

## PARISH NEWS Con't

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### NEW COVID-19 HEALTH PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE FROM JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> TO 26<sup>TH</sup>

Yesterday, Premier Doug Ford held a press conference and responded to what he called "a tsunami" of COVID-19 infections that threatens to overwhelm the healthcare system in Ontario. The Premier was joined at the press conference by his ministers of health, education, and finance, as well as Ontario's chief medical officer of health and the CEO of Ontario Health.

In response to the increasing number of cases of the Omicron variant, the province of Ontario is implementing new health precautions and restrictions. The measures will be in effect from Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 12:01 a.m. for at least 21 days until January 26, 2022. The trends in public health and health system indicators will be considerations for the government's decision to extend or lift the new measures.

The measures that will directly impact places of worship include:

- Reducing social gathering limits to five people indoors and 10 people outdoors.
- Limiting capacity at organized public events to five people indoors.
- Requiring businesses and organizations (i.e. places of worship) to ensure employees work remotely unless the nature of their work requires them to be on-site.
- Limiting capacity at indoor weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites, and ceremonies to 50 percent capacity of the particular room. Outdoor services are limited to the number of people that can maintain 2 meters of physical distance. Social gatherings associated with these services must adhere to the social gathering limits.
- Closing indoor meeting and event spaces with limited exceptions but permitting outdoor spaces to remain open with restrictions.

In the Diocese of Peterborough, Most Reverend Bishop Miehm has provided these guidelines for the implementation of the health precautions:

- Households attending the church must maintain a physical distance of 6 feet or 2 meters between each other. Attendance at the church is limited to fifty percent of the church's posted capacity.
- The clergy and the faithful must wear a face mask in the church.
- Congregational singing is strongly discouraged at this time.
- The processional and recessional will take place respectively from the sacristy to the sanctuary and from the sanctuary to the sacristy to avoid gatherings at the church doors.
- Parish Halls are closed for the time being. The exception to this closure is AA meetings, food banks, and other designated entities.

The Diocesan and parish staff are working remotely as much as possible.

It is hoped that these new measures will curtail or significantly mitigate the current surge of the Omicron variant and the COVID-19 virus.

Let us keep one another in our prayers.

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

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**Parish Website:** [www.assumptiongrafton.ca](http://www.assumptiongrafton.ca)

**Fr. Asisclo Podelino, Pastor**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time*

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**“JESUS DID  
THE FIRST OF  
HIS SIGNS IN  
CANA OF  
GALILEE.”**

#### **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

*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 JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> AT THE ALTAR

Jan 17, Mon., *St Anthony* - 9 am -

Jan 18, Tues., Feria - 9 am -

Jan 19, Wed., Feria - 9 am - **The Protection of Life at Every Stage** [St Mary's CWL]

Jan 20, Thurs., Feria - 9 am -

Jan 21, Fri., *St Agnes* - 9 am -

Jan 22, Sat., Feria - 9 am -

Jan 22, Sat., **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5 pm -

Jan 23, Sun., **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11 am -

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Jan 22/23	5 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Paula Blick	Bernadette Murray	Joanna Mecozzi
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Paul Blick	Michael Stephenson	Judith/Dennis Goulin
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	The Manley's	Ed Nemecek / Oladele Adebayo	Joe O'Kane / Theo Mensen

### Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and people of the Cathedral of St Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough.
- 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>	\$1,215.00	\$400.00
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	\$75.00	\$0.00

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

Roy & Min Naylor (15 yrs. on January 6), Allan & Daisy Caterio (18 yrs. on January 11). God's continued blessings on all of you!

#### LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MASS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2022. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough.

Please join in prayer: <https://youtu.be/nZg8Ya8gHGw>

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25, 2022

The 2022 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt 2:2), was prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches, based in Beirut, Lebanon.

The international theme and resources speak to our world's urgent need for solidarity and transformation in the face of political, economic, and social turmoil, including the challenges and injustices highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we join the Christians of the Middle East in the journey to Christ's manger, may we become a sign of the unity that God desires for all creation, and may we return to our home, our churches, and our world by new ways.

We are unable to gather locally due to the pandemic health precautions so the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough and area churches are joining in prayer virtually with the Greater Toronto Council of Churches.

The Greater Toronto Council of Churches invites you to a livestream celebration on Sunday, January 23rd, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Please click the link below to join in prayer for Christian Unity:  
<https://www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch/>