

St. Thomas More Parish with St. Bernadette Mission
Fifth Sunday in Lent: March 22nd, 2026



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**MASS SCHEDULE - March 20 - 22**

**St. Thomas More Church**

Friday 5:00PM – Stations of The Cross  
5:30PM – Mass  
Saturday 3:00 PM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
– Confession  
4:00 PM – Mass - For the People of the Parish  
Sunday 8:40 AM – Holy Rosary/Confession  
9:00 AM – Mass - Intentions of Christina Fras

**St. Bernadette Mission**

Sunday 11:00 AM– Mass

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Rectory Chapel**

Tuesday March 24 10 AM

Wednesday March 25 5 PM

**\*\*Thursday March 26 11 AM**

**\*\*Centennial Place**

**\*\*2nd & 4th Thursdays, Mass will be celebrated  
at 11 AM at Centennial Place for family and  
friends of residents.**

FROM YOUR PASTOR: Fr. Richard Opoku, CSSp

The 5th Sunday of Lent Year A invites us to reflect on life, resurrection, and faith in God's power. The readings remind us of God's promise to bring new life and His power over death. God promises to raise His people from their graves and give them new life. Jesus fulfills this by raising Lazarus, showing His power over death and pointing to His own resurrection. The Gospel reading challenges us to believe in Jesus as the source of life and hope. It invites us to trust in God's promise of resurrection and live in faith.

Scriptural Readings:

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: 130

Second reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel reading: John 11:3-7, 17,20-27, 33b-45

ST. THOMAS MORE/ST. BERNADETTE PARISH SURVEY—Please take the time to follow the link below in response to the recent email on the Parish Survey [St Thomas More / St Bernadette Survey Link](#)

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for March 2026

*For disarmament and Peace.* "Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence"

Visit [stthomasmillbrook.ca](http://stthomasmillbrook.ca) for details about arranging baptisms, marriages, birthday or anniversary announcements or blessings or contact Fr. Richard Opoku

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Sunday, March 29, Passion Sunday:** We begin the Holy Week with the solemn entrance of Jesus to the Holy City of Jerusalem to fulfill his passion as the Suffering Servant of God, and to offer his life as a ransom for many. We read the gospel about Jesus's entry into Jerusalem; Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus, who emptied himself; and the whole Passion narrative, taken this year from the Gospel of St. Matthew (Cycle A).

**Monday, March 30 - 2:00 pm:** We are invited by the Bishop to celebrate the Mass of the Holy Chrism, at the Cathedral, as the seat of the diocese. The three different oils that we use in the sacraments of the church will be blessed. Priests renew their priestly promises made during their Ordination. Please plan to attend, and consider carpooling, as there might be some problems with available parking space.

**Tuesday, March 31 - 5:00 PM** Mass at St Thomas More Rectory Chapel.

**Wednesday, April 1 - 5:00 PM** Mass and Penitential Service, at St. Thomas More Church. Let us join and celebrate this special service, as part of our Easter preparations.

**Holy Thursday, April 2 - 5:00 PM** The Lord's Supper, St. Thomas More Church. We commemorate the Institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. The ceremony of the 'Washing of the Feet' of the Feet Apostles will take place after the homily.

After Communion, the Blessed Sacrament will be processed to a designated "Altar of Repose", within the church, for Adoration until 10:00 pm. This is an opportunity to spend time in quiet prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, any time throughout these hours.

*Please choose a time on the sign-up sheet, as it is important that our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, has someone with him. Remember the words of Jesus to his disciples, "Can you not stay awake with me in prayer?"*

**Good Friday, April 3 -** Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion Service, at 11:00 AM in Nestleton and 3:00 PM in Millbrook. Again, the Passion of the Lord is read today. A special collection for the Holy Land, to help maintain the Holy Places there, will be taken.

**Saturday, April 4 - 8:00 PM -** Easter Vigil, St. Thomas More Church. The blessing of fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle will take place at the entrance of the church. The Easter candle will be brought in procession to the Sanctuary. During Mass, the blessing of the Holy Water and the renewal of our Baptismal Promises will take place. Please bring your family to experience the beauty of this Easter Mass.

**Easter Sunday, April 5** "Alleluia, He is Risen"

**9:00 AM** Mass at St. Thomas More Church in Millbrook

**11:00 AM** Mass at St. Bernadette Catholic Mission Church in Nestleton