

DECEMBER 10TH, 2023 — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Thomas More Parish with St. Bernadette Mission



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Please Pray For those who are sick, especially:
George Korcsok, Joselyn Evelyn, Mary Wilson,
Paul Gould, Sandra Pilipinko, Victoria Meneses.
Also pray for Luke & John Paul (twin g'babies of Fran our
previous parish financial secretary).
Please Pray for all the deceased members of the Parish

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL

****TUESDAY 5:00 PM ****

****Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

WEDNESDAY 5:00 PM

THURSDAY and FRIDAY 10:00 AM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

DEC. 9 – For the intentions of Peter Nguyen Hong Pauc

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM

DEC. 10 - For the People of the Parish

ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

DEC. 10 - For Peace in the World

***** IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER *****

Saturday, December 9th - St. Thomas More CWMC meeting 9:30 am in Church Hall - All welcome.

Sunday, December 10th - St. Thomas More/St. Bernadette Parish Family Christmas Potluck. (*After Potluck: rehearsal for our short 'Christmas Story' for children attending mass at 4 pm Christmas Eve.)

Friday, December 15th - 24th, 6: 30 pm - 'Simbang Gabi' (**details next page) @ Immaculate Conception, P'boro.

CHRISTMAS WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM St. Thomas More - Millbrook with children Christmas Play at start

7:00 PM St. Bernadette, Nestleton

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:00 AM St. Thomas More, Millbrook

Sunday December 31 - New Year's Eve

3:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour (Divine Mercy chaplet), followed by
the Holy Rosary and Benediction.

4:00 PM Mass - for the intention of Pope Francis for Peace and Reconciliation in the world

Monday, January 1- Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (A Day of Obligation)

9:00 AM – St. Thomas More, Millbrook

11:00 AM – St. Bernadette, Nestleton

Pictorial Directory Update: Our Pictorial Directories have "ARRIVED". We have now taken delivery of the Parish Pictorial Directories for the folks who participated. Books will be available this coming weekend at the Saturday morning CWMC meeting, after all three masses and at the Christmas Potluck Dinner and Celebration. For anyone not available this weekend the Committee will also reach out to arrange to get your directories to you. Thank you to your CWMC and everyone who supported this project.

PLEASE VISIT THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND LINKS TO ON-LINE MASSES

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/index.aspx>

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

FR. TONY'S MESSAGE FOR THIS WEEK

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

The Second Sunday Of Advent Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 40. 1-5, 9-11. "Make ready the way of the Messiah.

Make known the good news, for God is near."

Psalms Response: "Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your Salvation."

Second Reading: 2Peter3. 8-14, "There is no counting of time with God,

who does not want anyone to perish. We await a new

heaven and earth, relying on the justice of God."

Gospel: Mark 1. 1-8. " John the Baptist announced the coming of Jesus John called for repentance and promised that the Messiah would baptize in the Holy Spirit."

Tuesday December 12, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, there is a mass at 5:00 PM in the Rectory chapel. It is also a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, there is a Rosary at 4:40 before the Mass.

With permission from Bishop Daniel Miehm, the Filipino community of Peterborough invites families and friends to their Traditional ****Simbang Gabi**** 9 evening masses before Christmas starting on Friday, December 15 at 6:30 in the evening at the Immaculate Conception Church. I will be the celebrant for the first evening so I invite you to come and join us.

I will invite children for a general rehearsal on Saturday December 23 at 11:00 AM for our short Christmas play. A little treat is also prepared for those who would come and practice. If your child or children cannot come please for the rehearsal, when you come for the 4PM mass on the 24th, dressed them as a shepherd. They will be part of the group of shepherds who will visit the manger.

Thank you and God bless, Fr. Tony

Quote of the week: "The Blessed Virgin Mary has the power of delivering souls from purgatory by her prayers, and by applying her merits on them. This is especially true for souls that were devoted to her on earth."

(St. Bernadine of Sienna)

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: For persons with disabilities; We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their participations.



ST. THOMAS MORE/ST. BERNADETTE
PARISH FAMILY ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
Sunday, December 10 4:30 PM

- FUN For everyone
- BRING your Favourite SWEET or SAVOURY DISH
- PLS bring your OWN PLATES & UTENSILS
- SURPRISE Guest....



VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

There are many ways that you could volunteer in our Parish. Our church relies on volunteers to assist in regular maintenance and scheduling. Following are some areas you could help: Oversee/assist with maintenance of the outdoors such as keeping the lawns and gardens groomed, some snow removal from Church steps and walkway. Oversee flowers for the Altar. Assistance in cleaning inside the Church and Hall. For more information please email: stmcwcouncil@gmail.com.

Please, continue to visit our diocesan website for more information concerning our Five Year Diocesan Pastoral Plan and other websites are also found for our continued spiritual nourishment.

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/pastoral-plan.aspx>.

St. Thomas More Parish offers eGive.

Enroll: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/donate.aspx>