

# FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## St. Thomas More Parish with St. Bernadette Mission



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Please Pray For those who are sick, especially:  
George Korcsok, John, Margaret Lechelt, Divina,  
Jacob, Victoriana Meneses, Rita Lockhart,  
Henry Cruz, Jocelyn Guamos, Anna  
And for those who have died, especially:  
†Marilyn Cerveny, and †Allen Hill

### MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025

ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL  
WEDNESDAY 5:00PM  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 10:00 AM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK  
SATURDAY: 4:00 PM  
FEBRUARY 15TH - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM  
FEBRUARY 16TH - For the sick in our Parish Family

ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON  
SUNDAY: 11:00 AM  
FEBRUARY 16TH - For Peace in the World

### \*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER \*\*\*\*\*

Sunday, February 16 - 10:00 AM - Coffee Sunday, following 9:00 AM Mass

Friday, March 7 - 2:00 PM - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. St. John's Anglican Church, 1758 County Rd. 10



### Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

[https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/jubilee-year-2025-events-schedule.aspx?\\_mid\\_=35659](https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/jubilee-year-2025-events-schedule.aspx?_mid_=35659)



### \*\*\* THIS SUNDAY \*\*\*

#### FEBRUARY 16TH IS COFFEE SUNDAY!

Join with your fellow parishioners for coffee/tea/juice,  
Treats & Snacks after 9 am Mass



Quote of the Week: "How contrary to human nature are the divine teachings! Without the help of grace, it would be impossible not only to follow them but even to understand them." (St. Therese of Lisieux)

Pope's Prayer intention for the month of February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Contact Fr. Tony for details about arranging baptisms, marriages, birthday or anniversary announcements or blessings, or mass devotions.

## FR. TONY'S MESSAGE FOR THIS WEEK

Dear sisters/brothers; parishioners of St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette,

Theme: "Blessed are they who realize they can't depend on material things for happiness and, as a result, put all their trust in God."

Our Readings: First Reading: Jer. 17. 5-8; "To put all one's trust in human strength leads to frustration. Let us trust in the Lord and find fulfillment."

Psalm Response: "Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord."

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 15. 12, 16-20: "If our hope in Christ is limited to this life only, we are the most pitiable of human beings."

Gospel: Luke 6. 17, 20-26: "happiness and blessings are the rewards of those who accept the Gospel and the Saviour. Sorrow and woe await those who take wealth and pleasure as their goal in life."

As part of our Jubilee Year Journey of Hope theme we continue to have our Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour before the 4:00 PM mass every Saturday. It is Jesus' invitation to come and pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy was approved by St. John Paul II, a prayer taught to St. Faustina to be prayed especially at 3:00 PM as the hour of great mercy when our Lord Jesus died on the cross for us. During this Jubilee year, please come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

We are also encouraged to visit areas or places of encounter with the Lord, we call Shrines or Holy Places. As I mentioned that our diocese of Peterborough designated four churches as places of pilgrimage with special indulgence. First is the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains as the seat of the Diocese. Our chance to be there would be during the Chrism Mass which will be held on the Monday of Holy Week when all the priests in the diocese will gather and renew the different promises made during ordination, the blessing of the different oils for the different sacraments and sacramentals. In the Southern deanery is St. Michael's Church in Cobourg, the central deanery is St. Mary's Church in Lindsay and the gathering was last February 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the northern deanery, St. Patrick's Church in Kearney is also chosen as a pilgrim Church. As a Diocese we also have a day of pilgrimage to the Martyr's shrine in Midland.

To visit a shrine is also suggested and what are these? Shrines are erected either to protect relics or to commemorate the presence of God in a particular place at a particular time. The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy says that they can also have a deep significance as 'signs of cosmic harmony and reflections of divine beauty because of their physical positioning' (paragraph 263). Some are placed over the grave of a saint, while others, like the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal, are built on the faith of a visionary. These can be privileged places to ask for God's help or to give thank for favours received. They are often the object of pilgrimage.

God Bless, Fr. Tony

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 Friday, March 7th, 2025



The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action" and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. St. John Anglican Church, Ida will be hosting an Ecumenical Service at 2:00 PM in the Church (1758 County Rd. 10, Cavan) followed by beverage and snacks.

The theme country this year is The Cook Islands.

Please, let us support this worldwide women's initiative to pray together as one family of God.

To learn more about World day of Prayer visit the following link:

<https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/what-is-wdp/>

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<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/index.aspx>

If you are new to the area, welcome and please complete a Registration Form available at the entrance to the Church and give it to one of the ushers.