

household groups which meet frequently for mutual support in living the Christian life. With this letter, I wish to assure you that Couples for Christ has my approval to operate in the Diocese of Peterborough. Among other things, their goals align very well many of the priorities in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. You may feel confident in discussing with them possible ventures within your parish.”

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

This fall, we’re continuing Caritas Canada's *Create Hope: Stand for the Land* campaign. This time, we’ll be meeting communities in northern Honduras who have been struggling to preserve their land and water since an iron ore mine opened in Carlos Escaleras National Park, and poisoned the rivers on which they depend for their livelihoods. Our partner ERIC–Radio Progreso has asked that we support the defenders of human rights and the environment in Honduras. Since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been fighting to preserve their rivers and the Carlos Escaleras National Park from mining. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January 2023. “Communities are displaced. Rights are violated. Access and rights to water denied. All this to give priority to the extraction and pillaging of resources.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Reminding all members of the Parish Council about the meeting tomorrow, Monday, Nov 20th 9:30am @ the rectory.

**ST.MARY’S CWL**

1. Next CWL Meeting is Dec.06/23 at the rectory at 9:30 am. NOTE the CHANGE of DATE.
- 2 . The meeting will be followed by a social hour and luncheon at the Grafton Inn. All members are invited to attend. We will meet at the Inn at 11:30 am. You place your luncheon order when you go in, before you go to sit in the dining room. Salads, sandwiches, quiche, soups, baked goods, hot beverages are available.
3. The CWL Words of the Week are “Social Justice”. Called by sacred scriptures, church teachings and tradition, CWL members commit themselves to furthering God’s Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Join us on this exciting journey to create God’s justice here and now!
4. Upcoming Event: St. Michael’s CWL has invited St. Mary’s parishioners for a program presented by Cobourg Police on “HUMAN TRAFFICKING”. Date: Nov.21/23 @ 1:15 pm at St. Michael’s Church, Cobourg.
5. The CWL Project “HELPING OTHERS” Begins: Nov.18/23. Ends Dec.17/23 Parishioners are asked to donate personal care items (for men, women, children, babies, teenagers and seniors) for those in need. Eg. Denture cleaner, body wash, shoehorns, shaving cream, magnifying glass, hair products, diapers, bar soap) Check the poster on the bulletin board for more items. There are boxes in the foyer for your donations. All donations will go to ST. VINCENT DE PAUL” for distribution. Thank you for your assistance in “HELPING OTHERS”.

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**Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest**

**Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary**

*33rd Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time*

**November 18-19, 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.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 NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> AT THE ALTAR**

November 20, Mon. 9 am

November 21, Tues - 9 am - NO MASS TODAY

November 22, Wed. 9 am - St. Cecilia

November 23, Thurs. 9 am - Special Intention for Darrell & Noelle Manley by Ian Manley

November 24, Fri. 9 am - St. Andre Dung-Lac and companions

November 25, Sat. 10 am

November 25, Sat. 5 pm - Christ the King - For the People of the Parish

November 26, Sun. 10 am - Christ the King - Special Intention for Anna Bunce & Family by Lynn & Marie McVety

November 25/26	5 pm	10 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Greg Blick	Melissa Lilje
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Greg Blick	Judith Goulin / Dennis Goulin
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Darrell & Nick Manley	Rob Ugolini / 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@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	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,390.00	\$1,970.00
Heating	\$270.00	\$95.00
Building Maintenance	\$35.00	\$0.00
Bank Balance	<b>\$9,534.42</b>	

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** - Today, November 18th & 19th, a special collection towards Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) will be taken up in our diocese. Envelopes for that purpose are available at the church entrance. This is our third collection to support the pledge of the Canadian Bishops to raise 30 million dollars to promote projects that advance the cause of reconciliation and address the trauma caused by residential schools. Thank you for your generosity in the past two collections! Our Diocesan IRF committee, composed of Indigenous representatives, has met several times in recent months. They recently recommended eight projects totaling \$160,000.00 for approval by the National IRF Board of Directors, which oversees the local campaigns. The applicants are from various First Nations and Métis groups in Kawartha, Muskoka and Parry Sound regions, and their projects are all very worthy ones – your kind donations are making this possible.

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR** - Today is World Day of the Poor, an annual event celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Pope Francis instituted it in 2017 so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need. The theme for World Day of the Poor 2023 is a passage from the Book of Tobit: "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor." "A great river of poverty is traversing our cities', and that every Christian is called to become 'personally involved' in the struggle against it. When we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus," Pope Francis wrote.

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST** - This group has recently been approved by Bishop Miehm to operate in the diocese of Peterborough. Excerpts of Bishop's letter of approval: "Couples for Christ works for and with Christian couples who want to deepen their faith by helping one another to revive their relationship with God and respond to the call of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. They focus their efforts on parish and