

## PARISH NEWS

### SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially this taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of the season.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** - Parents of Grade 2 and up who would like to start their child for the Sacramental Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please call our office 905-349-2504.

Parents of Grade 7 and up who would like to start their son/daughter for the Sacramental Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please call our office 905-349-2504.

### CWL NEWS:

- 1) A reminder - CWL 2021 memberships @ \$20 are due.
- 2) Membership envelopes with forms within are in a basket in the foyer of the church for present members and new members to take home and complete.
- 3) For those not attending church, membership forms will be mailed to you over the next week or two.
- 4) For new members and for those who wish to rejoin (and who are not attending church) phone Cecilia at 905-355-3994 and she will mail you a membership form.
- 5) Membership forms and dues may be returned by mail (cheques made out to St. Mary's CWL) or placed in the offertory basket at church.

Thank you for your assistance during covid19.

### **DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OF DUES IS NOV: 30/20.**

The CWL is a national organization which promotes the role of women in church and society and is directed toward the individual / collective spiritual development of its members. It represents Catholic women and their views on topics of national interest and communicates these views to church, government and society.

To all parishioners - Stay safe and healthy!

## **Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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Parish Website: [www.assumptiongrafton.ca](http://www.assumptiongrafton.ca)

**Fr. Asisclo Podelino, Pastor**

## *1st Sunday of Advent*

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020



***“KEEP ALERT, FOR  
YOU DO NOT  
KNOW WHEN THE  
MASTER OF  
THE HOUSE WILL  
COME.”***

### **Education:**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: 905 349-2504  
St Mary Elementary School, Grafton:  
*Nicole McGill*, Principal 905 349-2061  
St Mary Secondary School, Cobourg:  
*Jason Roberts*, Principal 905 372-4339  
Catholic School Board [www.pvnccdsb.on.ca](http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca)

### **Parish Committees & Organisations:**

Finance Committee:  
*Melissa Lilje*, Secretary 905 349-2504  
Knights of Columbus: 905 349-2504  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Dennis Goulin Chairperson

### Music at Mass:

*Gay Stratford*, Organist  
10 am Mass on Sun 905 349-2861  
Altar Servers  
*Parish Office* 905-349-2504

St Mary's Catholic Women's League:  
*Pat Murphy*, President 905 349-2847  
*Alta Vance*, Religious Articles 905 344-7443  
CWL Diocesan website:  
[www.peterboroughcwl.ca](http://www.peterboroughcwl.ca)  
St Mary's Cemetery Board:  
*Melissa Lilje*, Secretary 905 349-2504  
St Vincent de Paul Society 905 377-3263  
Eucharistic Ministers  
*Bruce Lawson* 905-349-2751  
Ushers  
*Parish Office* 905-349-2504  
Lectors  
*Richard Holland* 905-349-3710  
Development and Peace  
*Suzanne Liptay* 905-372-3031  
Parish Library  
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### **SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY**

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday at 8:30 am & 4:30 pm, or anytime on request.

**First Friday of the month** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

## THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29<sup>ND</sup> AT THE ALTAR

Nov. 30, Mon., **St Andrew** - 9 am -

Dec. 1, Tues., *Feria*- 9 am - **CWL Members** [St Mary's CWL]

Dec. 2, Wed., *Feria* - 4:30 pm -

Dec. 3, Thurs, *St Francis Xavier* - 4:30 pm -

Dec. 4, Fri., *Feria* - 9 am - Michael Cole [Katherine Cole

Dec. 5, Sat. *Feria* - 9 am -

Dec. 5, Sat., **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

5 pm -

Dec. 6, Sun., **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9 am - **For the people of the Parish**

11am -

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Dec. 5/6	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Greg Blick	Bernadette Murray	Richard Holland
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Paula Blick	Michael Stephenson	Dennis Goulin
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Darrell Manley Noelle Manley	Theo Mensen Ed Nemec	Joe O'Kane Oladele Adebayo

### Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for those in our diocese who belong to a religious order.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

## PARISH NEWS PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$2,175.00	\$2,408.00
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	\$10.00	\$20.00
<b>Priests Benefit Fund</b>	\$70.00	\$0.00

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Matt & Vanessa Chute (14 yrs on November 4), Jim & Anne Viaene (42 yrs. on November 18), Kevin & Grenda McGourty (32 yrs on November 26).

During these pandemic days, dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues, that is, you are not obligated to attend Sunday mass at this time. Some parishioners may be afraid of catching the virus or there may not be any space in your local church to allow you to participate physically.

Christmas Mass Schedule- St Mary's Church, Grafton, is arranging 5 Masses for Christmas in order to give every family an opportunity to celebrate Christmas. There are 5 Masses; Dec 24 at 4 pm, 6 pm, and 8 pm and on Dec 25 at 9 am and 11 am due to the fact that there is Ontario Health Guidelines to limit the number of parishioners to attend the Mass because of Covid.

To avoid the Problem/Confusion of too many in one Mass, we encourage every parishioner/family to let us know by putting on a piece of paper; your name, how many, time and phone number (ex. Name - 3people at 4 pm Mass, 905-000-0000) and drop it in the Offertory basket or call our office 905-349-2505. We are sorry we can't put the form in the church for signing, as paper is not allowed as per Diocesan instruction. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

New Years' Mass Schedule - Thursday December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm, Friday January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am & 11am

First Friday - Friday December 4, 2020 is the first Friday of December. Adoration of the Blessed sacrament will Begin at 9 am then Mass will follow.