

# FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025 - SEVENTH 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 Cerveney, †Keith Lynch, †George Schmidt

### MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025 ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY 5:00PM  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 10:00 AM

### ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

FEBRUARY 22ND - For the eternal rest of  
†Frankie O'Connor and †Rob Battaglia

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM

FEBRUARY 23RD - For the eternal rest of  
†Bernie, †Erica and †Dorothy

### ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

FEBRUARY 23RD - For the People of the Parish

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

Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday (Mass times to be announced)

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

Sunday, March 16 - 10:00 AM - Pancake Sunday, following 9:00 AM Mass



## 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)



Quote of the Week: "If you have anything against anyone, forgive it. You come here to receive the forgiveness of sins, and you too, must forgive one who has sinned against you. Or how will you say to the Lord, "Forgive me my sins," if you have not yourself forgiven your fellow servant's sins." (St. Cyrel of Jerusalem.)

Pope's Prayer intention for the month of March:  
"For Families in Crisis": Let us pray the broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PLEASE VISIT THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND LINKS TO ON-LINE MASSES

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

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: "The "law of the echo" says we get back from life exactly what we give to it."

Our Readings: First Reading: 1 Sam 26. 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23: "David has the chance to kill Saul, who tried to kill him, but David did no harm for Saul is anointed king by the Lord."

Psalms Response: "The Lord is merciful and gracious."

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 15. 45-49: "Grace builds on nature. In Christ we are formed in the spiritual order."

Gospel: Luke 6. 17, 27-38: "The supernatural virtues go beyond, which even sinners practice."

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. These are the Churches: (1) St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral in Peterborough, for the city deanery, (2) St. Mary's Church in Lindsay, for the central deanery, (3) St. Michael's Church in Cobourg, for the Lakeshore deanery (4) In the

northern deanery is St. Patrick's Church in Kearney.

A diocesan pilgrimage is also planned for the diocese of Peterborough the Martyr's Shrine in Midland on September 20, 2025. 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.

Lent is around the corner and it is time to once again practice our Lenten observances of Prayer, Fasting and Penance. We start Lent on March 5, Ash Wednesday, the day when we mark our foreheads with ashes as a symbol of repentance, reminding us that we are dust and unto dust we shall return so we need to repent and believe in the Gospel. It is a day of fasting and abstinence and all the Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

During Lent we follow the devotion of the Stations of the Cross every Friday. We will have the mass every Friday in Lent at 5:00 PM to be followed by the Stations of the Cross.

World Day of Prayer will be on Friday, March 7 at 2:00 pm. St. John's Anglican Church in Ida is the host church. It is organized by the women's group in the world but it is open to all peoples of different faith background.

### 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/>

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.