

St. Thomas More Parish with St. Bernadette Mission
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 3RD, 2026



First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Second Reading: First Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12

Pastor: Fr. Richard Opoku, CSSp

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25 King St. W. Millbrook, Ontario

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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**MAY 5—MAY 10**

**ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL**  
**TUESDAY & THURSDAY— 10 AM**  
**WEDNESDAY — 5 PM**

**FRIDAY— 10 AM - For the Soul of Jean Sutherland**

**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**  
**SATURDAY: 4 PM - For the People of the Parish**  
**SUNDAY: 9 AM - For the soul of Jilles Theriault**  
**(1st Anniversary) and Rick Krechowicz**

**ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON**  
**SUNDAY: 11 AM - For the Sick & the Homebound**

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas More & St. Bernadette,  
The reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows how the early Church dealt with an internal conflict over the care of widows, leading to the appointment of seven men to serve the community. Peter presents the Christian community as living stones being built into a spiritual house, with Christ himself as the cornerstone. The Gospel of John records Jesus' comforting words to his disciples on the night before his death, assuring them that he is the way to the Father's house.  
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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

St. Thomas More Parish offers eGive  
<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/donate.aspx>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please mark the dates and plan to join us :

Saturday, May 9th CWMC meeting at 10 am. Mass at 9:15 (everyone welcome)

Sunday, May 10th Mother's Day Breakfast for all parishioners following 9AM Mass

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 German Park, Nestleton . Begins with 10 am Mass,

### St. Bernadette Mission (Nestleton)

Sunday, May 3rd Coffee Sunday following 11AM Mass.  
(everyone welcome including St. Thomas More parishioners)



### INFORMATION FROM THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (CCCB) - Appointment

In a communication received at the CCCB General Secretariat, the Apostolic Nunciature to Canada announced that His Holiness Pope Leo XIV:

1. has accepted the resignation of the **Most Rev. Ronald Peter Fabbro**, C.S.B., as Bishop of London
2. has appointed the **Most Rev. Daniel J. Mieh**m, currently Bishop of Peterborough, as Bishop of the Diocese of London (Ontario).

This news was published on Tuesday, 21 April 2026, at noon (Rome time).

### RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS

A special Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter In Chains on **Saturday, May 2nd, 9 am**, to pray for all the atrocities against life... abortion, euthanasia, abuse of children, lack of care and medical carelessness. Please

### Development & Peace Tuesday, May 5th, 2026

Meeting for Peterborough Diocesan D&P-CC Council

Location: Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House, Peterborough, in the Boardroom ... 12:30 PM - 4:00PM

### Free Lecture at St. Alphonsus Liguori

Do you know someone who needs help with a loved one who is struggling with addiction?

Join us Thurs. May 7, from 7-9 pm. St Alphonsus parish hall to hear Peterborough's own expert on disconnection and addiction, Dr. Peggy Shaughnessy, share her story. Learn how the program she successfully founded and developed could achieve a pathway to recovery!

A FREE event Co sponsored by Cathedral St Peter in Chains and St Alphonsus CWL councils.

### LAVERNA UPDATE - HEALING HEARTS

A Catholic Grief outreach to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one in the recent past (1-3 years). Monthly meetings with a limit of 8 participants to preserve each participant's sense of trust and intimacy. 7 - 9pm In the La Ver-na Chapel (820 Frank St.) For further details or to register, please call 705-243-9131 or email: [laverna@capuchins.ca](mailto:laverna@capuchins.ca)

**MARCH FOR LIFE**, Ottawa on **Thursday, May 14/26**. Bus leaving from the Cathedral at 8:15 am. Cost: \$40 per person, \$10 per student, and children under 10 and clergy/religious, free. To reserve, contact 705-931-7633

**Abraham Festival** 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Abraham Festival on Saturday May 9 1:30 pm at Mark Street United Church.

### Employment Opportunity Principal

Our Lady of the Wayside is hiring for a Principal.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume and cover letter to the Chair, Board of Directors at [chair@olwayside.ca](mailto:chair@olwayside.ca). Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis and will continue to be accepted until the position has been filled

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS, Cont'd

### Boys Retreat

JOSEPH'S SONS RETREAT CALLING ALL GRADE 8 BOYS!

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 6:30PM - SUNDAY, MAY 17, 5:00PM

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

St. Joseph's Church, 127 Liberty St. S., Bowmanville

Bring sleeping bag and camping mat. \$50.00, **Registration deadline May 8th.**

To sign up or inquire, contact: Deacon Rob 905-377-3123 / [rob.quartus@gmail.co](mailto:rob.quartus@gmail.co)

### 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](https://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.