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- Votive light stands may be re-opened, subject to notices requiring appropriate distancing of two metres (six feet).
- Crying Rooms and Small Chapels/Devotional Areas may be used again as long as proper distancing is maintained.
- The preference continues that confessions should be heard outside of the Confessional to allow for proper distancing, cleaning and contact tracing (if it becomes necessary). Where Confessionals are used, both priest and confessor will be required to wear masks. Priests should employ double masking or the use of the N95 mask so as to further lower the risk of contamination.
- Collections may again be taken up using baskets in the traditional fashion. All Ushers involved in taking up collection should ensure that they wear masks while undertaking this task and use a collection basket with a long handle to maintain the two metres (six feet) distancing.
- Hand Sanitizing – It is no longer necessary for all entering a church to use hand sanitizer, though churches are encouraged to provide hand-sanitizers should people wish to use it. The priests and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should continue to use hand-sanitizers.
- Altar servers may be utilized again, as long as they maintain the two metres (six feet) distance between each other and the priest. Altar servers and the priest need to wear face masks when distance cannot be maintained. Altar servers from the same household do not need to maintain physical distancing.
- Deacons may return to their ministry at the altar while observing all relevant health precautions.
- Communion procedures are unchanged despite the lessening of restrictions in other areas. Both the person distributing communion and the communicant must be fully masked. Once the communicant receives the host, they are to move two metres (six feet) away, safely remove mask, consume host, replace mask, and then proceed back to the pew.
Holy Water fonts at the church doors are not reopened.

Parish Council & Finance Committee

The Parish Council and Finance Committee approved to repair the bricks at the back of the Church before putting back the stained glass. The Sky High Restoration, who so ably repaired our bell tower, have started repair work on the bricking around the window and should be completed by next week and the cost is close to \$10,000 including tax. Shortly after that, the stained-glass window will be re-installed.

Thanks to a very kind anonymous donor, who sponsored to pay the cost of the stained glass in memory of their late Family Member, our beautiful window will once again grace the sanctuary.

Saint Vincent de Paul Request

The Grafton conference of Saint Vincent de Paul continues to support the needy in our community with basic necessities of food and personal care products as well as gas cards and assistance with household bills as deemed appropriate. At this time, our cupboard has a shortage of the following items and we are asking for your help: peanut butter, cereal, canned meat, soup, syrup, coffee, hand soap and kleenex. Your generosity has always been forthcoming and we thank you in advance for your donations to our cupboard or for financial assistance to meet the needs of those we serve.

Pat Westrope President

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Fr. Asisclo Podelino, Pastor

*19th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time*

August 8th, 2021



**“I AM THE
LIVING BREAD
THAT
CAME DOWN
FROM
HEAVEN.”**

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 AUGUST 8TH AT THE ALTAR

Aug 9, Mon., Feria - 9 am -

Aug 10, Tues., **St Lawrence** - 9 am -

Aug 11, Wed., *St Clare* - 11 am - **The Sick of the Parish** [St Mary's CWL]

Aug 12, Thurs., Feria - 11 am -

Aug 13, Fri., Feria - 9 am -

Aug 14, Sat., *St Maximilian Kolbe* - 9 am - **Cemetery Mass**

Aug 14, Sat., **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

5 pm - **Theresa Calnan** [Francis Calnan]

Aug 15, Sun., **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

11am - **Eleanor Turchyn** [Edward & Cecelia Geens]

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Aug 14/15	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Jackie Innis	Bernadette Murray	Joanna Mecozzi
Eucharistic Ministers	Greg Blick	Bernadette Murray	Judith Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell Manley & Noelle Manley	Ed Nemeć / Oladele Adebayo	Joe O'Kane / Theo Mensen

Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and Parishioners of the Parish of the Sacred Heart in Trout Creek & its mission St Augustine in South River and St Mary in Port Loring.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

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PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,677.00	\$1,200.00
Building Maintenance	\$267.00	\$195.00
Vocations & Campus Ministry	\$106.00	\$70.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST: Orville & Connie Gardner (57 yrs. on Aug 1), Ed & Pat Nemeć (52 yrs. on Aug 2), Jim & Patricia Aldcroft (59 yrs on Aug 4), Andriy & Helen Hrycyna (38 yrs on Aug 6), Stephen & Laura Krentz (17 yrs on Aug 14), Keith & Laura MacDonald (37 yrs on Aug 25), Don & Carol Maybin (50 yrs on Aug 27). God's continued blessings on all of you!

The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario has issued the updated, *Worship Safe* guideline. The revised guideline has been reviewed by the Pastoral Administration team.

I am issuing the following updates which take effect immediately.

- Physical distancing of two metres (six feet) remains the requirement for attendance in church and parish facilities, including seating, however, groups of people from the same household may be seated together.
- Wearing a face mask remains required. Masks should be fitted properly to the face.
- Cleaning procedures for pews, washrooms, confessionals, reconciliation rooms are relaxed so as to require only regular cleaning in accordance with pre-Covid-19 routines, with the only exception being when someone with suspected or known Covid-19 has attended, in which case the space should be disinfected as per the pandemic manual requirements.
- Churches should be well ventilated when possible. This will vary according to the space but it should be treated with importance. Ventilation may involve opening windows and utilising fans to exhaust air from the sanctuary. Fan placement is important and will vary upon room configuration. Avoid placing fans in areas where they may impede access or cause contaminated air to flow from one person to another.
- Missals and prayer books may be replaced in pews.
- Hymn books will not be replaced as the earlier restrictions on singing continue.
- Bulletins, envelopes, pamphlets, and newspapers may again be distributed as per pre-COVID-19 practices.