

# OCTOBER 3RD, 2021 - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



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### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick, especially:  
Erica Perk, Hermie Jandristis

And those who have died, especially: Dolores Flood

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL  
WEDNESDAY : 5:00 PM THURSDAY: 9:00 AM  
FRIDAY: 5:30 PM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK  
SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

For the eternal rest of Dolores Flood  
SUNDAY : 9:00 AM (Rosary at 8:45AM)  
For the intention of Erica Perk

ST. BERNADETTE , NESTLETON  
SUNDAY: 11:00 AM — For the People of the Parish

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## FR. ANTONIO BAROL'S MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY – OCTOBER 3RD, 2021

Dear sisters/brothers, parishioners of St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette,

Let us invoke the Holy Spirit to guide us in our journey, "Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit Oh Lord that we shall be recreated and renew the face of the earth. Please heal the world from this pandemic through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

It is the month of the Holy Rosary and those who are not familiar with this devotion will ask, why do we pray the Rosary? First the Rosary is a devotion that allows us to contemplate on the life of Christ and Mary and join in more mystical union with God through prayer. Why the Rosary? because the Rosary is everything. It praises God through the Our Father, contemplates the life of Jesus and Mary, and seeks Mary's motherly intercession and guidance. Through the Rosary meditations, we grow closer to Jesus. In this month of the Holy Rosary, please pray devotedly asking our heavenly Mother for her intercession that she asks her Son Jesus to forgive us of our sins against his love and mercy. Set a special time to pray it takes less than 15 minutes to pray the Holy Rosary.

Last week the readings were reminding us that we share in the mission of salvation when we live in accordance with God's law of life and love; and that we gather together in the name of God who is the creator and Father of all of creation when Jesus said, "Whoever is not against us is for us." As long as we do even the little things for the glory of God, and not for our own selfish ambition, because at the end of our life's journey what counts are not our material riches, but our treasures in heaven the good deeds that we do for others. St. James had a real harsh warning against those who are rich at the expense of others. He said "Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts." The focus is not on the wealth, but how we have accumulated the wealth, and we are called to share what we have to those who are less blessed than we are.

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This weekend the readings are focused on relationships, starting from the basic unit of our society, the family the husband and wife relationship. In the Book of Genesis we see the two creation story of the man and woman. In Genesis Chapter 1;26-31, when God said, "Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves....God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them." The other is in chapter 2: 18ff, "Yahweh God said, 'It is not right that the man should be alone. I shall make him a helper.'" This was then when the man was put into a deep sleep that God fashioned the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man." Towards the end of chapter 2, "This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife, and they become one flesh."

In the gospel Jesus was once again being tested by some religious leaders who tried to catch him off-guard that they might accuse him and this time on the question of divorce which Moses allowed. Jesus tried to open their eyes to the original plan of God, which is a lifelong relationship and a commitment which was designed by God to be indissoluble. The answer of Jesus why Moses allowed the divorce was, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. Therefore what God has joined together let no one separate."

Today's gospel highlights the contrast between God's ways and human ways. We are living in a world where divorce has become a common occurrence and it affects not only the two individuals, husband and wife, but also those around them, the children, the parents, relatives and even friends. Where did we go wrong? And if we try to examine carefully, it is not easy to point our finger to find a clue, but we can only look to heaven and pray for all those affected by this tragic reality of separation. If we say the family is the basic unit of society, and if the family is broken, then we know what will follow. We hear people say that we live in a 'throwaway society', and we do not know how to fix what is broken; this is also true with broken relationships. It is time to go back and look at the model of relationship; God's relationship with each one of us. God remains faithful even when we are unfaithful. His relationship with us is like an ideal marriage. He seeks to draw us into a union with himself so close that we are no longer two but one in flesh. Today's gospel is not meant to be a reminder of the effects of divorce, which can wound us so deeply, rather it invites us to ponder the absolute faithfulness of God's love for each one of us, a love so powerful that it brims over and touches others. It is time to pray that we may be able to attain reconciliation to those broken relationships, that peace and harmony should reign in the world and that it will start from forgiveness and reconciliation in the family. Again let us use the power of prayer because it is by invoking the God of our fathers that we come to know the plan of salvation brought to us as mentioned in our second reading today from the letter to the Hebrews, "It was fitting that God for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many sons and daughters to glory should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings." In the rite of marriage husband and wife made a promise, "To be faithful, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love and honor all the days of their lives." Let us pray for all those families that are wounded, and let us be a messenger of hope for reconciliation and peace to all those affected by this separation.

Quote of the week; "Lord help me to live this day, quietly, easily. To lean upon your great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously." (St. Francis of Assisi)

Pope Francis Intentions for the Month of October: Missionary Disciples: We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Mass Intention: Saturday October 2, @ 4PM – For the eternal rest of Dolores Flood.

Sunday: October 3 @ 900AM, for the intention of Erica Perk, 11AM @ Nestleton – For the people of the Parish.

Please join us in the "Pro Life Rally" on Sunday October 3rd between 2-3 PM, at Landsdowne St. between Park and George Street in Peterborough. Park your car at the Sacred Heart Church at Romaine street. Try to pray the Rosary silently or with others.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and let us try to come early (15 minutes) before the Mass to be able to join in praying the Holy Rosary. Thank you and God bless.....Fr. tony

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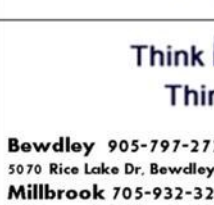
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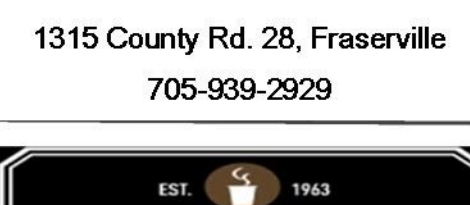
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