

St. Thomas More Parish with St. Bernadette Mission
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2026



St. Thomas More Catholic Church Millbrook

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

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

All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY — 9 AM

For the Souls of Frank and Carmela Battaglia

**ST. BERNADETTE MISSION, CAESAREA**

SUNDAY — 11 AM

For the People of the Parish

The prophet Ezekiel addresses the exiles' complaint that God's justice is unfair, insisting that each person bears responsibility for their own conduct and that repentance can reverse judgement. Saint Paul urges the Philippians to humility and unity, grounded in the self-emptying of Christ, who humbled himself unto death and was exalted by the Father. The Gospel presents Jesus' parable of the two sons, contrasting the one who refused but later obeyed with the one who promised but did not act, exposing the religious leaders' failure to respond to John's call. The common thread is the call to authentic repentance and obedient action.

*Fr. Richard Opoku, CSSP*

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for the month of September 2026: For the care of water.

"Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it."

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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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

With great joy, St. Thomas More Parish welcomes its newest member, **McClington, Lainey Marie**, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Saturday, September 26, during the 4:00 PM 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time anticipatory Mass. We congratulate her parents, godparents, and family on this special occasion. Please keep **Lainey Marie** and her family in your prayers as she begins her beautiful journey of faith in the Catholic Church and grows in the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

#### BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our upcoming Bible Study series on the Gospel of St Mark, starting on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 6:00pm -8:00pm in the parish hall. We are excited to welcome **Dr. Doug Finbow** as our facilitator for this inspiring journey through Scripture. For this study, we will be using the **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible**. Please bring your own NRSV Bible, a notebook, and an open heart.

#### BLESSING OF ANIMALS SERVICE — SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 3 PM AT ST. THOMAS MORE

All residents of Millbrook and their beloved pets are warmly invited to a special **Inter faith Blessing of Animals** on **Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 3:00 PM**. The service will take place outdoors **in front of St. Thomas More Parish in Millbrook**. In the event of rain, the service will move inside to the **parish hall**. This community event celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Neighbours of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome to gather together, celebrate the joy our animals bring to our lives, and receive a special blessing for their pets. If your animal is anxious around crowds, you are welcome to bring a photograph of your pet to receive the blessing instead.

#### LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4, 2026, from 2 - 3 pm. between George and Park St. Meet at Sacred Heart Church beginning at 1:30 to pick up signs. Prayers for Life afterwards at Sacred Heart Church, in Peterborough [www.peterboroughprolife.ca](http://www.peterboroughprolife.ca) or call Elizabeth 705-292-7056

#### WAYSIDE HOMECOMING & WELCOME BACK BBQ

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School, an independent classical Catholic school in Peterborough, warmly invites members of the wider Catholic community to our Homecoming & Welcome Back BBQ on Sunday, September 27, 2026. 4PM Mass at Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. 5PM BBQ at Our Lady of Wayside, 575 Centre Line Peterborough.

#### COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be this weekend. This collection helps to support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada.



*Please join fellow parishioners following 9:00 AM Mass on September 27 in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome! This is the perfect opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners and enjoy some Tea/coffee/juice and light snacks..... Everyone Welcome!*

#### ST. THOMAS MORE/ST. BERNADETTE- OFFERTORY SUMMARY:

AUGUST 2026 - \$6,077.46

VEYO (Vocation, Education & Youth) - \$120

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