

PARISH NEWS Con't

CWL News:

- 1) January Meeting: January 03/21 @ 9:30 am in the rectory. All members and new members are most welcome. Please plan to attend.
- 2) All memberships for 2022, new and renewals, should now be sent in. If you have forgotten to do so, please return yours this week
- 3) Season Greetings and a very Merry Christmas to all members and parishioners.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE CHURCH: WALKING TOGETHER TOWARD HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

Rome Delegation – December 2021

Canadian Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Provide an Update on Delegation to Rome

December 7, 2021 – After careful assessment of the uncertainty and potential health risks surrounding international travel amid the recent spread of the Omicron variant, the Canadian Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami have jointly decided to reschedule a delegation to the Vatican in December 2021 to the earliest opportunity in 2022.

The decision to postpone was a heartbreaking one, made after careful consultation with delegates, family members, community leaders, public health officials and the leadership of each of the three National Indigenous Organizations. Particularly for many elderly delegates as well as those who live in remote communities, the risk of infection and the fluid nature of the evolving global situation presents too great a threat at this time.

We take comfort in the desire, conveyed to us by the Holy See, that the safety of the delegation should inform any decision to move forward. It is also important to note that the delegation is postponed not cancelled.

Currently, the world's health experts are still learning about the transmissibility of the Omicron variant. As more information becomes available, we will continue to assess the feasibility of future travel plans, based on guidance from the Canadian government and relevant international authorities.

Our shared commitment to walking together towards healing and reconciliation remains strong. We understand that the Holy See is very much committed to rescheduling this visit in the new year and we look forward to the opportunity for Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors, and youth to participate in private meetings with Pope Francis.

For further information:

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Fr. Asisclo Podelino, Pastor

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 12th, 2021



**“THE CROWDS
ASKED,
“WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?”**

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:

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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

Judith Goulin 905-372-7684

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 12TH AT THE ALTAR

Dec 13, Mon., *St Lucy* - 9 am - **A Special Intention**

Dec 14, Tues., *St John of the Cross*- 9 am - **Sharon Bradwell** [Deirdre Arzheimer]

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

Dec 16, Thurs., Feria - 9 am -
5 pm - **Healing Mass**

Dec 17, Fri., Feria- 9 am -

Dec 18, Sat., Feria - 9 am -

Dec 18, Sat., **4th Sunday of Advent**

5 pm - **Ints: The Roddy Family** [The Family]

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

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

11am - **A Special Intention**

| NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Dec 18/19 | 5:00 pm | 9:00 am | 11:00 am |
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| Lectors | Jackie Innis | Bernadette Murray | Joanna Mecozzi |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Paula Blick | Bernadette Murray | Judith Goulin/ Dennis Goulin |
| Ushers/Greeters | Darrell Manley & Noelle Manley | Ed Nemec / Oladele Adebayo | Joe O'Kane / Theo Mensen |

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.

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PARISH FINANCES

| | Last Weekend | Same Time Last Year |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$4,087.00 | \$1,921.20 |
| Building Maintenance | \$1,418.00 | \$383.80 |
| Priest's Benefit | \$300.00 | \$500.00 |

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

Graham & Gay Stratford (63 yrs. on December 8), Harvey & Carol Scott (45 yrs. on December 10), John & Melissa Lilje (3 yrs. on December 19), Richard & Sarah Holland (50 yrs. on December 29), Gerry & Carole Earles (10 yrs. on December 30). God's continued blessings on all of you!

LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MASS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Advent will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 11, 2021. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. Please join in prayer:

<https://youtu.be/jJdm---G3GQ>

Schedule for Christmas Masses:

Dec. 24 (Friday) at 5:00 pm
Dec. 24 (Friday) at 8:00 pm
Dec. 25 (Saturday) at 10:00 am

Schedule for Sunday Masses:

Dec. 26 (Sunday) 9:00 am
Dec. 26 (Sunday) 11:00 am

Bishop Miehm sent a memorandum – “There are to be no late afternoon or evening Masses on Christmas day (Saturday, December 25) in the Diocese of Peterborough.”

Schedule for New Year's Masses:

Dec. 31 (Friday) 5:00 pm
Jan. 1 (Saturday) 10:00 am

Schedule for Sunday Masses:

Jan. 1 (Saturday) 5:00 pm
Jan. 2 (Sunday) 9:00 am
Jan. 2 (Sunday) 11:00 am

Healing Mass on Dec. 16, 2021 (Thursday) at 5:00 pm

Please join us in praying for healing of mind, body and soul as part of our Advent journey – Prepare the Way of the Lord. Catholics believe that healing occurs during all masses. God wants to heal us and will heal through the powerful gift given to us by the Holy Spirit. The Oil of the sick will be administered for the healing of our body and the forgiveness of our sins. This is one of God's gifts to His Church. During a healing mass and service we must remain open to the Holy Spirit and invite Him into our hearts in order for healing to take place.