

# NOVEMBER 27TH, 2022 — FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick, especially:

Lois Kelly, Rita Lockhart, John Miron, Isabel O’Gorman,  
Joslyn, and Mariana Moniz.

### THIS Week’s MASS SCHEDULE

#### ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY: 5:30 PM,

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 10:00 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 deceased member of the Roberts & Moore Families

#### ST. BERNADETTE , NESTLETON

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

For the sick members of St. Thomas More & St. Bernadette

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## FR. ANTONIO BAROL’S MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 27TH, 2022

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

I want to greet you using the letter of St. Paul to the Romans: “Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near.” Every day we take in this journey of life is a step nearing our final destination and Jesus had warned us to be ready at all times for we do not know the time and the hour, it will come like a thief in the night. It is said that there are three comings of Jesus, he came to us when he was born in Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago, in the present time Jesus comes to us in many different ways, in the sacraments we encounter Christ when we hear the Scripture proclaimed in our hearing, when we receive Him in the Eucharist, when we encounter our sisters and brothers who are in need and in our aha moment when we see the beauty of God’s creation we see his creating hands working at all time. And the third encounter is the moment that we come face to face with our God the creator, the Son who redeemed us and the Holy Spirit who is among us during our life’s journey, when he will call us to rest in him.

Advent is remembering Jesus’ first coming but when he ascended into heaven, he promised to be with us at all times therefore every day we encounter Jesus and let us make him our companion of the journey so that at the end of our journey he will call us to rest from all our labors and burden. This will be the time that we want to hear the words of our Savior and King, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” We hear these words when we like the repentant thief will say to Jesus, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Many times we find it hard to see the hand of God when we are surrounded with chaos and wars and disasters but Prophet Isaiah in the first reading is giving hope to the chosen people who were in exile and in the foreign land, yet he prophesied about the hope of the restoration of Judah and Jerusalem and peace will be in the land and the instruments of war will be turned into instruments to produce food.

It is said that the worst thing to be without is hope and hope ends when you stop believing.

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birthday or anniversary announcements or blessings, or mass devotions.

In this first Sunday of Advent we light the first candle and it is called the candle of hope. That amidst the chaos and the mess in the world there is hope of a brighter tomorrow, when we know how to navigate our life in the midst of this messy situation because indeed life is messy, a book written by Matthew Kelly, "Life is Messy," pointed out the reality of the world that we are living in and we cannot solve the messiness but to live with it, knowing how we can handle the messy life we have. It is just like navigating with a sailboat and when the wind is blowing hard against your direction, you cannot change the direction of the wind, but you can adjust the direction of your sail. Life is a continuous learning, and we should not stop learning and we should stop pretending that we know all because there is no more room for learning.

In this first Sunday of Advent let us listen to Jesus' warning and therefore let us keep awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. Let us also listen to St. Paul's message of laying aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light and live honourably. Again, let us use the three C plan, the choice the chance and the change and let us add one more C, our commitment to God who makes all things possible. It is my hope and prayer that part of our busy Christmas schedule is a time to attend mass because Christ is the reason of the season. Make him the center of all your plans.

Take good care and please, stay safe and healthy at all times. God bless.....Fr. Tony.

Quote of the week: "Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and everyday" (St. Francis de Sales)

Mass intentions: Saturday, November 26th @ 4:00 PM - For the people of the parish;

Sunday November 27 @ 9:00 AM - For the deceased members of the Roberts and the Moore families; and at St. Bernadette's in Nestleton @ 11:00 AM - For the sick members of St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette.

Prayer for the sick: Lois Kelly, Mariano Moniz, Rita Lockhart, John Miron, Isabel O'Gorman, Joslyn,

Pope's prayer intention: For volunteer not-for-profit organizations committed to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

If you have children or grandchildren who are in grade 2 or up and would like to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, please see Fr. Tony or email/call the parish office. Any children who are 12 years and older and if you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please, contact or see Fr. Tony. Email: [danton492000@gmail.com](mailto:danton492000@gmail.com) or call 705-854-1533 to reach me on my cell phone.

Those children who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion this year are invited to join the Parish Family Christmas Pot Luck Supper on the 11th of December and for a short follow up and we need participants for our little Christmas play. You may register your name on the sheet provided at the entrance of the church. I am also recruiting children to be Altar Servers. Please come and join in our Parish Family Christmas Pot Luck.

#### **Announcements:**

- 2023 St. Joseph's Missals are now available at the back of the church. What would you do with the old ones? You can recycle them by keeping them for the Liturgical reading is a three-year cycle. The dates might be different, but the Sunday cycle is the same or if you are trying to dispose them please, don't put them in the recycle box but you can bring it back to Church for other countries might be able to use them. Thank you.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- St. Thomas More Parish Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd at the Legion Hall in Millbrook. starting at 9 a.m. (Sign-up sheets are at the west entrance to church for volunteers and contributions.)
- Sunday, December 4 will be Coffee Sunday following 9 AM mass, with some left over items from the bazaar for sale.
- Sunday, December 11th, Parish Family Christmas Potluck - 4:30 pm start. Please join us and bring your favourite dish, your plates and utensils. Tea, coffee and juice will be provided.

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