

PARISH NEWS

WHAT DOES THE WORD "LENT" MEAN? The word Lent is apparently derived from the Old English Lencten, which means "lengthen." It refers to the lengthening of the daylight hours as spring approaches. In Latin, Lent is Quadragesima which means forty days. In Christianity, Lent is a time dedicated in a special way to conversion and renewal; to prayer, to fasting and to works of charity, a preparation for baptism or recollection of our baptism, and preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is a season that reminds us to repent and get our lives centered, our priorities straight, and our hearts clean. Lent is a time to journey with Jesus on the Cross, the total giving of his life even to dying on the cross for our salvation. We go into our own deserts, our own disciplines, our own fast knowing that through the days and months of our lives we have added baggage to our load that is not helpful, is not life giving, and is in the same way an actual wall between us and our God. Lent is not only a time for giving things up. It is also an excellent opportunity for us to take on new practices. It is good not only to give up bad habits, but also to form positive ones. May God Bless Our Parish Family!

WEEK 5: MARCH 15 TO 21, 2021

Share Love, Share Lent: Raise a toast to yourself!

Did you know that over 10,000 Canadian Catholics like you are members of Development and Peace?

The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign invites you to pray for them and to honour their solidarity towards our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Show your support by donating generously this coming Solidarity Sunday. You can also become a monthly donor and have your year-long contribution matched, thanks to the support of religious communities across Canada. Not only will you double your impact, but you will also automatically become a member of Development and Peace!

Learn more at devp.org/lent.



A Prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth - let it be "an outward sign of an inward grace" - A tangible and visible way of living, love for my neighbours, as I love myself. Christ, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, That people would see my smile in the wrinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions. Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully - and full of care - and to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be a shield and banner, and hold each breath that it holds, be filled with your love. In your name and in the name of love I pray. May it be so. May it be so.

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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4th Sunday of Lent

March 14th, 2021



"GOD SENT HIS ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON SO THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM."

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

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

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Eucharistic Ministers
Bruce Lawson 905-349-2751

Ushers
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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 MARCH 14TH AT THE ALTAR

Mar. 15, Mon., Feria - 9 am -

Mar. 16, Tues., Feria - 9 am -

Mar. 17, Wed., Feria - 4:30 pm - **The Unborn** [St Mary's CWL]

Mar. 18, Thurs, Feria - 4:30 pm -

Mar. 19, Fri., **St Joseph** -9 am -

Mar. 20, Sat., Feria- 9 am -

Mar. 20, Sat., **5th Sunday of Lent**

5 pm - **Jane Boreham** [The Family]

Mar. 21, Sun., **5th Sunday of Lent**

9 am - **Betty Anne Ugolini** [Rob & Kathy Ugolini]

11am - **For the people of the Parish**

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Mar 20/21	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Jackie Innis	John Logel	Richard Holland
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Rutherford	Bernadette Murray	Judith Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell Manley Noelle Manley	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 the Assumption in Grafton.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

PARISH NEWS PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$2,225.00	\$2,045.00
Building Maintenance	\$340.00	\$80.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Stations of the Cross - Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7 pm during Lent.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support in sending in your donations!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES in March: Larry & Irene Flood (59 years on March 3rd), Vince & Diane Meekes (34 years on March 7th). God's Blessings on both of you!

OUR PARISH WEBSITE is now up and running. Please visit the website for Parish and Diocesan Information and the Weekly Bulletin.

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. It is not the law, but you are strongly advised to wear masks while in church. If you like, you can purchase one from the back of the church. They cost \$1.00 each, which is what we paid for them.

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Canadian Catholic Church since 1967. It supports communities in low-income countries in their struggles for justice and equality. It holds annual campaigns to educate us as Canadians about the root causes of global poverty and to mobilize us to act for change.

This Share Lent Campaign theme is **Share Love, Share Lent**, inspired by the message of social fraternity in Pope Francis' latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*.

For more information, go to the D&P website: devp.org

A weekly webinar on this year's theme is available on the website.