

**St. Jean de Brebeuf, Scalped & Eaten Alive** - *(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.)* Brébeuf born in France, was ordained a priest in 1623, and came to Midland, Ontario, Canada in 1625. Noted for his facility with language, he was assigned to Christianize the Huron people between Georgian Bay and Lake Huron. During his mission to spread Christianity among the native population, he was captured by the Iroquois. St. John de Brebeuf was then scalped. After scalping him, they began to slowly cut pieces from his body and eat his flesh in front of his own eyes. As part of the ritual, the Iroquois drank his blood and ate his heart, as they wanted to absorb Brébeuf's courage in enduring the pain. After they had finished eating him, they poured boiling water over him and finished him off with red-hot hatchets. Since 1940, Saint John de Brebeuf is celebrated as one of the patron saints of Canada."

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

We believe that a transparent and informative overview of our financial history can help you understand the financial situation of the parish better. In response to some of your questions, here is a summary of the offertory collected and parish expenses over the past five years: **Offertory Collection: 2018** ( \$138,844), **2019** ( \$140,600), **2020** (\$100,049), **2021** (\$102,100), **2022** \$114,253), **Jan 1 to Sept 30, 2023** ( \$83,627) . **Parish Expenses: 2018**, (\$134,160), **2019** (\$135,615), **2020** (\$139,658), **2021** (\$144,762), **2022** (\$145,000, **Jan 1 to Sept 30, 2023** (\$102,424)

These figures give a general sense of our financial history. The offertory collection is the primary source of income for the church's operating expenses, which include maintenance, utilities, staff salaries, and community programs. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our parish. Together, we can ensure the financial stability and continued growth of our church community.

**ST. MARY'S CWL**

- 1.The next CWL meeting is on Nov.06/23 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
- 2.The CWL WORD of the week is "RESPECT". We are all God's children, created in God's loving image and deserving of compassion and RESPECT.
- 3.The CWL's core values go beyond this, caring for all God's creation. Join us for a meeting and experience the joy of love and RESPECT.
- 4.Please pray for all those people around the world and in Canada who are impacted by challenges and disruptions in their daily lives. Pray for the people who live in countries where war is being waged causing death, anguish and such suffering.
- 5.Membership: It is that time of year to renew your CWL membership and for prospective members to take out a membership. You will receive your membership renewal form in the mail the first week or so of November. There are Membership envelopes in the foyer (in a tub under the bulletin board) for prospective members to take which contains all the necessary information.

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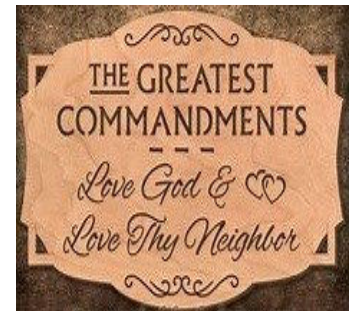
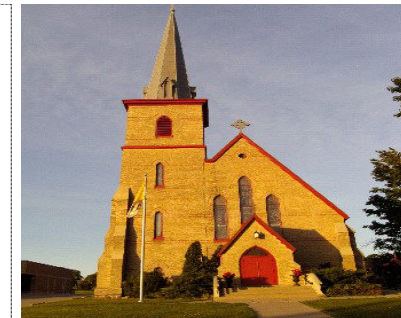
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**Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest**

**Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary**

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

**October 28-29, 2023**



**Parish Committees & Organisations**

Parish Pastoral Council <i>Michael Mullin, Chairperson</i>	416 300-8680	St Mary's Cemetery Board <i>Melissa Lilje, Secretary</i>	905 349-2504
Finance Committee <i>Dennis Goulin, Chairperson</i>	905 372-7684	Parish Library – <i>Margaret Harry</i>	289-439-0764
Eucharistic Ministers <i>Judith Goulin</i>	905-372-7684	Development and Peace <i>Suzanne Liptay</i>	905-372-3031
Lectors <i>Richard Holland</i>	905-349-3710	Music at Mass: <i>St Mary's Choir</i> , 10 am Mass on Sunday	
St Mary's Catholic Women's League <i>Pat Murphy, President</i>	905 349-2847	CWL Diocesan website: <a href="http://www.peterboroughcwl.ca">www.peterboroughcwl.ca</a>	
St Vincent de Paul Society	905 377-3263	Knights of Columbus	905 349-2504
Bingo-In-Charge– Jackie Innis	905-349-2880	Ushers	905 349 2504
Religious Articles <i>Alta Vance</i>	905 344-7443	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:	905 349-2504
		St. Mary's Elementary School, Grafton: <i>Angelo Costa , Principal</i>	905 349-2061
		St Mary's Secondary School, Cobourg: <i>Jason Roberts, Principal</i>	905 372-4339
		Catholic School Board <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.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 29<sup>TH</sup> AT THE ALTAR**

October 30, Mon. 9 am

October 31, Tues - NO MASS TODAY

November 1, Wed. 9 am - All Saints Day

November 2, Thurs. 9 am - All Souls Day - +Olaf Arzheimer - by Deirdre Arzheimer

November 3, Fri. 9 am - 1st Friday - Blessed Sacrament Adoration & Mass

November 4, Sat. 10 am

November 4, Sat. 5 pm - 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - + Al & Millie DeSouza - by Deirdre Arzheimer

November 5, Sun. 10 am -31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - For the People of the Parish

November 4/5	5 pm	10 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Jan Pietkiewicz	Michael Stephenson
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Sr Donna Smith	Dennis / Judith Goulin
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Darrell & Nick Manley	Joe O’Kane / Rob Ugolini

**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
Sunday Collection	\$2,383.50	\$1,301.00
World Mission	\$125.00	\$165.00
Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Balance	<b>\$7,272.79</b>	

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**ALL SOULS DAY, THURSDAY NOV 2** - Special Mass will be offered to our loved ones who have gone before us on Thursday November 2, 9am, the “All Souls’ Day”. All Soul’s Day Envelopes are available at the entrance. You may write their names on the envelope with your offering and drop into the basket also at the church entrance. "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. “



**KIDS FOR BAPTISM** - Quite a number of kids, 5 of them are to be baptized. Today, Sunday after the 10 am Mass: Sydney Ann Gordon - daughter of Brent & Leanne Clarke, brothers Jack and Wyatt Strikwerda – sons of James & Ashley Poole. On Nov. 12 to be baptized are sisters Charlotte & Nyla Walsh - daughters of Christopher and Colleen O’Kane. We commend the parents for bringing their children to the church to receive the most important Sacrament in our Catholic faith. May the blessings on this wonderful day fill the children’s life with joy and peace, and may they grow and walk with the Lord always. “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” – Mark 16:16. Congratulations!

**CLEANING BRIGADE** - We thank the group of school student volunteers with Tim & Michael joining forces for cleaning thoroughly the church last Saturday.

**NICE TO HEAR** - Just received email from Deb MCrae, Diocesan Finance Director, cheering us for a little improvement of our parish bank balance: “I do see the bank balance has improved this week, that’s a positive.” If only we can maintain \$10k as magic amount in our parish bank account, we will not hear anymore reminder from the chancery.