

PARISH NEWS Con't

Merry Christmas!

We the staff of St. Mary's Parish (Fr. Ace, Melissa, and Shirley) wish each one of you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

Every time Christmas comes we are touched something of a mystery for Christmas is indeed a mystery of God who entered the world and became flesh by the path of humility. Christmas is full of surprises and the greatest surprise arrives: the Most High is a little baby. Christmas is welcoming on earth the surprises of Heaven. Christmas is the victory of humility over arrogance, of simplicity over abundance, of the silent voice of God over the noise of consumerism. Let us open our hearts and be willing to receive surprises, that is, an unexpected change of life. Christmas does not mean repeating the past but treasuring, reviving and with gratitude, that our celebration may touch our souls with the Lord's mercy, peace, and joy and lead us to a new birth of faith, hope, and love and allows the best in each one of us to shine. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Masses

Dec. 24 - Saturday 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 pm
Dec. 25 - Sunday 10:00 am

Confession:

Dec. 17 - 8:30 am - 9:00 am, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Dec. 18 - 9:00 am -10:00 am
Dec. 19 to 23 - 8:30 am - 9:00 am; 9:30 am -10:00 am

Journey through Advent / Cheminer ensemble durant l'Avent - Video series produced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

ENGLISH - The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents *Journey through Advent* with the Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, Auxiliary Bishop of London, Ontario, reflecting on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2022.

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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4th Sunday of Advent

December 18th, 2022



**“JESUS WAS BORN
OF MARY, WHO
WAS ENGAGED TO
JOSEPH, SON
OF DAVID.”**

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

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 18TH AT THE ALTAR

Dec. 19, Mon., Feria -9 am -

Dec. 20, Tues., Feria - 9 am -

11 am - **School Mass**

Dec. 21, Wed., Feria - 9 am - **Ints: Frances Mensen** [The Family]

Dec. 22, Thurs., Feria - 9 am -

Dec. 23, Fri., Feria - 9 am - **Salvation of souls in Purgatory** [Lynn & Marie McVety]

Dec. 24, Sat., Feria- 9 am - **No Mass**

Dec. 24, Sat., **Christmas Eve**

5 pm - **For the People of the Parish**

8 pm - **John Taylor** [Mom, Jamie & Family]

Dec. 25, Sun., **Christmas Day**

10 am - **Gay Stratford** [St Mary's Parish]

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Dec 25/26	5 pm	8 pm	10:00 am
Lectors	Greg Blick	Jackie Innis	Michael Stephenson
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Rutherford	TBA	Judith & Dennis Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	The Manley's	Ed Nemece / Joe O'Kane	Theo Mensen / Ed Nemece

Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and People of The Diocese of Peterborough.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

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	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$2,045.00	\$2,085.00
Building Maintenance	\$15.00	\$745.00
Christmas	\$250.00	\$0.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

Harvey & Carol Scott (46 yrs. on December 10), Richard & Sarah Holland (51 yrs. on December 12), John & Melissa Lilje (4 yrs. on December 19). God's continued blessings on all of you!

Livestreaming of the Mass for the Forth Sunday in Advent

The Mass for the Fourth Sunday in Advent will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2022. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough.

Please click the link below to join in prayer: <https://youtu.be/-CUTzCOGE1U>

CWL NEWS:

1. January CWL Meeting is on Jan.09/23 at 9:30 am at the rectory. All members are welcome.
2. To All Parishioners: Have an enjoyable December as you get ready for Christmas. Do an ACT of KINDNESS for someone each day in December. It is most rewarding and so appreciated!