

## PARISH NEWS

### ADVENT BEGAN LAST SUNDAY

Which means the start of a new liturgical year, and the time of preparation in advance of Christmas. It can be a tall order to focus on spiritual preparation with so many other demands on our time in December. *Journey through Advent* is a series of brief videos prepared by the *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*. Bishop Douglas Crosby offers reflections on the *Advent season* and on the various Sunday readings. Why not commit to viewing each video each week, making this Advent a time truly to prepare the way of the Lord? Also, a reminder that the *Mass for the First and Second Sunday of Advent* can be found on the YouTube channel for the Diocese.

**AN EXCELLENT FACT SHEET** on Bill C-7 has been prepared by the Catholic Women's League and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bill C-7 proposes to expand the provision of Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada, putting many individuals and groups in jeopardy. We should all inform ourselves on this issue and commit to writing our Member of Parliament urging the defeat of this bill and promotion of good palliative care in our Country.

### HEALING MASS

Catholics believe that healing occurs during all Masses. Within the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing for the healing of our body, soul, and spirit will be administered. During the Healing Mass we must remain open to the Holy Spirit and invite Him into our hearts in order for healing to take place. The sacrament has been practiced since the time of the Apostles (see James 5:14-15). Jesus commissioned the 'apostles' to preach the good news to the people for a true repentance of their sins, cast out demons and anoint them with the oil of healing (Mt. 6:12-13). The Primary aim of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is the healing of those who are sick. It may involve physical healing, spiritual healing – forgiveness of sins, or promise of restoration. Our Church is arranging a Healing Mass as part of our Advent journey on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm. I highly recommend you all to come for the celebration of the Healing Mass and Sacrament of the Anointing to experience the love and compassion of our Lord.

### CWL NEWS

Thank you to all CWL members / new members who have paid their membership dues. If by chance you have not done so yet, now is the time. If you have not received a renewal form in the mail, contact Cecilia at 905-355-3994 and she will gladly send you one. Thanks for your assistance during covid19. St. Mary's CWL Council welcomes new members.

To all parishioners - Stay safe, healthy and happy!

## Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Fr. Asisclo Podelino, Pastor**

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020



**“MAKE  
STRAIGHT THE  
PATHS  
OF  
THE LORD.”**

#### 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 905-372-7684

#### 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  
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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 DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> AT THE ALTAR

Dec. 7, Mon., *St Ambrose* - 9 am -

Dec. 8, Tues., *Immaculate Conception of the BVM* - 9 am - **The Unborn** [St Mary's CWL]

Dec. 9, Wed., Feria - 4:30 pm -

Dec. 10, Thurs, Feria - 4:30 pm -

Dec. 11, Fri., Feria - 9 am -

Dec. 12, Sat., **Our Lady of Guadalupe** - 9 am -

Dec. 12, Sat., **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

5 pm - **Dorothy Ann Sheppard** [The Family]

Dec. 13, Sun., **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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

11am - **Thomas Behan** [Rob & Kathy Ugolini]

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Dec. 12/13	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Paula Blick	John Logel	Joanna Mecozzi
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Greg Blick	Bernadette Murray	Judith Goulin
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Andrew deGraauw The Manley's	Theo Mensen Ed Nemec	Joe O'Kane Oladele Adebayo

### Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and people of the Parish of Our Lady of Mercy in Honey Harbour and its Mission St John the Baptist in Port Severn.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

## PARISH NEWS PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$2,190.00	\$3,107.00
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	\$20.00	\$401.00
<b>Priests Benefit Fund</b>	\$125.00	\$0.00

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

Graham & Gay Stratford (62 yrs. on December 8), Harvey & Carol Scott (44 yrs. on December 10), Richard & Sarah Holland (49 yrs. on December 12), John & Melissa Lilje (2 yrs. on December 19).

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