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with St. Bernadette Mission**



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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

In Thanksgiving for all the graces received.

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FR. ANTONIO BAROL’S MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY— OCTOBER 9TH, 2022

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

Let us use the mass antiphon for the thanksgiving Monday, “Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.” It is Thanksgiving weekend and let our prayers and thoughts be focused on all the blessings that God has bestowed on us. Many would say count your blessings and have you really counted them how many and how much blessings you have? Start and end the day with a grateful heart because everything are blessings from our loving and merciful God.

Our readings today are indeed about gratitude. Naaman, a Syrian military official, after being cured from his skin disease, stood before Prophet Elisha and offered a present in thanksgiving. The prophet refused to accept it since he knew he was not the one curing him, but he was just an instrument of the God of Israel.

In the second reading, St. Paul wrote to his friend Timothy about what he was going through for the sake of the gospel, he said he suffered hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. Above all these he remained steadfast and faithful to the gospel. He said, the saying is sure, “If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him, if we deny him, he also denies us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.” St Paul, even with all that he had to suffer for the sake of the gospel rejoiced with a grateful heart, for he knew that in suffering he was participating in the suffering of the Lord. He even wrote to the Christians of Rome, (Rom. 8: 35ff.) “Who then can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death? ... No, in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us.”

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The gospel story tells us about the ten lepers who Jesus cured on their way to see a priest to approve of their healing, while on their way they got cured and out of ten only one turned back to thank Jesus for the gift of healing and he was a Samaritan. The Jews and the Samaritans do not usually mingle with each other, but because of their situation people tend to break down barriers of their social status and due to their common need and for the lepers they needed healing. They must have heard about Jesus' fame and of his healing power, so they cried out, "Jesus, master have mercy on us." While on their way to the priest who alone can declare them clean and able to associate with others, they noticed that they were healed and only one of them, a Samaritan turned back and praised God and prostrated himself before Jesus' feet and thanked him.

Speaking of isolation, social distancing, and fear from contagious diseases like the lepers of old, we had that experience not long ago and with prayers and continued care we are hoping that we are now in the period of returning to the Lord with grateful hearts that He had spared us from this difficult time. Let us pray and hope that it will not only be one of ten who will return to the Lord, but a good percentage will give praise and thank the Lord for his protection and guidance that we did come this far in our life. It is also time to give praise and thank all our health care and front-line workers who helped us in this difficult journey. Therefore, this Thanksgiving weekend as a parish family let us give praise and thank God by attending the Holy Sacrifice of the mass, which is considered the highest form of prayer.

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

Quote of the week: "Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes." (St. Dominic)

Intentions: Saturday, October 8 @ 4:00 PM- For the people of the Parish; Sunday, October 9 @ 9:00 AM- For the eternal rest of Erica Perk and 11:00 AM at St. Bernadette in Nestleton - In thanksgiving for all the graces received.

Prayers for the sick:

George Korcsok, Don Cascone, Lois Kelly, Rita Lockhart, John Miron, Isabel O'Gorman, George Korcsok.

Announcements:

Coast to Coast Rosary:

The planned schedule to join the Coast to Coast Rosary to be done in the church is cancelled but I still encourage each family to pray the Holy Rosary on the 9th of October to show our solidarity to the Universal Church for the intention of the complete healing from this pandemic and for peace in the world. Let us invoke our heavenly Mother Mary to intercede for us in this difficult time.

Upcoming Events:

- St. Thomas More Women's & Men's Council will be meeting on Saturday, October 15th in the Church Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend.
- Parish Fall Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th, commencing at 9:30 a.m.
- St. Thomas More Parish Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd in the Legion Hall

Contact Fr. Tony for details about arranging baptisms, marriages, birthday or anniversary announcements or blessings, or mass devotions.

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