

## PARISH NEWS Con't

### Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of this Land

The Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, took the opportunity to affirm and acknowledge to the Indigenous Peoples the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture, and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions, and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. They acknowledged the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. They also sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies, the Catholic Bishops of Canada expressed their profound remorse and apologized unequivocally.

Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, the Bishops pledged to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, they invited the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. They further committed to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

A delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous Peoples, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. The Bishops of Canada have pledged to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

The Catholic Bishops are committed to continuing the journey with the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples of this land.

### Live-streaming of the Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, 2021. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough.

Please join in prayer by clicking on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/KUTamtOi0W0>

### Today Sunday October 3 2021 Life Chain

National Life Chain Sunday 2021 will conduct its annual prayer witness on "village" sidewalks throughout North America. **COME JOIN IN COBOURG for this peaceful demonstration and prayer from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the corner of Elgin St. and William St.** For more information, contact Jennifer Riccio at 905 373-8306.

## **Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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**Fr. Asisclo Podelino, Pastor**

*27<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time*

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021



**“WHAT GOD  
HAS JOINED  
TOGETHER, LET  
NO MAN  
SEPARATE.”**

#### **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

Parish Library  
*Suzanne Liptay* 905-372-3031

## **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 OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT THE ALTAR

Oct 4, Mon., *St Francis of Assisi* - 9 am -

Oct 5, Tues., Feria - 9 am - **The Unborn** [St Mary's CWL]

Oct 6, Wed., Feria - 9 am -

Oct 7, Thurs., *Our Lady of the Rosary* - 9 am -

Oct 8, Fri., Feria - 9 am -

Oct 9, Sat., Feria - 9 am -

Oct 9, Sat., **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5 pm - **Pam Kelly** [The Parish]

Oct 10, Sun., **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11am - **Christine Wood** [The Family]

| NEXT WEEKEND<br>LAY MINISTERS<br>Oct 9/10 | 5:00 pm                        | 9:00 am                      | 11:00 am                 |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Lectors</b>                            | Melissa Lilje                  | Michael Stephenson           | Richard Holland          |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>              | Greg Blick                     | Bruce Lawson                 | Judith Goulin            |
| <b>Ushers/Greeters</b>                    | Darrell Manley & Noelle Manley | Ed Nemecek / Oladele Adebayo | Joe O'Kane / Theo Mensen |

### Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and Parishioners of the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Hastings and its mission Sacred Heart in Harwood.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

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### PARISH FINANCES

|                             | Last Weekend | Same Time Last Year |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sunday Collection</b>    | \$1,515.00   | \$1,005.00          |
| <b>Building Maintenance</b> | \$70.00      | \$0.00              |
| <b>Canadian Church</b>      | \$60.00      | \$85.00             |

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

Tony & Joan Farwell (61 yrs. on October 1), Marco & Joanna Mecozzi (33 yrs. On October 1), Gary & Janine Turk (13 yrs. on October 5), Jack & Evelyn Reid ( 60 yrs on Oct 7), Bruce & Colleen Lawson (55 yrs. on October 8), Alfons & Dianne Casteels (45 yrs. On October 9), Darrell & Noelle Manley (34 yrs. on October 17). God's continued blessings on all of you!

#### From the Parish Council and Finance Committee

As you have read recently in the bulletin, the brickwork repair around the east window that had to be done first has been completed and now the window is ready to be put back in place. The payment for that brickwork has been made from the parish and bingo operating funds.

A generous member of our parish is donating the funds for the reinstallation of the window. However, that donation is being spread over the next two years and as of today \$7,000 has already been received by the parish. With the significantly lower offertory donations due to COVID, the parish does not have sufficient cash flow to meet the on-going costs of the parish and install the window at this time. The contractor has been calling the parish when will they put back the stained glass window and Fr. Ace has requested them to wait until we have enough funds to pay the remaining balance.

You, the parishioners of St. Mary's, have been very generous in the past. Once again we would be most grateful to receive donations so that we may soon look above the altar to appreciate our beautiful stained glass window. Thank you.

#### CWL News:

Next CWL Meeting is October 04/21 at 9:30 am in the Rectory. Calling all members to attend. If you are interested in joining the CWL please join us. All covid protocols will be followed. Therefore no food or beverages will be served. If you wish you may bring your own beverage.