

*"In the wilderness prepare  
the way of the Lord..."*

*Isaiab 40:3*



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

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**10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent  
Coming up...**

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, December 16<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 17<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church  
(For Intentions of the CWC)

11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission  
(For Deacon Richard Blake)

12:30pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation available  
at St. Bernadette Mission

4:00pm – Reconciliation Service  
at St. Thomas More church

**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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017: \$ 1410

Average for 39 received envelopes: \$34.23

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](http://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 [melnchuk01@sympatico.ca](mailto:melnchuk01@sympatico.ca) for details.

## Sacred Heart College

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

#### Elementary Latin II

Mother Parousia, Tues 2:30 – 3:45pm & Fri 10 – 11:15am

This course is the second part introduction to the grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of Latin as presented in Hans Oberg's, 'Lingua Latina per se Illustrata'.

Classroom instruction will be a modified version of Oberg's natural acquisition method. The course consists of two weekly lectures based on Latin readings, new grammatical content, vocabulary to be memorized, drills to practice forms and concepts, and regular quizzes to ensure retention and comprehension of material. Prerequisite: Elementary Latin, Part I.

Register online at: [www.sacredheartcollege.ca](http://www.sacredheartcollege.ca) or by contacting [registar@sacredheartcollege.ca](mailto:registar@sacredheartcollege.ca) or 705-745-5549.

### 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.

## Advent Reconciliation Service

Nestleton - Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm

Millbrook - Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

All are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 16<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the regular parish confession times, Father Craig will be available after the Mass at St. Bernadette to hear confessions. Additionally, a Reconciliation service will be held at St. Thomas More church at 4pm; after a brief liturgy and examination of conscience to help prepare for the Sacrament, Father Craig and a visiting priest will both be available to hear confessions.

## Big Thanks from a Parishioner

Christine Fras wishes to offer much thanks to all those who showed their love and support during the past few weeks. The visits, prayers and the offering of the Mass on several occasions has been much appreciated.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Millbrook - Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>) at 4pm

Nestleton - Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm

Millbrook - Christmas Day (December 25<sup>th</sup>) at 10am

## New Furnace in Rectory

Father Craig gives many thanks to all those who contributed to replace the furnace in the rectory. It's nicely warm there now. Almost half of the funds came from parishioner contributions and the remainder was graciously covered by the Men's and Women's Groups.

## A Great Time to eGive to Your Parish

Taking a vacation? Guarantee support for your parish while away with eGive electronic giving. See Fr. Craig with your questions or for an enrolment form.



St. Thomas More Parish

*Family Christmas Potluck Dinner*

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