

St. Thomas More Parish with St. Bernadette Mission
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 19TH, 2026



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Pastor: Fr. Richard Opoku, CSSp

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
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**Mass Schedule**

**ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL**

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY — 10 AM

WEDNESDAY — 5 PM

**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

SATURDAY — 4 PM

For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

SUNDAY — 9 AM

Intentions of St. Thomas More Womens & Mens

Council Members

**ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON**

SUNDAY — 11 AM

For the Sick and the homebound

The Book of Wisdom speaks of God's sovereignty and mercy, teaching that divine power is revealed in patience and leniency rather than in harsh punishment. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans assures believers that the Holy Spirit assists them in their weakness, interceding with inexpressible groanings when they do not know how to pray. The Gospel according to Matthew presents three parables of the kingdom, the weeds among the wheat, the mustard seed, and the leaven, all of which reveal that God's reign grows quietly and patiently, coexisting with evil until the final harvest. Together, these readings invite us to trust in divine patience, to rely on the Spirit's help in our weakness, and to live with hope and perseverance while awaiting the fullness of God's kingdom.

*Fr. Richard Opoku, CSSP*

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for the month of July 2026:

For respect for human life: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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

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**The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough**

**Forty parishes serving central Ontario – from the shores of Georgian Bay to the north shore of Lake Ontario.**

**Our Story**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough is located in central Ontario and is composed of the counties of Peterborough, Northumberland and Victoria, the districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound, and the southern half of the district of Haliburton. Modest in population but rich in geography, the Diocese of Peterborough stretches from the shores of Georgian Bay in the west down to the bustling north shore of Lake Ontario, an area that spans over 25,000 kilometres. The diocese is home to 40 parishes served by over 80 priests and 65 religious. Our episcopal see is the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, a historic Gothic Revival in the heart of downtown Peterborough.

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|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>40</b>                    | <b>80+</b>          | <b>65</b>       |
| PARISHES                     | PRIESTS             | RELIGIOUS       |
| <b>25,000 km<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>1882</b>         | <b>100,000+</b> |
| PARISHES                     | DIOCESE ESTABLISHED | CATHOLICS TODAY |

**History**

The Diocese of Peterborough was established in 1882 by absorbing the then Vicariate of Northern Ontario and the western portion (eleven parishes) of the Archdiocese of Kingston. The diocese had a Catholic population of about 30,000 when Bishop Jean Francois Jamot, the first Bishop of Peterborough, took residence here.

The Church's presence in what is now the Diocese of Peterborough stretches back to 1825, when the British government sponsored the settlement of 2,000 impoverished Irish families in the present-day city of Peterborough and the surrounding counties. Though many families were still living in tents, the settlers petitioned the Bishop of Upper Canada for a priest, and in 1826, the first Catholic Mass was celebrated at the future site of the Cathedral. A stone church was completed in 1838. In 1931, parishioners rebuilt the structure, doubling the Cathedral in size.

On June 7, 2026, a Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains to honour the 200th anniversary of the region's first Mass. Today, over 100,000 Catholics from Canada and across the world reside in the Diocese of Peterborough. Modest in population but rich in geography, the Diocese of Peterborough.

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