

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



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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick, especially:

Phyllis Wysotski, Anna Marie Battaglia  
Rita Lockhart, John Miron, Isabel O'Gorman, Joslyn,  
Mariana Moniz, Fr. Ron Meyer, and Sharon Martella.

Those who have died, especially:

Joseph Bugts.

**HOLY WEEK—MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY—7 PM** Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Peterborough

**TUESDAY—5 PM** Mass in the Rectory Chapel

**WEDNESDAY—5 PM** Penitential Service followed by Confession

**THURSDAY—5 PM** Mass of the Last Supper, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY: 11AM** in Nestleton & **3PM** in Millbrook

**SATURDAY: Easter Vigil** at St. Thomas More

**EASTER SUNDAY: 9 AM** St. Thomas More

**11: AM** St. Bernadette

**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK**

**Saturday: 4 PM** — For the eternal rest of Maria Martignetti

**Sunday: 9 AM** — For the intentions of Phyllis Wysotski

**ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON**

**SUNDAY: 11 AM** - For the People of the Paris

**FR. ANTONIO BAROL'S MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY— APRIL 2ND, 2023**

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

As we come to the end of our Lenten journey let us call on God for his mercy and compassion by using Psalm 24; "Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from our distress." Our Lenten journey will end on the Easter Triduum which starts on Holy Thursday, the day when we remember Jesus instituting the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper until Easter Sunday when Christ rose from the dead. As we enter the holiest week this year let us try to equip ourselves with the different Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting/abstinence and works of charity. Let us look back to our journey and examine what are the things that we had planned at the start of Lent. Give praise to God if had you devotedly followed them, but if not, we still have one more week to go another mile spiritually. On Wednesday, we will have a penitential service at 5:00 PM to be followed by mass and then individual confession.

During Passion Sunday we read two gospel stories, at the beginning of the mass for the triumphant entry of Jesus to Jerusalem and the Passion of the Lord during the mass. Since we are in cycle A of the liturgical year, we will be reading the gospel according to St. Matthew. Let us take note, in the triumphant entry, the people already acclaimed him as the Son of David who comes in the name of the Lord. This is the Prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee. Jesus could have had used this opportunity that the people will rally behind him to avoid crucifixion, but it was not the plan of his heavenly Father. As St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Philippians, "He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." This Passion Sunday we are given the grace to reflect on the greatest love of God to save humanity. First by sending his only Son, Jesus, and then Jesus offering himself as a ransom for many by his suffering, death, and resurrection. This way God had completed his promise to the chosen people to save the world. It is now for us to complete the work of redemption that learning from this Lenten journey, we may accomplish the task of salvation from being enslaved with worldly things we may see the beyond of our existence. As one of the prefaces in Lent says, "For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from the disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure." Please, remember the different liturgical activities this Holy Week and try to make it holy by doing holy activities.

Fr. Tony

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

Quote of the week: "The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them." (St. John of the Cross)

Mass Intentions: Saturday - April 1st @ 4:00 PM – For the eternal rest of Maria Martignetti; Sunday - April 2nd @ 9:00 AM – For the Intentions of Phyllis Wysotski; and in Nestleton @ 11 AM – For the People of the Parish.

## **HOLY WEEK - MASS SCHEDULE**

### **St. Thomas More Church and St. Bernadette Mission**

**April 1 - Palm Sunday** Blessing and distribution of Palms: 9:00 AM - St. Thomas More  
11:00 AM - St. Bernadette

**April 3 - Monday** 7:00 PM - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, Peterborough  
(Mass with Bishop Daniel with blessings of Oils, open to all devotees)

**April 4 - Tuesday** 5:00 PM - Mass in the Rectory Chapel.

**April 5 - Wednesday** 5:00 PM - Penitential Service with Confession afterwards - St. Thomas More.

**April 6 - Holy Thursday** 5:00 PM - Mass of the Last Supper at St. Thomas More followed by Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

**April 7 - Good Friday** 11:00 AM – Veneration of the Cross - St. Bernadette  
3:00 PM – Veneration of the Cross - St. Thomas More  
(Please, sign up for a particular time).

**April 8 - Holy Saturday** 8:00 PM - Easter Vigil - St. Thomas More

**April 9 - Easter Sunday** 9:00 AM - St. Thomas More  
11:00 AM – St. Bernadette

Thank you to the host families for our visiting priests during my vacation, you may attend the Saturday 4:00 PM mass. Please, pray for my safe trip to the Philippines and see you in May. You will all be in my prayers and masses. Stay safe and healthy always.

Help Needed: To prepare the church for Easter Vigil, we need some volunteers for Saturday, April 8, at 10:00 AM Thank you.

We are Christians and Alleluia is our song and Joy is in our hearts.

Take good care and stay safe always this holy season of Lent. God bless.... Fr. Tony

### Parish Pictorial Directory - UPDATE

Please take some time to add your name to the Directory Survey which will be at the back of the church for a couple more weekends. Thank you to everyone who has already responded. Support for the Directory is moving along nicely. Among other things, it will serve as a snapshot in time of our parish family and it is important that everyone be included. Survey results and additional information will be forthcoming. Please contact Peter if you have any questions, concerns or need more information: [ppmaloney55@gmail.com](mailto:ppmaloney55@gmail.com) or 905-809-4419