

St. Thomas More Parish with St. Bernadette Mission
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 5TH, 2026



St. Thomas More Catholic Church Millbrook

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Pastor: Fr. Richard Opoku, CSSp

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Mass Schedule

ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL

NO WEEK DAY MASSES

(Fr. Richard will be on a retreat)

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

SATURDAY — 4 PM

For the intentions of the People of the Parish

SUNDAY — 9 AM

For the intentions of the Roberts Family

ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON

SUNDAY — 11 AM

For the Sick and the Homebound

The first reading from Zechariah announces a humble king who enters Jerusalem on a donkey and brings peace to the nations. The second reading from Romans declares that those who have the Spirit of Christ dwelling in them will receive life even for their mortal bodies. The Gospel from Matthew presents Jesus thanking the Father for revealing divine truth to the childlike and inviting all who labour to take his gentle yoke. The common theme uniting the readings is the reversal of worldly expectations: true power appears in humility, true life comes through the Spirit, and true rest is found in Christ's gentle yoke.

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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.

St. Thomas More Parish offers eGive

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/donate.aspx>

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UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DIOCESE EVENTS

BISHOP MIEHM

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Miehms as the APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR until a new bishop is appointed. In the Catholic Church, an Apostolic Administrator is a temporary leader appointed directly by the Pope to run a diocese. Think of this role as a "caretaker" or an interim boss assigned to keep a Diocese's churches, finances, and clergy & staff running smoothly. Let us continue to pray for Bishop Miehms and the selection of a new bishop.

Please follow the attached link:

<https://peterboroughdiocese.org/bishop-miehms-appointed-as-apostolic-administrator/>

St. Thomas More/St. Bernadette Annual Picnic

A great big thank you to all who attended our annual parish picnic last Sunday. It began with Father Richard providing a beautiful outdoor mass assisted by the readers, the altar servers and John, who led the hymns. Paul, Larry and Ted did a great job on the barbeque and all the additional food that everyone provided made for a wonderful meal. This event requires many helping hands so a pat on the back to each and every one of you. A great big hug to the family that paid the rental cost for the park and a special thanks to the D.S. community for sharing their amazing and serene neighbourhood once again this year.

UPDATE FROM FR. RICHARD:

Spiritans Annual Retreat:

Fr Richard will be away from Monday July 6 to Friday July 10 while he attends the Spiritans Annual Retreat. There will be no weekday Mass Tuesday July 7 to Friday July 10.

If you need to contact a Priest, or in the event of an emergency, please contact the Peterborough Diocese office at 705-745-5123

The Parish is grateful to Hugh Berestford (owner of Painted Your Way) for restoring the statue of Mary outside the rectory and cleaning the one in front of the church. You could contact him with this contact 705-977-2451 hughberesford@gmail.com, paintedyourway.com if you have painting or restoration projects you are considering, whether interior or exterior, he (Hugh) would be pleased to offer a free estimate and discuss how he might help.

Visit stthomasmillbrook.ca for details about arranging baptisms, marriages, birthday or anniversary announcements or blessings or contact Fr. Richard Opoku