

# Joy

*"...he will rejoice over you with gladness..."*  
*Zeph 3:17*



C E L E B R A T I N G 4 0 Y E A R S



St. Thomas More Parish  
&  
St. Bernadette Mission

16<sup>TH</sup> OF  
DECEMBER  
2018

## Third Sunday of Advent Coming up...

### Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – Mass at rectory

### Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm – Mass at rectory

### Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – Mass at rectory

### Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions

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

*(For the people)*

### Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

*(For Don Fenton)*

11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission, Nestleton

*(For Filomena Gismondi)*

### Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

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

7:00pm – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission, Nestleton

### Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm – Mass at rectory

### Weekday Masses during inclement weather

*During winter: if school buses for Millbrook, South Cavan Elementary School are cancelled due to inclement weather, please assume that the daily Mass is also cancelled for that day. Visit [stscsco.ca](http://stscsco.ca) or tune your radio to a local station to learn of any bus cancellations.*

### Thank you for your generous offerings

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018: \$ 1167.00

Average for 38 received envelopes: \$ 27.37

November eGive: \$ 1106 (Weekly avg: \$ 19.85 for 13)

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

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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 ~

Those 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 way.

### ~ Womens' and Mens' Group (CWMC) ~

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

Please remember in your prayers...

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

Erica Perk and Fr. Bart Burke

***as well as those who have died, especially:***

Olive Paquette and Angelina Lipartiti

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

### **2019 St. Joseph Dinner**

Please join us for the 3rd Annual St. Joseph Dinner in support of Peterborough Campus Ministry. Catholic community is developing at Trent University, Sacred Heart College and Sir Sanford Fleming College, and this pastoral care needs support. The dinner will take place Sat, Feb 2, 2019 at Personal Touch Banquet Hall (1135 Lansdowne St.). Cocktail hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Our guest speaker is National Post columnist Fr. Raymond De Souza. Tickets are \$100 each and are eligible for a \$50 charitable tax receipt. They can be purchased online at [www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner](http://www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner) or by calling 705-874-1871. An excellent Christmas gift!

### **Advent Reconciliation Service**

Prepare yourself for the coming of Our Lord: come to the Advent Reconciliation Service on Sun, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. After a short prayer and examination of conscience, Fr. Craig and a guest priest will be available to hear confessions.

*Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God.*

### **Offertory Envelopes**

Boxes of 2019 offertory envelopes are now available at the entrance of the church. Please pick up yours as soon as possible. Boxes will be available until Jan 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sunday Missals**

The 2019 Sunday Missals are now available. Get yours for \$5 at the entrance of the church. Old Sunday Missals, since they have not been blessed, can be placed in your recycling bin; no need to return them to the church.

### **Taize Advent Candle Light Service**

St. Anne Parish will be hosting a Taize Advent Candle Light Service on Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Come and enrich yourself with music, scripture, prayer and silence—during this busy time of the season give yourself a gift and come be with the Lord and make Straight your Pathway. Bring a friend or two. All are welcome.

### **Christmas and New Year's Liturgies at our parish**

To help plan ahead, here is the schedule for Christmas and New Year's Liturgies at St. Thomas More Parish:

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm at St. Thomas More church &  
7pm at St. Bernadette mission

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 10am at St. Thomas More church

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 4pm at St. Thomas More church &  
7pm at St. Bernadette mission

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 10am at St. Thomas More church

### **Sacred Heart College**

On-Line or in person (Toronto) Theology of the Body Certificate with Sr. Helena Burns, fsp. Questions? [office@sacredheartcollege.com](mailto:office@sacredheartcollege.com). Registration link: [www.sacredheartcollege.ca/en/programs-and-courses/theology-of-the-body-certificate-with-sr-helena-burns.aspx](http://www.sacredheartcollege.ca/en/programs-and-courses/theology-of-the-body-certificate-with-sr-helena-burns.aspx)

### **2019 Women's Lenten Retreat**

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Center, Pickering, ON; 2 Nights/3 Days: Mon Mar 11<sup>th</sup> – Wed, Mar 13<sup>th</sup>. Retreat Director is Fr. Henk van Meijel – director of Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre. Cost \$339 with transportation from Belleville or \$299 without transportation. Retreat is organised and escorted by Fr. Don Oberwarth, pastor of St Francis of Assisi, Frankford. For more information or to book, contact 613-929-8390 or [womenslentenretreat@gmail.com](mailto:womenslentenretreat@gmail.com).

### **Advent Retreat in Courtice**

St. Therese in Courtice is having an Advent retreat with Father John Perdue at all weekend Masses and Mon, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Tue, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### **Retreats at Villa St. Joseph, Cobourg**

See the poster in the entrance of the church to learn details about some upcoming retreats.

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