

St. Thomas More Parish with St. Bernadette Mission
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 23RD, 2026



St. Thomas More Catholic Church Millbrook

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19–23
Second Reading: Romans 11:33–36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13–20

Pastor: Fr. Richard Opoku, CSSp

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**Mass Schedule**

**ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY**

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY — 10 AM

WEDNESDAY — 5 PM

**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

SATURDAY — 4 PM

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY — 9 AM

For the intentions of Annie & Josh O'Dette

(16th Wedding Anniversary)

and Annie's birthday

**ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON**

SUNDAY — 11 AM

For the Sick and Homebound

The first reading presents Shebna who used his position as “master of the palace” to seek personal honour and glory. In the second reading, Paul, after a long and careful argument, acknowledges that God’s wisdom surpasses human understanding and responds with humble praise. And in the Gospel, Peter, at Caesarea Philippi, makes the confession on which the whole Church still stands. Together, the readings remind us that God’s ways cannot be reduced to human plans or calculations. They invite us to surrender our desire to control, to recognise the limits of our understanding, and to place our trust in the God who remains faithful.

*Fr. Richard Opoku, CSSP*

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for the month of August 2026: "Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we may find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community."

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ST. BERNADETTE MISSION MOVE TO A NEW LOCATION

St. Bernadette's final mass in Nestleton will be Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, due to the decision by the United Church to demolish the existing building which we have rented for the past 9 years.

Effective Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, we will be relocating to the recently upgraded Caesarea Community Hall located at 3554 Regional Rd 57, Caesarea. We are sad to give up the beautiful church in Nestleton that we love, but our new home will serve us well. It can accommodate up to 100 hundred people.

We hope to have coffee Sunday in Fall in order to welcome everyone to our new location.

Jesus reminds us "where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them".

Mary Francis Thompson

#### Resignation of the Most Reverend Claude Chapagne, O.M.I

In a communication received at the CCCB General Secretariat, the Apostolic Nunciature to Canada announced that His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has accepted the resignation of the **Most Reverend Claude Champagne, O.M.I.**, as Bishop of Edmundston. This news was published on Saturday, 15 August 2026, at noon (Rome time).

#### World Youth Day 2027

World Youth Day Seoul 2027 will take place from 3 to 8 August 2027.

#### Official Theme Song and Spiritual Preparation

The official theme song for World Youth Day Seoul 2027, *Confidite, Ego Vici Mundum* — "Take courage! I have overcome the world" — premiered on 3 August 2026, marking one year before the opening of World Youth Day in Seoul. Together with the official prayer and the testimonies of the five patron saints, the theme song is intended to serve as a pastoral resource to assist young people in their spiritual preparation for the gathering.

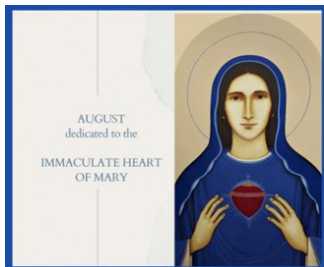
These resources and further information concerning World Youth Day Seoul 2027 are available through its official communications channels:

**Official YouTube channel:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@WYDSeoul2027/featured>

**Official website and communications materials:**

[www.wydseoul.org](http://www.wydseoul.org)



THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This devotion focuses on her inner life, her pure love for God, her maternal care for people, and her union with Jesus Christ.

St. Thomas More Parish offers eGive

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