

MARCH 17TH, 2024 — 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

St. Thomas More Parish with St. Bernadette Mission



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Please Pray For those who are sick, especially: Anna Marie Battaglia, Graham Moore, George Korcsok, Joselyn Evelyn, Paul Gould, Sandra Pilipinko, Victoria Meneses, Mary Wilson, Luke & John Paul (twin g'babies of Fran our previous financial secretary).

Please Pray for all the deceased members of the Parish

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF MARCH 17TH, 2024

ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY 5:00 PM

THURSDAY 10:00 AM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK

TUESDAY: 5:00 PM

(Special Mass: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Principal Patron of Canada and the Universal Patron of the Church)

FRIDAY 5:00 PM (during Lent in the Church)

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

MARCH 16 — For the Eternal rest of †Stephen Deschenes

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM

MARCH 17 - For the People of the Parish

** 3:00 PM Feast of Divine Mercy **

ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

MARCH 17 - For the Eternal rest of †Richard Jones

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

March 17 - 'Soup' Sunday following 9 am Mass. Everyone welcome.

March 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph, Mass in the Church at 5 pm

April 13 - CWMC Meeting 9:30 am in the Church Hall.

April 19 - Spaghetti Dinner (Fundraiser) 5 to 7:30 pm in the Church Hall

June 2nd - First Communion (3 Candidates)

Our Holy Week Schedule - 2024

March 23rd & 24th - Palm Sunday - Mass with Blessing and distribution of Palms.

March 25th Monday – 2 pm - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-chains

March 26th Tuesday – 5 pm - Mass in the Rectory Chapel

March 27th Wednesday – 5pm - Penitential Rite followed by individual confession in the Church

March 28th Holy Thursday 5 pm - Mass of the Last Supper with the washing of the feet, ending with a procession to the place of Repository and family or individual vigil of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm. Feel free to come any time before 10 pm. Please try to bring your family or a friend.

March 29th Good Friday – 11 am - Veneration of the Cross with Holy Communion in Nestleton.

3 pm - Veneration of the Cross with Holy Communion in Millbrook

March 30th Sat Easter Vigil - 5 pm -The Celebration begins outside with the blessing of the new fire.

March 31st Easter Sunday - 9 am - St. Thomas More, Millbrook and 11 a.m. St. Bernadette, Nestleton



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.

FR. TONY'S MESSAGE FOR THIS WEEK

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

Our Readings for the 5TH Sunday in Lent – B .

First Readings: Jeremiah 31.31-34; "The Lord promises a new covenant in which God's law will be written in people's heart."

Psalms Response: "Create in me, create in me a clean heart, O God."

Second Reading: "Hebrew 5. 7-9; "We recall how Jesus prayed to his Father. Through obedience to suffering, Jesus became perfect and is the source of salvation for all who obey him."

Gospel: John 12. 20-33; "Jesus predicts his glorification. It comes by dying like the grain of wheat. Those who love their life lose it. The Father from heaven answers Jesus."

Every Friday in Lent the mass will be at 5:00 PM in the church followed by the Stations of the Cross. Please, let us join in this beautiful devotion of journeying with Jesus in his suffering and dying to save the world. Plenary indulgence is attached to this Lenten devotion. Indulgence originally meant kindness or favor, in post-classic Latin it came to mean the remission of a tax or debt and in a special sense it is a remission of the temporal punishment due to sin, the guilt of which has been forgiven.

A special mass will be celebrated this Tuesday March 19, for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph; Principal Patron of Canada and the Universal Patron of the Church. Mass will be in the chapel at 5:00 PM.

The Chrism Mass on March 25th is moved to 2:00 PM instead of 7:00 PM to give chance to people from outside the city to come celebrate and witness the blessings of the Holy Oils, and the Priest's renewal of their ordination promises. Please, let us support our priests by our attendance.

The Cathedral is also offering a whole day confessions on Saturday the 16th of March from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Every Friday before the 5:00 PM mass confession is available from 4:00 PM.

April 17 – Feast of the Divine Mercy, besides the Sunday masses, there is a 3:00 PM – celebration of the Divine Mercy. Starts with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a short reflection by Fr. Ace, the Rosary and the Benediction. After the celebration there will be a little refreshment in the hall and we welcome guests from other parishes who want to join our Divine Mercy celebration. Please, come and experience this powerful devotion started by Saint Faustina Kowalska

God Bless, Fr. Tony



Pastoral Plan
*Transforming our Lives;
Building our Church*
2023-2028

Please, visit the diocesan web site: www.peterboroughdiocese.org, and learn more about this 5 year pastoral plan. From the diocesan website we are also able to browse different areas and ways how to improve our spiritual journey, through different means of learning through social media. Our parish needs you to be part of the different Church services, therefore please, make yourself available that together we can make our parish grow in Faith, Hope and Love. We need more volunteers to reach out to our home bounds and to welcome our newcomers in town, as prayer leaders and crusaders.

Quote of the Week: "The power of God is capable of finding hope where hope no longer exists, and a way where the way is impossible." (St. Gregory of Nyssa)

Pope's Prayer intention for the month of March: "For the new martyrs; We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm."

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<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.