

St. Thomas More Parish with St. Bernadette Mission
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 10TH, 2026



First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Second Reading: 1 Pet 3:15-18
Gospel Reading : John 14:15-21

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MAY 12—MAY 17**

**ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL**  
**TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY – 10 AM**  
**WEDNESDAY – 5 PM**

**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**  
**SATURDAY: 4 PM - For the soul of Antonio Komel**  
**SUNDAY: 9 AM - For Mothers, grandmothers and all  
those who care for children and youth**

**ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON**  
**SUNDAY: 11 AM - For the People of the Parish**

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The Church on this sixth Sunday of Easter is celebrating Mothering Sunday. I congratulate all mothers and all women playing the role of mothering. The following is an overview of the today's readings. The Acts of the Apostles presents Philip proclaiming Christ in Samaria, where many accept the word and receive the Holy Spirit through the apostolic laying on of hands, thus demonstrating the unity of the Church. First Peter exhorts believers to defend their hope with gentleness and reverence, grounding their witness in the suffering of Christ, the righteous for the unrighteous. The Gospel according to John records the promise of Jesus of another Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will remain with the disciples and ensure that they are not left as orphans. Together, these readings emphasise that the Spirit is given within the community of faith, strengthens believers in suffering, and guarantees the abiding presence of Christ to those who keep his commandments.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for the month of May 2026

Let us pray that everyone from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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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## UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DIOCESE EVENTS

### ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S & MEN'S COUNCIL (CWMC)

Please mark the dates and plan to join us: :

- Saturday, May 9 CWMC meeting at 10 am. **\*\*\* POSTONED Rescheduled to Saturday May 16 \*\*\***
- Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day Breakfast for all parishioners following 9 am Mass (hosted by the men of the parish)
- Saturday, May 23 Spring Clean Up at Church and Rectory. Many hands are needed. *Rain date: Saturday, May 30th.*
- Sunday, June 28 Annual Parish Picnic at the Danauschwaben Park, Nestleton. Begins with 10 am Mass. Followed by pot-luck lunch and barbecue. More details to follow.

### INFORMATION FROM CCCB Appointment

In a communication received at the CCCB General Secretariat, the Apostolic Nunciature to Canada announced that His Holiness Pope Leo X - has accepted the resignation of the Most Rev. Serge Poitras, as Bishop of Timmins; and  
- has appointed the Reverend Msgr. Roch Martin, currently Vicar General of the Diocese of Sault Ste-Marie, as Bishop of the Diocese of Timmins (Ontario).

### Teams Of Our Lady Mini-Retreat/Information morning

"Are you interested in a married couples' monthly gathering over a meal to mutually support your marriage and spiritual health under the guidance of a priest? If so, join us on Saturday, June 13th from 9 am to noon at St. Paul's Parish Lakefield for an introduction and suggested format according to the Teams Of Our Lady plan that was created by Venerable Father Caffarel in France in the 1940s. The morning will begin with Mass, coffee and snacks, include reflections, information, and end with lunch." To register, email [office@stpaulslakefield.ca](mailto:office@stpaulslakefield.ca) or call 705 652-3095."

### Boys Retreat JOSEPH'S SONS RETREAT CALLING ALL GRADE 8 BOYS!

Step Up Grow Strong Discover Who You're Called to Be.

Fr. Peter Bissonnette & Deacon Rob Vandenberg invite Grade 8 boys to a fun, faith-filled weekend designed just for them in Bowmanville! Sports & Games | Music & Fun | Brotherhood & Friendship. FRIDAY, MAY 15, 6:30PM - SUNDAY, MAY 17, 5:00PM. St. Joseph's Church, 127 Liberty Street S., Bowmanville. Bring sleeping bag and camping mat. \$50.00, **Registration deadline May 8th.**

### MAY Parenting Tip #179

Family creates the foundation on which children will build the rest of their lives. Parents are both leaders and models, so children will learn fundamental skills, including relationship skills, from their families. Parents must reflect on whether the lessons they are modelling for their children are ones that will serve them well in their adult lives. Important to parent's role is building within their children a foundation of faith by engaging in prayer, attending Mass, reading the Bible as a family, and taking part in acts of service. This development of faith will help guide children's actions as they become more independent. It will also ensure they understand that God is always with them.

### Marriage Tip #159

Being able to count on your spouse is a vital component of a healthy and happy marriage. We establish this kind of relationship by discussing what behaviours and actions we want to expect from each other. Couples need to create a list of expectations that they each agree will be helpful to their day to day married life. The list might include: setting a boundary on cell phone and computer use during family/couple time; agreeing to saying I love you daily; using manners during daily interactions; praying together at one or more points during the day; having a hug or kiss of greeting each time you depart or reunite during the day; agreeing to speak the truth about feelings, not bury them within.

### Wayside Academy 30th Anniversary Gala

Thursday, May 28, 2026, 6pm, The Venue, downtown Peterborough.

For 30 years, Wayside Academy has been forming hearts, minds, and souls for heaven through classical Catholic education. We are celebrating this accomplishment with a black-tie gala featuring live music, student performances, and a special collaborative performance with local performers. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend this special fundraising event. Tickets are \$125/each and can be reserved at [olwayside.ca/gala30](http://olwayside.ca/gala30)

### In the Footsteps of the Martyrs Walking Pilgrimage

**Save the Dates!** The annual walking pilgrimage, In the Footsteps of the Martyrs, returns on August 9-15, 2026. Further details, including registration, will be available soon! Contact Andrew Roelands at [aroelan@uwo.ca](mailto:aroelan@uwo.ca) or follow the Diocesan Youth social media pages to stay up to date.