




MARCH 2ND, 2025 - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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:
†George Schmidt

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF MARCH 2ND, 2025

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

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK
WEDNESDAY 5:00PM (Ash Wednesday)
SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

MARCH 1ST - For Pope Francis' speedy recovery
SUNDAY: 9:00 AM

MARCH 2ND - For those who are sick in our
Parish Family
ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON
SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

MARCH 2ND - For the People of the Parish

***** IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER *****

Wednesday, March 5 - 5:00 PM - Ash Wednesday in the Church

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

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/>

Quote of the Week: "God loves you, but even more. God longs for you. God misses you when you don't come close. God thirsts for you. God loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy." (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

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: "Criticism destroys both the one who criticizes and the one who is criticized."

Our Readings: First Reading: Book of Sirach. 27. 47; "The Sage indicates that our speech reveals what we are. He anticipates the Gospel maxim, 'Out of the abundance of the heart...the mouth speaks.'"

Psalms Response: "Lord it is good to give you thanks."

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 15. 54-58: "The Risen Christ is the source of our new life that will produce in us all its fruits at the time of our resurrection. We must never stop working toward that goal."

Gospel: Luke 6. 39-45: "We must receive the word of God with complete openness. Only then we can draw from our hearts words that will lead others to Christ."

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. Spending some time with the Lord in silent prayer and meditation is not wasted but graces are gained. Most of the time we know how much money we have in the bank but we do not how much time we have here on earth and so it is time to give some of our time to the Lord.

During this Jubilee Year, we are encouraged to visit areas or places of encounter with the Lord, we call Shrines or Holy Places, like the Holy Land or Rome, but it is expensive. Therefore in every diocese, they tried to set aside some churches or places as a place of pilgrimage with special indulgence.

These are the Churches in our diocese: (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.

We start Lent on Wednesday, March 5th with a mass with the ceremony of marking our foreheads with Ashes, a reminder for us that we are dust and unto dust we shall return and also reminding us to repent and believe in the Gospel. In the Old Testament ashes were used as a symbol of repentance. When Jonah warned the people of Nineveh of a disaster to come if they don't repent, people put on ashes and sackcloth and prayed. In Lent the Church asked us to observe the Lenten discipline of fasting, abstinence, intense prayer and acts of charity. There is a little change for our Friday schedule we will be having our mass in the Church at 5:00PM to be followed by our Lenten devotion, the Stations of the Cross. This devotion is our way of being with Jesus on his way to Calvary for his crucifixion, in order to fulfill his mission of salvation. Please, come and join our parish family especially in this Jubilee Year 2025. The Stations of the Cross is indeed like a short pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Let us put to mind that all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence and it is also good to go another mile to practice the discipline of fasting and be able to raise some money to be shared to Share Lent of the Development and Peace program of the Church, to help the Global south fight for their rights to own their piece of land.

God Bless, Fr. Tony



Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/jubilee-year-2025-events-schedule.aspx?_mid_=35659



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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.