

**"The Lord is
near to all who
call on him..."**

Psalm 145: 18

24th September 2017



St. Thomas More Parish & St. Bernadette Mission

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25th Week of Ordinary Time Coming up...

Monday, September 25th

6:30pm – Alpha in the Parish Hall

Who is Jesus?

Tuesday, September 26th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church

Thursday, September 28st

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church

Saturday, September 30th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church

(For Joseph Devereaux Sr.)

2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions

4:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More church

(For the people)

Sunday, October 1st

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church

(For Harold Lechelt)

11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission

(For Rita Koski)

Please remember in your prayers...

Those who are sick, especially:

Erica Perk, Rosaleen Wilson
& Joseph and Hermine Jandristis

and those who have died, especially:

Reynold Meekes

*Contact Fr. Craig to have a name added to this list
for four weeks.*

Thank you for your generous offerings

September 10th, 2017: \$1026

Average for 36 received envelopes: \$25

August eGive: \$809 (Weekly avg: \$26.10 for 7)

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, North Nestleton

(Old United Church, Nestleton Rd., North Nestleton)

~ Sacrament of Reconciliation ~

Sat 3pm - 3:40pm; Sun 8:20am - 8:45am

or by appointment.

~ Baptisms ~

Parents seeking baptism for their child should see the
parish priest after Mass or visit

baptism.stthomasmillbrook.ca to complete an
information form and to learn more about the

Baptismal Preparation Period. 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.

~ Mens' and Womens' Groups ~

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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Formed.org in October: Why do we need the Church?

October 2017 marks the 500-year anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses which caused a fracturing of the Church into thousands of different denominations and increasing secularization of our culture. As Catholics, we recognize the constant need of renewal in our Church while affirming the constant presence and work of the Holy Spirit in our Church. We know and bravely profess that our world NEEDS the Church. Access these features and more for free through your formed.org account.

Listen: Confessions of a Mega-Church Pastor

Allen Hunt shares the insights and details of his 15-year journey into the Catholic Church. In 2007, Allen stepped aside as pastor of a Methodist congregation that served more than 15,000 persons each week.

Study: Divine Mercy

Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the message of St. Faustina, the appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. In this series, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

Watch: Faith of our Fathers

During the English Reformation, hundreds of brave individuals suffered persecution for clinging to the Catholic faith. Fr. Marcus Holden and Fr. Nicholas Schofield examine more about these heroic figures, their times, and their significance for Catholics today. Included are details about many Catholic heroes including St. Thomas More. *Faith of Our Fathers* brings the inspiring story of the English Martyrs to life for a contemporary audience.

Read: Rome Sweet Home

Scott and Kimberly Hahn, have been speaking all over North America about their conversion to the Catholic Church and now share the incredible spiritual journey that led them to embrace Catholicism. Scott Hahn was a Presbyterian minister, the top student in his seminary class, a brilliant Scripture scholar, and militantly anti-Catholic, until he reluctantly began to discover that his "enemy" had all the right answers. Kimberly, also a top-notch theology student in the seminary, is the daughter of a well-known Protestant minister, and went through a tremendous "dark night of the soul" after Scott converted to Catholicism.

Becoming Catholic

Adults interested in possibly becoming a Catholic or in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Fr. Craig soon to learn about the process.

Prayer in the Park

All Christians are invited for a time to peacefully and publicly bless our city by praying The Lord's Prayer before the next full council meeting. Join us at Confederation Square, across from City Hall at 6pm on Oct 2nd.

Development & Peace Workshop

Women at the Heart of Peace

This fall, Development and Peace launches a new campaign called Women at the Heart of Peace to invite Canadians to learn more about the vital role women play in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. Join us in paying tribute to the women who build peace in communities around the world. To learn more about the campaign and how to be a part of it, please join us at a workshop on Sat., Sept. 30th at St. Anne's Parish Centre, 859 Barnardo Ave., Peterborough. Registration and coffee 9:30 am. For further details contact kstaunton@cogeco.ca or 705-745-0034.

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

An invitation to support the mission of the Church!

The Bishops of Canada gather in four Regional Assemblies (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West), as well as in their national Conference. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) is mandated by the Holy See and the Bishops who are its members in a number of areas of pastoral life and evangelization: faith formation and catechesis, doctrinal questions, ecumenical initiatives, international relations, interreligious conversations, liturgical resources, relations with Indigenous Peoples, social justice questions, and building a culture of life and family. The CCCB is the national assembly of the Catholic Bishops in Canada, and includes the Bishops (Eparchs) of the Eastern Catholic Churches as well. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution for ensuring the success of the collection and the ongoing work of evangelization.

LifeChain

As Catholics, we are called to proclaim the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. One of the easiest ways to do this is through the annual LifeChain. Join others in silent, prayerful witness for life on Sun, Oct 1st from 2-3pm on the corner of Lansdowne and Monaghan in Peterborough. A prayer service follows at St. Alphonsus church. You can also participate in LifeChain in Port Perry at the same time in front of Immaculate Conception Church, 1710 Scugog St.

At Alpha this week: Who is Jesus?

Everyone has questions or opinions about who Jesus is. All are welcome to share their views and experiences of Jesus in a welcoming place and to explore together the historical claims and evidence that help us to understand Jesus. Dinner is included! Try Alpha on Mon, Sept 25th at 6:30pm in our parish hall. Visit www.millbrookalpha.ca for details, or to preview Alpha.

Questions explored on week two:

- Was Jesus a real historical person or the product of myth?
- Was Jesus simply a wonderful man, moral teacher, religious leader or perhaps something more?