

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE NOTE - the Mass on Thursday is a Healing Mass and will be celebrated at 7 pm.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Filled with the joy and hope that radiate from the Holy Child, and mindful of all the joys and struggles of our world, I, Fr. Ace, greet you with a Christmas greetings of Love, Peace, and Joy to each of you and to all people close to you as you share in the songs of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the magi! One of the many messages we can reflect on the mystery of Christmas is God's humble way of coming to us. God stoops low to come from heaven to our war-torn, dark, cold world. God stoops to the lowest place, being born not in a palace or even in a comfortable home but in a cave placed in a manger. God in his mercy sent his Son, born as a child, to touch our hearts, to warm them, to melt away our unbelief. Yes, God stoops to come to us and we also must stoop to find our God. May you have a very Merry Christmas! May you be blessed this Christmas in a very special way by receiving all that God wants to bless you in this Christmas and in all of the days that follow!

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!

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Fr. Asisclo Podelino, Pastor

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13th, 2020



**“AMONG YOU
STANDS ONE
WHOM YOU DO
NOT KNOW.”**

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.pvncdsb.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
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 DECEMBER 13TH AT THE ALTAR

Dec. 14, Mon., *St John of the Cross* - 9 am -

Dec. 15, Tues., Feria - 9 am - **Sick of the Parish** [St Mary's CWL]

Dec. 16, Wed., Feria - 4:30 pm -

Dec. 17, Thurs, Feria - 7:00 pm - **Healing Mass**

Dec. 18, Fri., Feria - 9 am -

Dec. 19, Sat., Feria - 9 am -

Dec. 19, Sat., **4th Sunday of Advent**

5 pm - **A Special Intention**

Dec. 20, Sun., **4th Sunday of Advent**

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

11am - **Mary Pamela Kelly** [Vince Kelly]

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Dec. 19/20	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Dave Hughes	Michael Stephenson	Richard Holland
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Rutherford	Michael Stephenson	Dennis Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	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 the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Campbellford
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

PARISH NEWS PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,921.20	\$2,980.00
Building Maintenance	\$383.80	\$75.00
Priests Benefit Fund	\$500.00	\$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), , John & Melissa Lilje (2 yrs. on December 19), Richard & Sarah Holland (49 yrs. on December 29)

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 31st at 5 pm, Friday January 1st at 9 am & 11am