

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



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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick, especially:
Phyllis Wysotski, George Korscak,
Rita Lockhart, John Miron, Isabel O'Gorman, Joslyn,
Mariana Moniz, Fr. Ron Meyer, and Sharon Martella.
Those who have died, especially:
Joseph Bugts.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY 5:00 PM

THURSDAY 10:00 AM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK

FRIDAY: 5:00 PM

(INCLUDES STATIONS OF THE CROSS)

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

For the Eternal rest of Tony Roithmeyr

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM

For the intentions of Phyllis Wysotski

ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

For the People of the Parish

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FR. ANTONIO BAROL'S MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY— MARCH 19TH, 2023

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

As we continue our Lenten journey of prayers and sacrifice, let us use the words of Psalm 53, to remind us of our faith and trust in the Lord of mercy and compassion, "O God, save me by your name, by your power, defend my cause. O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth." Last weekend we reviewed our own life's journey and found out that it is like the journey of the chosen people of Israel, that we have a God who have been so good and merciful to us and has provided us of all our needs. We just have to trust that he will not leave us helpless, but we just have to call on him and trust his love and compassion. Let us try to avoid the chosen people's attitude of grumbling against God if something unpleasant comes our way, because we know that life has its ups and downs, joys and sorrows, lights and darkness, sufferings and wellness, and if we know how to endure, victory is ours to behold. Our Easter Sunday will always be preceded with a Good Friday.

In this weekend's reading, let us try to focus on the word, "Believe". This is what the man born blind said when Jesus asked him, he said, "Lord, I believe." From the start of their encounter, he had already shown his trust in Jesus, that he allowed Jesus to put mud with his saliva and spread the mud on his eyes, and followed what Jesus commanded him to do, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam." We learn that he trusted Jesus' words and then he was able to see. Now we can go back to the second Sunday of Lent when God the Father, said, "This is my Son the beloved, in whom I am well pleased, listen to him" The blind man listened to Jesus and great things happened when we know how to listen.

This fourth weekend we are challenged to listen, to trust and to believe in the words of Jesus. Let us imitate Jesus, who spent time to pray, he listened and did the will of God and so he was willing to go to Jerusalem to fulfill his passion of suffering, dying, and rising again to save the world. In this midway in Lent we are asked to reflect on how faithful we have been to our Lenten plan, to pray, fast and do works of mercy in imitation of our Lord Jesus.

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

The Stations of the Cross devotion is offering us words of reflections on Jesus' final journey of life to show his sacrifice to die on the cross for us his followers. The prayers and reflections in each station are lessons for us to learn during our life's journey here on earth, and worth repeating every year since our path to eternal life can easily be clouded with things of this world. Like the man born blind, we sometimes would just be comfortable sitting along the road and not making effort to join those in journey to holiness towards Christ the light of the world.

This Sunday let us try to imitate the blind man's spirit of listening to Jesus, trusting in his words, and believing in his love and mercy that any darkness we experience in life, with Christ's light we can find our way to the kingdom of love, justice and peace. In solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the global south, let us journey with them in their struggle to fight against those who are trying to drive them out of their ancestral land because multinational companies want to turn their land into mining, and agri-business and national parks in the name of progress and development, but in reality it is for the benefit of the few wealthy people sacrificing the environment and Mother Earth our common home.

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

Quote of the week: "Nothing, how little so ever it be; if it is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God." (Thomas a' Kempis)

Mass Intentions: Saturday - March 18 @ 4:00 PM – For the eternal rest of Tony Roithmeyr; Sunday - March 19 @ 9:00 AM – For the Intentions of Phyllis Wysotski; and in Nestleton 11 AM – For the People of the Parish.

During Lent the Friday mass will be in the Church at 5:00 PM, followed by the Stations of the Cross. I will be available for confession before mass and after the Stations of the Cross. All Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

Parish Pictorial Directory - Please, let us support our plan to have a Parish Photo Album, in commemoration of our 45th year as a parish. The Bishop has already responded yes to be with us on the 25th of June this year, let us pray for the success of this coming event. Please, take a moment and fill out the survey at the back of the church. You are not required to purchase a photo, but sometimes a photo by a professional photographer is beneficial. Please contact Peter if you have questions or need additional information, email ppmaloney55@gmail.com or Telephone 905-809-4419.

After Easter Sunday, once again I will take my 6 weekends break. As I have done before I will be asking some of my fellow priests to cover my absence. Hopefully the priests will not be left hungry and like before I will be asking some families to welcome them for dinner after the Saturday 4PM mass. One priest who has no license yet to drive might need a ride to go to Nestleton, so please, I need a volunteer. I will ask the Nestleton parishioner to bring him back to Bowmanville.



Welcome to Lent and Development and Peace, the Church arm that reaches to the needy in the world has launched a Lenten campaign and they have developed a five year theme, "Create Hope." In order to have hope we are asked to 'Stand for the Land' because many of our indigenous brothers and sisters are losing their land to the developers that are converting their ancestral lands to agri-business, mining, and park developments in the name of progress that only the few are benefited. The countries of focus are Columbia and Honduras. Let us stand with them to protect Mother Earth, our common home.

Next Week is Development and Peace Special Collection. Please share generously.