

The Church Sound System - During my first few weeks here, a number of parishioners were suggesting me to up my voice volume a bit, to put my speaking pace a bit slower during my Mass as they could not hear well and understand me better. In the last 2 weeks, I tried to turn up my voice volume. During homily I turn on the portable mic along with the lectern microphone (2 microphones on), and slow down my pace from 100k/h to 50k/h. Still, after my latest Sunday Mass, one parishioner told me she could hardly hear & understand. After all those efforts that I exerted, I don't know what to do more.

The Best Cake Ever - I keep on forgetting to acknowledge the birthday cake prepared for me by the CWL along with the card with well wishes message signed by most of you 2 weeks ago. Thank you CWL and to you all! For me it was the best cake ever not just of its yummy taste but because as the candle blowing was done in the cemetery (during cemetery Mass), it gives us a strong reminder that as we blow the candle atop the birthday cake we not only advance in age but also come closer to that eventual resting place. Such earthly resting place is a prelude to the eternal place prepared by God to those who remain faithful to him until the end. That cake and the candle blowing in the cemetery teach me a very good catechesis.

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. CWL Word of the week is "MEANING". Life has meaning when you recognize your God-given gifts and share them with others. Come out to a meeting and celebrate the meaning of life as you share your gifts.
2. Next CWL Meeting is September 11/23 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Note the change in date because of Labour Day.
3. The Church Picnic was most enjoyable with delicious food and super company. Thank you to all who worked to make the picnic a success.
4. Pray for all the people around the world and within Canada who are impacted by challenges in their daily life. Climate change has forced many people into dealing with hash realities under the most difficult circumstances

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

Bill & Sally Francis (67yrs on September 6th), Chris & Candace Geurtsen (17yrs on September 9th), Lynn & Marie McVety (47yrs on September 25th), Dave & Marilyn Rudd (44yrs on September 29th). God's continued blessings on all of you!

Church Secretary - Please be advised that the secretary will be on holidays this week August 28 - September 4 , Fr Martin is available to help you in Melissa's absence.

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Fr. Martin Dalida, Pastor

*21st Sunday
in
Ordinary Time*

August 27th, 2023



**"Who do you say
that I Am?"**



**'You are the christ,
the living God''**

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
 Michael Mullin, Chairperson 416 300-8680

Music at Mass:
St Mary's Choir
 10 am Mass on Sun
 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

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 27TH AT THE ALTAR

August 28, Mon., *St Augustine* - 9 am -

August 29, Tues., *Passion of St John the Baptist*- 9 am - No Mass Today

August 30, Wed., *Feria* - 9 am -

August 31, Thurs., *Feria* - 9 am -

September 1, Fri., *Feria* - 9 am - First Friday Mass

September 2, Sat., *Feria* - 9 am -

September 2, Sat., 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 pm - + Steve Sawyer [Tim & Liz Gilligan]

September 3, Sun., 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am - For the People of the Parish

September 2/3	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Dave Hughes	Joanna Mecozzi
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Donna Smith	Peter & Debbie Burnham
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell & Nick Manley	Joe O’Kane / Ian Manley

E-TRANSFERS - The Parish is able to accept e-transfers. If you forget your envelope or you are visiting and want to make a one time donation, you can log onto your mobile banking after Mass and send your donation to office@assumptiongrafon.ca. Make sure to put your envelope # or name and address in the message section of the transfer. The transfers are auto deposit so no need to set up a password.

PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,185.00	\$1,550.00
Building Maintenance	\$100.00	\$100.00
Bank Balance	\$2,240.80	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Rectory Back Door Storeroom – This part of the rectory is repaired and done with new tile flooring. You will be happy to see it clean & conducive to be a store room. Parish organizations like CWL, Vincent de Paul, etc. working hard for our parish and using this to stock their stuff, deserve a better room than the previous. Thanking Ed Nemec for taking away from that room the heavy Safe that had been sitting there unused for many decades. We thank the Parish Council and Jackie Innis for approving Bingo Fund to finance the materials needed. And a very special Thank You and appreciation I extend, on behalf of the parish community, to Eliseo Valles, who single-handedly finished the repairs & for his generous gesture of lending his skills and time for free.

Patron Saint Feast Day Celebration - I was so pleased to celebrate with the parish community the feast day of our patron, Our Lady of Assumption for the first time. We owe a lot to our Blessed Virgin Mary of Assumption our parish life having her as our patron saint. Let us continue this tradition of celebrating her feast and make it a grace-filled parish community gathering every year.

Holy Communion For Shut-ins - Thanks to those who sent their email address giving me the easy way to send them a little note of reminder on how to properly handle the Sacred Body of our Lord to our shut-ins. I personally thank them for being committed to helping us priests bring our Lord in Communion to our sick & elderly members.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers— Please review attentively every now and then the new instructions from the revised General Instruction of Roman Missal, the copies of which had been sent/handed to you. Please apply them during your actual services.