

PARISH NEWS

Clergy Moves Continued

2 ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Father James Byrne, IVE St. Mary Parish, Lindsay

Father Paul Chukwunonso, SMMM St. Michael Parish, Cobourg (Arrival TBD)

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

Father Stephen DeCarlo Associate Vocations Director

Father John Perdue Administrator of St. Mary Parish, Lindsay (Effective from June 30 to August 17, 2021)

Father Raymond Rick Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs

Sincere thanks to Father Joseph Devereaux, who has been Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs since 2010. Father Devereaux continues to serve as Judicial Vicar.

Issued on Friday, May 14, 2021, Feast of St. Matthias by + His Excellency the Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough

Extension of Emergency Measures and Stay-at-Home Order to June 2, 2021

Premier Doug Ford announced today that the Emergency Measures and the Stay-at-Home Order have been extended to Wednesday, June 2, 2021. This means that the cap on attendance for places of worship remains at 10 people (including the celebrant and liturgical ministers.)

The cap of 10 persons applies to religious services held indoors, or outdoors where attendees are not in vehicles. Additionally, the legislation allows for Drive-In religious services where attendees remain in their vehicles.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough continues to broadcast the Sunday Mass on its YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_Cd0rFPwUxMtMRhS_UtCxg

During this month of May, let us bring to prayer the suffering in our country and throughout the world due to this pandemic and ask for Our Lady's intercession as we pray the Rosary.

[Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_Cd0rFPwUxMtMRhS_UtCxg)

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough, located in the central east zone of Ontario, is led by His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Miehm, D.D. The Diocese of Peterborough was first established ...

www.youtube.com

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Fr. Asisclo Podelino, Pastor

Pentecost Sunday

May 23rd, 2021



**“AS THE FATHER
HAS SENT ME,
SO I SEND YOU.
RECEIVE THE
HOLY SPIRIT.”**

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

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 MAY 23RD AT THE ALTAR

May 24, Mon., *Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church* - 9 am -

May 24, Mon., *Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church* - 11 am

May 25, Tues., Feria - 9 am -

May 25, Tues., Feria - 11 am -

May 26, Wed., *St Philip Neri* - 9 am - **The Sick of the Parish** [St Mary's CWL]

May 26, Wed., *St Philip Neri* - 11 am -

May 27, Thurs, Feria - 9 am -

May 27, Thurs, Feria - 11 am -

May 28, Fri., Feria - 9 am -

May 28, Fri., Feria - 11 am

May 29, Sat., Feria - 9 am - **Steven Casteels** [Mom, Dad, Family]

May 29, Sat., Feria - 11 am -

May 30, Sat., **Holy Trinity**

5 pm - **No Mass Today**

May 30, Sun., **Holy Trinity**

9 am - **No Mass Today**

11am - **No Mass Today**

Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and Parishioners of the Parish of Korean Martyrs Parish in Brighton.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,630.00	Shut Down (Covid)
Building Maintenance	\$110.00	\$0.00
Rose Window	\$750.00	\$0.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES in May: Don & Eileen Storey (54 years on May 6th), Jim & Mary Catherine O'Neill (29 Years on May 16th), Wayne & Louise Aasen (51 years on May 16th), Greg & Angela Emerson (25 years on May 25th), Fr Davie West (31 years on May 25th). God's Blessings on all of you!

We are announcing new changes of schedule for our daily Mass for we are experiencing more than 10 calls to book for the daily Mass. Starting April 26 from Monday to Saturday there are 2 daily Masses 9:00 am and 11:00 am to accommodate 9 to attend per Mass. The procedure is the same; please call the day before you plan to come to the Mass. Again, There are No Sunday Masses including the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass.

The Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough, announces the following appointments of clergy. These moves are effective on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 unless otherwise noted.

RETIREMENT

Father John Albao Retires as Pastor of St. Paul Parish, Gravenhurst.

We thank Father Albao for his dedicated service in the Diocese of Peterborough for many years.

PRIESTS DEPARTING THE DIOCESE

Father Salvador Curutchet, IVE, Father Gerardus Hauwert, IVE and Father Innocent Umezika, SMMM have been reassigned by their respective religious orders. We thank them for their service in our Diocese.

PASTORS

Father Randy Foster St. Joseph Parish, Douro

Father Joshy George, CMI St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, Peterborough

Father Joseph, LoJacono, IVE St. Mary Parish, Lindsay (Effective, August 18)

Father Placid Obijii, SMMM St. Paul Parish, Gravenhurst

Father Emmanuel Okpataku, SMMM St. Michael Parish, Cobourg

Father Balonwu Okpe Sacred Heart Parish, Trout Creek

Father Alex Salazar, IVE Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist Parishes, Peterborough

Father Sanyatson Sessaiah St. Anne Parish, Peterborough

Father Jerry Tavares St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Parry Sound



Message from Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle

Pentecost 2021

Send forth your spirit and renew the face of the Earth (Ps. 104)

Greetings and blessings on the Feast of Pentecost,

As Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, focused on the work of reconciliation between Indigenous and all Canadians, we want to renew and celebrate the Spirit of Pentecost. Still relatively new as a coalition we are convinced of the importance of language, the challenges of unity in diversity, and the impossibility of progress in reconciliation in our Church and communities apart from the work of the Holy Spirit. It is urgent that we pray for each other in these times when, even as we see signs that the Covid 19 pandemic is lifting, the effects of isolation, of our immense vulnerability and of our profound loss and grief still weigh on our spirits individually and as communities. Surrounded by this shared suffering, but also grateful for the many acts of love and compassion that we have all witnessed, may we find the strength as the disciples did on the first Pentecost, to step out in faith to build a new way forward together.

Holy Scriptures tell us that the Church was born at such a time as this. The first disciples found themselves still huddled together, with the windows of their souls guarded and the doors to their hearts locked. Into this reluctance and uncertainty, the Holy Spirit poured as a mighty wind and as fire. The Church at Pentecost was born with a oneness that welcomes and celebrates a wide diversity of languages and cultures. As a part of the Community of Faith born in this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle strives to be a sign of that "one faith expressed in many different ways."ⁱ

In the Acts of the Apostles, we are told of people from many nations proclaiming with amazement, "we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God." (Acts 2:11). This action of the Holy Spirit highlights the importance of speaking and hearing one's own language. Convinced of the prophetic significance of this message, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle continues to emphasize the importance of Indigenous languages. We strongly support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) which states "Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons".ⁱⁱ Members of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle are committed to encouraging and celebrating the revitalization of these teachings and languages.ⁱⁱⁱ

More than four centuries ago the Church was again birthed in this land among Indigenous Peoples amid crisis, conflict, and cultural diversity. Indigenous members of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle express one faith in Christ through their own cultural and spiritual diversity. The Holy Spirit through them and other Indigenous people, witnesses to the truth of the words spoken by Saint Pope John Paul II at Huronia: "There can be no question of adulterating the word of God or of emptying the Cross of its power, but rather of Christ animating the very centre of all culture. Thus, not only is Christianity relevant to the Indian people, but Christ, in the members of his Body, is himself Indian."^{iv} The Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle is committed to working to reconcile the participation of Indigenous members in the Church.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is not for the Church alone but is the Spirit renewing the whole world—the land, the people, and all living things. Moved by this Spirit and prompted by his Holiness Pope Francis we are sent to go boldly into our families and communities, into our educational, health, and social institutions, and even into the world of politics to bring the power of unity and love that are the true fruits of the presence of the Spirit of God. We are called to do the difficult work of justice and reconciliation, “to build a better kind of politics, one aimed at the service of the Common Good”.^v The Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle sees in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples a framework to guide our work toward this goal. In language that is embraced by the international community this declaration helps us to concretize the goal set before us by Pope Francis when he stated, “it is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They are not merely one minority among others, but should be the principal dialogue partners, especially when large projects affecting their lands are proposed.”^{vi} With the boldness that is asked of us, we members of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle pledge to do what we can to help our Catholic community to increase awareness of the significance of UNDRIP as a framework for reconciliation and just relations in Canada.^{vii}

On this great feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Spirit of God, we invite you to pray with us the ancient song of the People of Israel: “send forth your spirit and renew the face of the Earth.” (Ps. 104)

ⁱ Homily of Pope John Paul II at Martyr’s Shrine (Huronia) September 15, 1984.

ⁱⁱ United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Article 13.

ⁱⁱⁱ Message of Support from Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle on the occasion of the United Nations 2019 Year of Indigenous Languages.

^{iv} Homily of Pope John Paul II at Martyr’s Shrine (Huronia) September 15, 1984.

^v Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship, October 3, 2020 (#154)

^{vi} Pope Francis. Encyclical Letter Laudato si: On Care for Our Common Home, May 24, 2015 (#146)

^{vii} Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle Statement on Including UNDRIP in Canadian Law