

the tenets of Catholicism contained in Scripture and Tradition and interpreted by the magisterium of the Church. It provides answers to questions posed both by children and renowned theologians.”

**ALL SOULS DAY NOV 2** - "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (CCC # 1032). It is such a consolation to know that we are spiritually united, even now, with those who have died, and that we have the hope of seeing them again in heaven when we die ourselves. “Special Mass will be offered to our deceased loved ones on Thursday November 2, 9am, “All Soul’s Day”. You may write their names on the envelope marked “All Souls Day Remembrance” with your offering and drop off in the box at the church entrance.

**POPE FRANCIS** - Appealing for peace in the Holy Land, Pope Francis expresses concern for the humanitarian situation in Gaza, calling on all parties to lay down their weapons and all Christians to pray and fast on 27 October for peace. "The world already witnesses so many open war fronts. War solves no problems. It only sows death and destruction, increases hatred, multiplies revenge. War erases the future, it erases the future”, he lamented.

**ST. LAWRENCE GRILLED TO DEATH** - *(A Christian martyr is someone willing to face death rather than deny Jesus Christ or his Gospel. Beheading, stoning, crucifixion, throwing to lion’s dens, and burning at stake were some of the horrific ways they were punished for their beliefs.)* “Following the death of Pope Sixtus II in 258 AD who was also persecuted by Valerian, Lawrence the deacon working under pope Sixtus, started distributing the money and possessions of the Church to the poorest people in the city. Upon hearing about this, Valerian offered St. Lawrence clemency in exchange for bringing him the fortune hidden away by the church in three days. However, the saint went through the city, and instead of money or gold, he gathered all the poor and sick people the Catholic Church was supporting and presented them to Valerian. The emperor was furious and condemned St. Lawrence to a slow and brutal death by grilling him on a gridiron. Today, St. Lawrence is hailed as the patron saint of the poor due to his legacy of helping the less privileged during his life.”

**ST. MARY’S CWL**

- 1.The CWL Word of the Week is “RESILIENCE”. The CWL celebrated 100 years of service in 2020. The “RESILIENCE” over the next 100 years is in its members’ hands. Members, come out to a meeting and be part of the journey.
- 2.The next CWL meeting is on November 06/23.
- 3.Please pray for all those people around the world and within Canada who are impacted by challenges and disruptions in their daily life.
- 4.We welcome Father Martin back to St. Mary’s after his holiday. We trust that he enjoyed his holiday and had a wonderful time.

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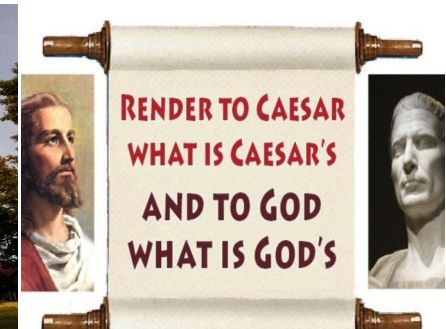
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**Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest**

**Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary**

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

**October 21-22, 2023**



**Parish Committees & Organisations**

Parish Pastoral Council <i>Michael Mullin, Chairperson</i>	416 300-8680
Finance Committee <i>Dennis Goulin, Chairperson</i>	905 372-7684
Eucharistic Ministers <i>Judith Goulin</i>	905-372-7684
Lectors <i>Richard Holland</i>	905-349-3710
St Mary’s Catholic Women’s League <i>Pat Murphy, President</i>	905 349-2847
St Vincent de Paul Society	905 377-3263
Bingo-In-Charge– Jackie Innis	905-349-2880
Religious Articles <i>Alta Vance</i>	905 344-7443

St Mary’s Cemetery Board <i>Melissa Lilje, Secretary</i>	905 349-2504
Parish Library – <i>Margaret Harry</i>	289-439-0764
Development and Peace <i>Suzanne Liptay</i>	905-372-3031
Music at Mass: <i>St Mary’s Choir</i> , 10 am Mass on Sunday	
CWL Diocesan website: <a href="http://www.peterboroughcwl.ca">www.peterboroughcwl.ca</a>	
Knights of Columbus	905 349-2504
Ushers	905 349 2504
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:	905 349-2504
St. Mary’s Elementary School, Grafton: <i>Angelo Costa</i> , Principal	905 349-2061
St Mary’s Secondary School, Cobourg: <i>Jason Roberts</i> , Principal	905 372-4339
Catholic School Board <a href="http://www.pvncdsb.on.ca">www.pvncdsb.on.ca</a>	

**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 22<sup>TH</sup> AT THE ALTAR**

October 23, Mon. 9 am

October 24, Tues - NO MASS TODAY

October 25, Wed. 9 am

October 26, Thurs. 9 am

October 27, Fri. 9 am

October 28, Sat. 10 am - Apostles St. Simon & St. Jude

October 28, Sat. 5 pm 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - For the People of the Parish

October 29, Sun. 10 am 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - +Deceased members of Mensen Family - by Mensen Family

October 28/29	5 pm	10 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Paige Mullin	Joanna Mecozzi
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Greg Blick/ Paula Blick	John Logel / Dennis or Judith Goulin
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Darrell & Nick Manley	Ian Manley / Joe O’Kane

**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@assumptiongrifton.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 October 8th	Same Time Last Year
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$2,185.00</b>	<b>\$1,975.00</b>
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$4,918.21</b>	

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (Oct 22, 2023)** - Today is World Mission Sunday. This is one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. It is one initiative of the church that is worth supporting. It is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ’s call to help the needy. Every single donation from worldwide Masses today goes to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, and prayer you give to Mission helps missionaries everywhere continue their work. Please be generous.

**RECTORY BACK ROOM** - What’s going on? This room, for many years, used to be the lair of mice & snakes. After we cleaned and tiled the floor, Ed Nemec followed up with a nice looking designed ceiling with a new quality lighting was put up. Now, it just needs a little wall painting and that room can be classified as a star hotel room. Really?

**HOW IMPORTANT IS THE CATECHISM TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?** “At that time, Catholics were faced with many questions on how to navigate the tumultuous modern world. They wanted to understand how they should react to the culture and live faithfully in a time when modern ideas seemed to defy all fundamental teachings of Catholicism. As more and more Catholics sought answers, bishops found they needed a clear articulation of the Catholic Faith. Parishes were attempting to respond to the current issues by writing their own catechisms without any formal guide. In 1985, Pope John Paul II commissioned 12 cardinals to oversee the drafting of a universal Catechism of the Catholic Church. They were to form a “genuine, systematic presentation of the faith and of Catholic doctrine.” The purpose of the Catechism is to explain the Catholic Faith in an organized way so that the faithful—and the non-faithful—might understand