

"The law  
of the  
Lord is  
perfect..."

Psalm 19:7



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

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**4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent Coming up...

### Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – Mass at Rectory Chapel

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

9:00am – Mass at Rectory Chapel

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

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

2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions  
with Stations of the Cross

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

### Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church  
(For Genevieve Smith)

11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission

6:30pm – Symbolon discussions at St. Thomas More

*Led by John and Marina Kosicbek*

*Divine Revelation*

### Please remember in your prayers...

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

Erica Perk, & Hermine Jandristis

#### *and those who have died.*

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

### Thank you for your generous offerings

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018: \$ 974

Average for 36 received envelopes: \$ 24.72

February eGive: \$ 901 (Weekly avg: \$ 22.53 for 10)

### Theology of the Body Certificate Series

*Presented by Sacred Heart College - By Sr. Helena Burns, fsp*

Today's culture is all about love, sex, the body, beauty and relationships. So is God. Through JPII's original and dynamic synthesis, we will unpack God's story of love, sex, the body, beauty and relationships.

Spring 2018: Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sadleir House.

\$150 for Certificate (book included) \$75 for Audit.

St. Thomas More Parish now offers

## eGive, Electronic Giving

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### ~ 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.

### ~ Announcements and Prayers before Mass ~

Before the 9am Mass begins, all are welcome to use the form at the entrance of the church to include names of the sick or departed. After speaking with the priest, announcements may also be included in the same manner.

### ~ Mens' and Womens' Group ~

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.

### Symbolon – Mar 10<sup>th</sup>: *Divine Revelation*

When we submit our lives to the compass of God's divine revelation, we are led out of the confusing currents and fads of the modern world which often disappoint and instead are pointed to the true path for human happiness. In this discussion we will explore why and how God reveals himself to us and how is revelation is passed down through scripture, Church and tradition. See all the details at: [symbolon.stthomasmillbrook.ca](http://symbolon.stthomasmillbrook.ca).

### **Operation: Supporting my Parish**

Those who subscribe to the 'Living with Christ' Mass companion have an opportunity to support St. Thomas More Parish through their subscription. When renewing or starting a new subscription, please use one of the forms found at the entrance of the church. Submit the form and payment to Fr. Craig by Palm Sunday. Each new or renewed subscription earns money for our parish.

### **Development & Peace Corner**

*Defending the rights of poor communities fractured by forced evictions in Nigeria*

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing.

Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre (SERAC), a Development and Peace partner, has worked for over 20 years with slum communities in Lagos to promote and protect the socio-economic rights of inhabitants, including their rights to adequate housing/shelter, livelihood, water, food, access to electricity and education.

This year, we have the opportunity to meet Felix Morka, Founder & Executive Director of SERAC on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, Ford Street. Come and hear how SERAC is training community leaders with the knowledge and tools they need to engage in effective dialogue with the government. See you there!

### **Parish Contact Update and Permission**

Good communication within our parish requires up-to-date contact information of our valued parishioners. Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date by filling in the clipboard at the entrance of the church or by visiting [update.stthomasmillbrook.ca](http://update.stthomasmillbrook.ca) (can be done from your phone right now!). There, you will also have the option of granting permission for representatives of our parish to contact you in the event of the death of one of our parishioners.

### **Help Needed: Children's Liturgy**

Shannon Brady has graciously offered to create and run a Children's Liturgy at St. Thomas More church at the 9am Mass. This is a great way to enable our parish to meet the needs of both parents and children. Shannon hopes to begin early in the New Year, but needs help. Any willing to help on an occasional basis, especially parents of children who might enjoy such an offering, are asked to contact Shannon at [shannon.brady@dcdsb.ca](mailto:shannon.brady@dcdsb.ca) or 905-441-3259.

### **The Office of Tenebrae**

The Office of Tenebrae of Holy Thursday (The Office of Darkness) will be anticipated on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm as part of this year's schedule of Holy Week services at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough. The Cathedral Choir and Diocesan Choir will lead the Gregorian Chant and other musical settings under its Music Director, Claudio Engli. We invite everyone to attend this moving service during the most important and significant week of the liturgical year.

### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – Nov 11-20, 2018**

Have you ever dreamt of being alive 2,000 years ago, walking beside with Jesus. To have actually witnessed the miracles or heard the parables first hand. If that is the case, Faith Journey is offering an excursion of a lifetime. Visit Nazareth, Cana, the River Jordan, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Bethsaida, Mount Tabor, Tabgha, Jericho, the Valley of death, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and many more of these sacred spaces. The price is \$2695 plus \$695 for airport tax and fuel surcharge. An information meeting will be held at Immaculate Conception parish in Peterborough on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm. Those interested in participating in this 10 day faith experience please contact the spiritual leader for the pilgrimage Fr. Bill Moloney at 705-742-5466.

### **Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services**

'All About Love Gala'

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2018, 6pm @ The Venue. Enjoy a delicious meal, entertainment by *The Second Generation Leahy Family* and silent auction. Tickets \$125 each includes \$50 tax receipt. To reserve your ticket visit: [2018-all-about-love.eventbrite.ca](http://2018-all-about-love.eventbrite.ca) or call (705) 742-4015

### **Personal Retreat Days at Villa St. Joseph**

Villa St. Joseph in Cobourg offers a quiet and relaxing environment that supports prayer and a deepening awareness of God's presence. The prayerful stillness and beauty of nature offers a peaceful and life-giving setting. The time and space is yours and spiritual direction is available. Upcoming retreats include:

*Interfaith Hour for Peace – Mar 15*

*Seedy Saturday Seed Exchange – Mar 17*

*Art Retreat: "Art, Spirit, & Integral Ecology" – Mar 20 to 22*

*Lenten Sabbath Weekend - Mar 23*

Learn more about upcoming retreats at [villastjoseph.ca](http://villastjoseph.ca).

To register, contact 905-372-2741, or [villa@csjcanada.org](mailto:villa@csjcanada.org)