anita on Thursday. They are exploring options - likely outside of St. Thomas More (as their participants come from 4 current or closed parishes, none of which are St. Thomas More).

### **St. Catherine's territory will be amalgamated into those of St. Thomas More in late April. Does this mean I have to attend Mass at St. Thomas More?**

No. St. Thomas More takes on the responsibility of ministry over an expanded geographical area, but this does not mean an obligation to worship with the community. Catholics do have the obligation out of love for the Lord Jesus' sacrifice to gather on Sundays to celebrate His Memorial, and this can happen at any Mass. St. Thomas More parishioners and staff having already begun making plans on how they can welcome and integrate those members and ministries that seek to make their new home with them

### **What will happen to the Syro-Malabar community that celebrates their liturgies at St. Catherine's?**

Fr. Justin has spoken with Fr. Thomas about the future gathering place of his community. No decision has been made yet about where the community will gather, but there are several viable options.

### **Will a collection still be taken at the weekend Masses?**

Yes. The Finance Council met in mid-February and discussed this question. We continue to have expenses (salaries, utilities, etc.) to cover over the next few months.

### **Do we know any details about the final Mass?**

While parish leadership will help determine many particulars of our final Mass, we do know that Bishop Johnston will celebrate our final Mass on April 29th. Fr. Justin will be in attendance. The Mass will be interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing. We are working to have the liturgy video-recorded.

### **Will confessions and daily Masses still be offered on Saturdays?**

Yes, no interruptions to our confession or daily Mass schedule.

### **How will food pantry clients be alerted to the changes?**

While the future role of our food pantry is not yet determined, we will begin to notify clients for the pantry or other assistance of additional options they have after April. This includes St. Thomas More, the Red Bridge Food Pantry (at Red Bridge and Wornall) and Catholic Charities Food Pantry (located at the former St. Matthew's). The latter also provides mobile delivery.