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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.

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 Roithmeyer

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM

For the intentions of Phyllis Wysotski

ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

For eternal rest of Anna Maria Pompilio

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FR. ANTONIO BAROL'S MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY— MARCH 26TH, 2023

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

To summarize the Sundays of Lent let us use Psalm 26 that we may reflect our mortal nature, "Wait for the Lord; be strong; be stout-hearted and wait for the Lord." Our journey in Lent is indeed a journey to where we all will be going, a journey to be with the Risen Lord at Easter and to be with him forever in heaven. It is my hope and prayer that our journey was filled with special spiritual blessings that would sustain us throughout our life's journey to be able to face all kinds of trials and temptations in this valley of tears, and at the end we will come out victorious like Jesus' journey to Calvary that also brought him to his resurrection where he conquered sin and death.

Last weekend people had said about Jesus that no one had opened the eyes of a man born blind. The religious leaders accused him of breaking the law, and we have heard that Jesus had said that he did not come to break the law but to fulfill it. The law of life and love are then greater than the law of just keeping the Sabbath. Following the commandment is not only keeping them but doing them; Jesus did things according to the law of life and love. We too are challenged to do the commandments, not just keep them. For example keeping the day of the Lord holy by not engaging in physical jobs, and instead worshipping the Lord as a community by celebrating the day of the Lord together as people of God.

This weekend, Jesus went another mile showing people he can do what God can do, by giving life. In the gospel of St. John chapter 5, Jesus had said, "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes." Martha, Mary, and Lazarus were friends of Jesus from Bethany and Jesus knew that Lazarus was sick but did not bother to visit him. When he learned that Lazarus died he told his disciples that he was going to raise him. After 4 days in the tomb as they said, there might have a stench already, but Jesus assured them; "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"

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

It is a long gospel story, but it tells us an important lesson in life that Jesus is truly the Son of God, and if we believe and trust in him, he will do great and wonderful things in our life. This is the Sunday before Palm Sunday, when we recall the triumphant entry of Jesus to Jerusalem. Jesus' entry to Jerusalem was triumphant in a sense that people acclaimed him as the king of Israel, like their former great king David. We know the story already because we are doing this year after year, that the very people who shouted hosanna to the king were the very people who shouted, 'Crucify Him'.

We have one more Friday to participate in the Stations of the Cross, or you may also do it yourself as a family together during one of the days in Holy Week. I will try to open the church for private or family devotions.

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

Quote of the week: "Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this is to see what you believe."
(St. Augustine)

Mass Intentions: Saturday - March 25th @ 4:00 PM – For the eternal rest of Tony Roithmeyr; Sunday - March 26 @ 9:00 AM – For the Intentions of Phyllis Wysotski; and in Nestleton @ 11 AM – For the eternal rest of Anna Maria Pompilio.

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.

Holy Week Schedule:

April 1,2 – Palm Sunday, Blessing and distribution of Palms; April 3, Monday – 7:00 PM - Chrism Mass; Cathedral of St. Peter in Chain, Peterborough (Mass with Bishop Daniel with blessings of Oils) April 4: Tuesday – 5:00 PM Mass – Rectory Chapel; April 5: Wednesday – 5:00 PM -Penitential Service with Confession after in the Church. April 6: Holy Thursday – 5:00 PM - Mass of the Last Supper in the church followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. April 7: Good Friday: 11:00 AM – Veneration of the Cross @ Nestleton: 3:00 PM – Veneration of the Cross in Millbrook. April 8: Saturday Easter Vigil at 8PM; April 9 – Sunday 9:00 AM-Millbrook; 11:00 AM – Nestleton.

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 or 905-809-4419



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.

This Week End is Development and Peace Special Collection. Please share generously.