

# AUGUST 21ST, 2022— TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick, especially:

Erica Perk, Lois Kelly, Rita Lockhart, John Miron, Isabel  
O’Gorman, Fr. Luis Lapinid.

### THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE

#### ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY: 5:00 PM,

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 10:00 AM

#### ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY : 9:00 AM

For the healing of all the sick.

#### ST. BERNADETTE , NESTLETON

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

For the parishioners of St. Thomas More  
and St. Bernadette Mission.

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## FR. ANTONIO BAROL’S MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY— AUGUST 21ST, 2022

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

I would like to use the letter to the Hebrews to greet you this weekend, taken from our second reading; “Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a father does not discipline? Therefore lift your dropping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.”

The message of this letter to the Hebrew is reminding us to endure trials and difficulties in life because they are part of our human journey and that God wills it to strengthen us in order that we become strong and be able to withstand difficulties when we strive to enter the narrow door that leads to eternal life in heaven. Some people would take any difficulties as a punishment from God but for those who know God will take it as an act of God’s love to his children because it serves as a reminder that God wants his children to spend with Him in eternity.

The first reading from Prophet Isaiah reminds us that all peoples of the earth are God’s beloved children and his prophecy came into reality when Christ the Emmanuel came into the world to live among his people and Jesus the Messiah taught us to call God, Father when he taught his disciples how to pray. Prophet Isaiah said, “For I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them.” The first sign that God showed his people was a young virgin to conceive and give birth to a Son, and Jesus showed himself as the way, the truth and the life. Cont’d .../over

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Every year I used to travel and there are lots of life's lessons that I learned from traveling and one of them is that; it is best to travel light. I used to pack to the limit of having two checked in suitcases to the maximum weight capacity and there were times that I have to transfer some goods from one suitcase to the other or even leave some behind because it is over the weight limit.

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Once again Jesus is asking each one of us where our treasure is because where our treasures are there our hearts will be also. Let us pray that we do not become greedy with material possessions to the point of losing sight of eternal life because our journey to eternal life does not require material wealth but spiritual wealth that no thief can take it away, or moth can destroy them. As I mentioned before our being increases not by what we possess but by what we have given away. Therefore, let us travel light with material possessions and let us fill our life with spiritual wealth by sharing what we have because at the end of our journey, we will be judged not of our possessions but what we have done with what we have in order to help our needy sisters and brothers who are our neighbor. We have to leave our heavy baggage of wealth and possessions and travel light with spiritual ammunition, of faith, hope and love. Please, stay safe and healthy at all times. Fr. Tony.

Quote of the week: "Jesus is happy to come with us, as truth is happy to be spoken, as life to be lived, as light to be lit, as love to be loved, as joy to be given as peace to be spread." (St. Francis of Assisi)

Intentions: Saturday, August 20 @ 4:00 PM - For the People of the Parish, Sunday @ 9:00 AM - For healing to all the sick and **11:00 AM at the German Park in Nestleton\*\*** - For the parishioners of St. Thomas More & St. Bernadette Mission Church. (\*\*Directions are provided in my email)

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of August: For Small Businesses – "Let us pray for small and medium-sized businesses, hard hit by the economic and social crisis, so they may find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities."

Announcements:

- Please, mark in your calendar: St. Bernadette's summer picnic at the German Park will be on the 21st of August. Mass in the park at 11:00 AM to be followed by a BBQ and a pot-luck. Invitation is extended to St. Thomas More parishioners.
- St. Thomas More parish summer family get-together will be on Sunday, September 18th, a pot-luck in the parish hall at 2:00 PM. St. Bernadette Mission church members are welcome to make it a real Parish Get-Together. The more we get together, the happier we are as a parish family

Please, take note that the First Friday mass in the summer will be in the Church at 9:00 AM.

Prayer for the sick: Erica Perk, Lois Kelly, Rita Lockhart, John Miron, Isabel O'Gorman, Mark Leisbank., Fr. Luis Lapinid.

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