

DECEMBER 3RD, 2023 — FIRST 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 3, 2023

ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL
WEDNESDAY 5:00 PM
THURSDAY and FRIDAY 10:00 AM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK
SATURDAY: 4:00 PM
DEC. 2 – For the eternal rest of †Pedro Barol
SUNDAY: 9:00 AM
DEC. 3 - For the People of the Parish

ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON
SUNDAY: 11:00 AM
DEC. 3 - For all the Sick and the Homebound of
our parish family

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

Sunday, December 3rd - St. Bernadette Mission, Nestleton - Christmas Potluck after 11 AM Mass.
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.)

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: On October 17th the final proof for our directory was approved and we understand this proof is now in the hands of the printer and has been for a few weeks. While we have no control over the printer's timeline, estimated to be 8 weeks, we are hopeful that we will receive the books soon.

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,

We open another Liturgical Year of the Church which we call Advent and we are in Year B, and most of the Sunday gospel reading will be taken from St. Mark.

First Sunday of Advent - Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 63. 16b-17; 64. 1, 3-8 " Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand."

Psalms Response: "Restore us, O God, let your face shine that we may be saved."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9; "God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Gospel: Mark 13. 33-37: "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come."

During this First Sunday of Advent, we light the first candle that represents the candle of "Hope." Within the 4 Sundays of Advent, I would encourage every family to have an Advent Wreath in their home and light a single candle every Sunday maybe before dinner and I will print a prayer for every week.

Prayer for the first candle, "Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Bless our worship. Help us live holy and righteous lives. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen."

Thank you and God bless, Fr. Tony

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....

St. Thomas More CWMC would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all parishioners who supported our 2023 Christmas Bazaar. We could not have done it without you! All the volunteers and all the contributions helped to make this one of the best Bazaars ever! Congratulations to all the prize winners!!!

Quote of the week: "Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Are you not under my shadow and protection?" (Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin.

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.

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>