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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick, especially:

Lois Kelly, Rita Lockhart, John Miron, Isabel O’Gorman,
Don Cascone and George Korcsok

And for the dead, especially: †Erica Perk

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY: 5:30 PM,

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 9:00 AM*

(1st Friday of the month, mass will be at the Church)

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY : 9:00 AM

For the Eternal rest of Erica Perk

ST. BERNADETTE , NESTLETON

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

For the increase of Faith, Hope and Charity

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FR. ANTONIO BAROL’S MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY— OCTOBER 2ND, 2022

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

Let us use the entrance antiphon of the October 2nd mass, “I am the salvation of the people says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord.” I find this antiphon appropriate for our readings this weekend because it tells us of our need to cry in prayer to the Lord and increase our little faith in his love and mercy. As Prophet Habakkuk said, “O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?” It is a temptation for us that every time we cry to the Lord in prayer, we are expecting an quick answer as if we are dialling a phone. God has his own time, and our task is to wait with faith in our heart, as it is said in the first reading, “If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud person, the spirit is not right in them, but the righteous person lives by their faith.”

Who are we then, the proud person or the righteous one? This will bring us to our responsorial psalm that says, “O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts.” Let us situate ourselves during the pandemic and we are presuming that we are at least almost out of this period and if you noticed that I still continue the prayer that Pope Francis composed to end our prayers of the faithful. When it comes to prayer there is no ending but to continue this habit for it is a sign that we believe in the power of God especially in times we get lost in our journey to heaven. Many times, we are timid in displaying our faith we become very private about it that we do not want to talk about it.

St. Paul in the second reading advised his friend Timothy and this is also for us, “I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is written your through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us the spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner.” Whenever we pray in public places, we give testimony to what we believe and who knows people who see you doing what you are doing would be touched by your faith. We need witnesses in the world today, not only to speak the word of God but even in the little things we do about our faith.

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In the gospel the Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" as it is said there are different types of prayers, (petition, adoration, contrition, and thanksgiving.). Do you remember a day when you pray about increasing your faith, because most of our prayer of petitions would be about a job, health, financial gain, better marriage relationship or maybe for peace and end to a pandemic; but how about to increase our faith that we may be able to carry on life with great hope and confidence. We know we have faith already and that is why we pray, but we need to pray also for an increase of faith that we may also increase in hope and not get discourage easily when the answer to our prayers is delayed and we want an immediate answer according to our timetable. We know that God's time is different from ours and he knows when the best time for us is to receive the gifts that are in store for us. We know that in his time God makes all things beautiful and he did it during creation after the day's work of creation he will look at it and it says in the Book of Genesis, "And everything he has created was good." If we ask God for an increase of faith, we are asking him to extend our patience in what we are praying for.

Let us not forget that faith doesn't always take us out of the problem, but it takes us through the problem. Faith doesn't always take away the pain but gives us the ability to handle the pain. Faith doesn't take us out of the storm but keeps us calm in the midst of the storm. Let us also remember that in prayer we receive not the answer which we desire but the answer which God in his wisdom and his love knows to be the best for us and prayer is also not like a spare tire that we pull out when we are in trouble, but it is like the steering wheel that will direct us to the right path of life. Therefore, travel safely and with faith in your heart because you are never alone, God sends his angel to guard and watch over you.

Please, stay safe and healthy at all times. God bless.....Fr. Tony.

Quote of the week: "When people love and recite the rosary, they find it makes them better." (St. Anthony Mary Claret)

Pope's Intention for October: A Church Open to Everyone: We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Mass Intentions: Saturday, October 1 @ 4:00 PM - For the people of the Parish; Sunday October 2nd @ 9:00 AM - For the eternal rest of Erica Perk and 11:00 AM in Nestleton - for increased faith, hope and charity.

Diocesan Pastoral Planning Meeting - November 5th. We now have a representative for the family with children and for the Women's group and we look forward that somebody from the Finance Committee, the Men's group and the youth (18-25) will represent our parish. Remember that God has given us the talent and the time to help build our parish family.

Prayer for the sick: Lois Kelly, Don Cascone, Rita Lockhart, John Miron, Isabel O'Gorman, George Korcsok

Pastor's reminders: Life Chain Sunday is October 2nd, at 2:00 to 3:00 PM in Peterborough. Please, park at Sacred Heart Church and pick up a placard. I hope and pray that some from our parish will come out and support this yearly event to denounce the culture of death. Let us pray for a good weather and I hope to see you there.

As October is the month of the Holy Rosary, Canadian devotees of the Holy Rosary is having a yearly Coast to Coast prayer of the Holy Rosary. This year will be on the 9th of October and our Central time is at 3:00 PM, which will consist of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, praying the Holy Rosary and a talk on the Rosary (CD) and then Benediction. It is Thanksgiving weekend and there's no better way to Thank God than to gather together and pray as a parish family. Let us ask God to increase our Faith, to an end of this pandemic, for peace in the world and to bring back our brothers and sisters to the Church family. Please, come a little early every Sunday in October to be able to join in the Holy Rosary and thank you. I know it is hard to get into the habit of prayer but you can develop it by doing it. Just Do It.

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