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Bishop: Most Rev. William McGrattan

Administrator: Fr. Craig Cruikshank

# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2017



# Coming up...

# Tuesday, February 28th

9:00am – Mass in the Rectory (For Frankie Battaglia, Rob O'Connor and Daniel Beebe)

## Wednesday, March 1st

~ Ash Wednesday ~ 9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More 5:00pm – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission 7:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More

#### Thursday, March 2nd

9:00am - Mass in the Rectory

## Friday, March 3rd

6:00pm – Stations of the Cross 7:00pm – World Day of Prayer

## Saturday, March 4th

9:00am – Mass in church 2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions 4:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More (For Bill Nelligan)

## Sunday, March 5th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More (For Eugene McKeiver) 11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission (For the People)

# Please remember in your prayers... Those who are sick, especially: Erica Perk

## and those who have died, especially:

Anna Orlecki & Mary-Anne Lane Contact Fr. Craig to have a name added to this list for four weeks.

# St. Thomas More Parish now offers eGive, Electronic Giving

*Easy* | *Secure* | *Convenient* | *Beneficial* See the parish priest to enroll

## ~ Regular Sunday Masses ~

Saturday, 4pm at St. Thomas More, Millbrook Sunday, 9am at St. Thomas More, Millbrook & 11:30am at St. Bernadette, Yelverton (Old United Church, Hwy 7 W, Yelverton)

### ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation ~

Sat 3pm - 3:40pm; Sun 8:20am - 8:45am or by appointment.

## ~ Baptisms ~

Parents seeking baptism for their child should see Father Craig after Mass or visit the website to download the information form. The Baptismal Preparation Period is completed at your own pace and usually takes about three weeks. Preparation can begin before the birth of your child.

#### ~ Marriage ~

Couples seeking Marriage must meet Father Craig at least one year prior to a desired date.

#### ~ Birthday & Anniversary Announcements ~

Anyone wishing to publicly share a birthday or anniversary with the community at the end of Mass should see Phil Unger or Father Craig before Mass begins. Anyone wishing to renew their marriage vows and receive a special blessing for a significant anniversary should see Fr. Craig at least one week in advance of the anniversary.

## ~ Organic Fair-trade Coffee ~

Organic, fresh, 100% Columbian fair-trade, Arabica coffee is available for purchase from Bruce or Francisca Gazley, at 705-932-1723 or after Coffee Sunday for \$12/lb. Available coffees are espresso or medium or dark roast, whole bean or ground. Deliveries to St. Bernadette can be arranged.

## $\sim$ Mens' and Womens' Groups $\sim$

The Mens' and Womens' Groups support our parish with community building events, fundraising and by meeting many other parish needs. They meet every second Saturday of the month after the 9am Mass.

#### ~ formed.org parish code ~



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#### Thank you for your generous offerings

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017: \$910 Average for 34 received envelopes: \$22.65 January eGive: \$666 (Weekly avg: \$25.06 for 6)

#### What is your vocation in life?

Come and hear dynamic speaker Fr. John Perdue address "What is a Vocation? - the four vocations with an emphasis on family life". Fr. John will also present a video to tell us about his trip to the diocese of Keewatin-Le Pas with which we are twinned. This presentation is sponsored by St. Anne's Women's Group and the St. Anne's Vocation Team all on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Anne's Parish.

#### Looking for a quiet place to pray?

Life can be complicated. There are times that we need to step away from the noisy hustle and bustle of every day, times when we need to sit quietly in the presence of the Lord. The St. Alphonsus Adoration Chapel (1066 Western Ave.) is open seven days a week, Monday to Saturday, 7am to midnight and Sunday noon to midnight. Drop in for five minutes or spend an hour with Jesus. The chapel entrance is off the main parking lot, near the Parish Office.

#### Living with Christ Parish Fundraiser

Help out our parish through a 'Living with Christ' Missalette subscription. Subscribe or renew by using the red and white forms found in the entrance of the church by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Submit the completed form to Fr. Craig. New subscriptions earn \$10 for the parish and renewals earn \$2 for the parish.

#### Lift Jesus Higher Rally

*Mar* 4<sup>th</sup> 9am - 5:30pm at Metro Toronto Convention Centre The Lift Jesus Higher Rally is an annual rally for Youth (youth have their own rally) and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, confessions, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration a Eucharistic Procession and Mass. Admission is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. Visit www.lift-jesus-higherrally.ca order tickets or to see all the details. If you've never been to this, it is very much worth checking out.

#### World day of Prayer, Prayer Service

"Am I Being Unfair to You?"

Written by the Women of the Philippines

This year, our parish has the honour of hosting the World Day of Prayer, prayer service on Fri, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Your presence and participation is important. Please join us, and invite family, friends, and community members to this ecumenical prayer service which unites us and Christians throughout the world in prayerful action awareness, and celebration for and with the women of the Philippines. Refreshments will follow! In case of inclement weather, the alternate date is Fri, Mar 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Francisca Gazley at 705-932-1723.

#### 50 years of Share Lent!

On Ash Wednesday, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada will launch its 50<sup>th</sup> annual Share Lent campaign, entitled *Women at the Heart of Change*. Since the Organization's founding in 1967, money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent provides essential support to the poorest populations of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Today, Development and Peace supports 173 partners and 194 projects in 46 countries around the world! You can make Share Lent a part of your family's Lenten journey by using the Solidarity Calendar, which you will find in this week's bulletin. This year, the Share Lent collection will take place on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Solidarity Sunday.

Did you know that Development and Peace's first Share Lent campaign took place in 1968 and raised \$1.35 million, which was used to carry out projects in 32 countries?

#### **Prayer for Bishops**

Most Glorious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray for our Bishops.

You have appointed Jesus, Your only-begotten Son to be the eternal High Priest for the glory of Thy Majesty and the salvation of humankind; grant Your blessings upon Bishop McGrattan. Bless him for his faithful fulfillment of his ministry to the Diocese of Peterborough, and give us a new bishop who will lead us by his holiness of life and wisdom. Direct him to guide our diocesan family so that we may grow in your love.

O Mary, Virgin Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Hold all bishops close to your Immaculate Heart! Amen.