

*He will also strengthen  
you to the end...*

*1 Cor 1:8*



**St. Thomas More Parish & St. Bernadette Mission**

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent Coming up...

### Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm – Alpha at St. Thomas More church hall  
*What about the Church?*

### Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

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

2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions

4:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More church  
(For the People)

### Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church  
(For Christine Fras)

11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission  
(For the Bolger Family: Harold, Helen, Gloria,  
Wayne and Hope)

### Please remember in your prayers...

#### *Those who are sick, especially:*

Christine Fras, Erica Perk, & Hermine Jandristis

#### *and those who have died, especially:*

Valerie Finney, Deacon Richard Blake,

Barbara McMurray & Keith Walton

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

### Thank you for your generous offerings

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017: \$ 1119

Average for 39 received envelopes: \$26.03

November eGive: \$809 (Weekly avg: \$20.83 for 8)

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.

### ~ Bulletin Ads ~

Bulletin ads not only provide revenue for our parish  
but also builds community identity and supports local  
businesses and interests. Please consider advertising or  
encouraging businesses and organizations you support  
to advertise in our bulletin. Contact Mary at 705-277-  
2420 or melnychuk01@sympatico.ca for details.

### **Advent Mission at Immaculate Conception**

Led by Fr. Andre Boyer, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate. Theme: Mary, Model of Contemplation.

*Day 1, Wed, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, repeated at 7pm*

-Personal Witness of his devotion to Mary

-What is Contemplation and Contemplative Prayer

*Day 2, Thu, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, repeated at 7pm*

-Mary as model of Contemplative Prayer

-How St. Anne, mother of Mary prepared her young daughter to be the mother of Jesus and model of Contemplative Prayer

Anyone interested in preparing their minds, hearts and souls for celebrating the birth of Jesus are welcome to attend. A free-will offering will be taken at all sessions.

### **Sacred Heart College**

#### ***Winter 2018 Course Offerings (begins January 8<sup>th</sup>)***

*Introduction to the New Testament*

*Dr. Douglas Finbow, Tuesdays 4:15 – 7:15 p.m.*

Learn about the origins, literary forms and influential interpretations of the one of the most important collections of writings the world has ever known. Learn rhetorical, historical and textual ways to enrich your understanding of this early Christian text. Register online at: [www.sacredheartcollege.ca](http://www.sacredheartcollege.ca) or by contacting [registar@sacredheartcollege.ca](mailto:registar@sacredheartcollege.ca) or 705-745-5549.

### **Music for Advent and Christmas**

*Featuring bell pieces by the Johnson Ringers, Trinity College School and Sacred Heart Youth Ringers*

Sacred Heart Church (208 Romaine St., Peterborough)

Wed, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

*Solos by Fr Andrew Ayala and Sacred Heart Youth Choir*

Free will offering.

### **Christmas Potluck Dinner - Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**

We begin outside at 5pm with a short blessing and lighting of the parish outdoor nativity set and continue with a delicious pot-luck dinner and fellowship.



#### **The Flying Fathers have returned!**

The Lord has raised up a new generation of hockey playing priests who will compete at the Ennismore arena on Mon, Jan 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, featuring two priests of the Diocese of

Peterborough, Fr.'s John Perdue and Paul Patrick. Tickets are \$15 each, children under 12 free and can be purchased at [www.ptbovocations.ca/hockey](http://www.ptbovocations.ca/hockey) or by visiting the Vocations Office (820 Frank St. Ptbo) on Tue or Thu 8:30-4:30. Call 705-874-1871 for details.

### **At Alpha next week: December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

#### ***What about the Church?***

*All are welcome to join Alpha at any point! It's free and dinner's included!*

Jesus describes a church that will "prevail against the gates of hell and become hope for the world." In this final session, we take a look at the Church not simply as an organization but as the basis of Christian fellowship which makes a true difference throughout the world.

### **Advent Retreat at St. Therese Parish, Courtice**

*The Trinity, hope for our relationships: can a Trinitarian spirituality help us to relate to one another?*

Guest Speaker: Fr. Pawel Ratajczak OMI

Mon, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> and Tue, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Wed Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Mass Celebrant: Bishop Michm



St. Thomas More Parish

*Family Christmas Potluck Dinner*

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm