

longer light out, they find it challenging to drive home in the dark. To address this, we are considering moving the Saturday 5 pm Mass to 4 pm during the winter months. We want to ensure that our schedule accommodates those who prefer to be back home by 5 pm and while it is still light outside. There will be a sheet at the back of the parish for those who regularly attend the 5 pm Mass. Please take a moment to write your name and indicate whether you would be opposed to moving the time to 4 pm. If the timing doesn't matter to you, please note that you would not be opposed.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION FOR CHURCH DECORATIONS - As we prepare to celebrate the joyous Christmas season at our parish, we invite you to participate in decorating our church with the beauty and fragrance of flowers, enhancing our anticipation for the coming of Christ. If you'd like to contribute flowers or poinsettias, please bring them along with a card indicating your name. For those unable to provide flowers directly, you can place an envelope in an upcoming offertory with "Christmas Flowers Donation" and your name. The parish will then purchase the flowers on your behalf. In the spirit of gratitude, Father Martin will conduct a special Mass after Christmas to honor and thank all those who generously contributed during this festive season.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love respect justice and joy. We have been busy this past year with our friends delivering needed food, friendship and financial help. We would like to thank all our benefactors, the school for their help with food drives, the CWL with their help in collecting items, and you our Parishioners with you help of food and finances! We would like to publish in the bulletin each week 3 item that we find in short supply, this week we need Crackers cookies and toilet paper.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

PETITION -Two rivers in Honduras have been poisoned by the presence of an iron oxide mine, bringing violence and division to the region. The people want to protect the rivers on which they depend for their livelihoods. This year, three people have been killed. We can amplify their calls for justice and peace by signing the petition at the back of the church this week and next. It will be forwarded by Development and Peace-Caritas Canada to the Honduran ambassador to Canada. See ' devpeace.org ' on-line for more details.

ST.MARY'S CWL

1.CWL CANTEEN – DEC.02/23 – 9:30 am - 1:30 pm at the GRAFTON CHRISTMAS MARKET at ST. MARY SCHOOL, next door. This is a FUNDRAISER for the CWL! – Come out and support the VENDORS in the school gym and buy a coffee & snack from the CWL CANTEEN! SEE YOU THERE!

2.Next CWL Meeting is Dec.06/23 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Note the change of date. The meeting will be followed by a social hour and luncheon at the Grafton Inn. All members are invited to attend the luncheon. We will meet at the Inn at 11:30 am. Please place your luncheon order when you enter and then proceed to the dining room. Salads, sandwiches, quiche, soup, baked goods and hot beverages are available.

3.OUR CWL PROJECT “HELPING OTHERS” is underway. It ends Dec.17/23. Thank you to those who made donations the first weekend. Parishioners are asked to donate personal care items for men, women, teenagers, children, babies and seniors. Eg. Nail scissors, nail clippers, shoe laces, toilet paper, paper towel, combs, touques, mittens, wool scarfs etc. All donations go to St. Vincent de Paul for distribution. Thank you for ASSISTING in “HELPING OTHERS”. YOU MAY DONATE AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WISH! Every item counts. Make sure items are new.

4.The CWL WORD of the WEEK is “SOLIDARITY”. We are all sisters and brothers who actively work for the common good. Through the CWL, members are invited to build relationships – to understand what life is like for others. Join us in SOLIDARITY as we journey towards PEACE and JUSTICE.

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November 25-26, 2023



Parish Committees & Organisations

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| Parish Pastoral Council <i>Michael Mullin</i> , Chairperson | 416 300-8680 | St Mary's Cemetery Board <i>Melissa Lilje</i> , Secretary | 905 349-2504 |
| Finance Committee <i>Dennis Goulin</i> , Chairperson | 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</i> , President | 905 349-2847 | CWL Diocesan website: www.peterboroughcwl.ca | |
| 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</i> , Principal | 905 349-2061 |
| | | St Mary's Secondary School, Cobourg: <i>Jason Roberts</i> , Principal | 905 372-4339 |
| | | Catholic School Board www.pvnccdsb.on.ca | |

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 26TH AT THE ALTAR

November 27, Mon. 9 am - NO MASS TODAY

November 28, Tues - 9 am

November 29, Wed. 9 am

November 30, Thurs. 9 am - St. Andrew the Apostle

December 1, Fri. 9 am - First Friday (Benediction & Mass)

December 2, Sat. 10 am

December 2, Sat. 5 pm - 1st Sunday of Advent - For the People of the Parish

December 3, Sun. 10 am 1st Sunday of Advent - + Donna MacNeil by Carol Ann Maybin

| December 2/3 | 5 pm | 10 am |
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| Lectors | Paula Blick | Bernadette Murray |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Sr Donna Smith | Michael Stephenson |
| Ushers/Greeters | Darrell & Nick Manley | Joe O’Kane / Ed Nemec |

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 |
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| Sunday Collection | \$1,540.00 | \$1,530.00 |
| Heating | \$160.00 | \$125.00 |
| Indigenous | \$50.00 | \$0.00 |
| Bank Balance | \$9,107.46 | |

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

SUNDAY MISSALS - Sunday Missals for year 2023-2024 are now available at the Church entrance. \$5 each is asked to defray purchase and freight expenses.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - The Feast of Christ the King is a festival celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church in honor of Jesus Christ as lord over all creation. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and is celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, immediately preceding Advent . The feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty they owed to Christ, who by his Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross had made them both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Christian belief in Christ’s sovereignty and the call to live by His teachings are recalled on the Feast of Christ the King. It offers a significant close to the liturgical year and ushers in the Advent season, which is centered on expectation and being ready for Christ’s return .

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

DONE IS THE STAINED GLASS REPAIRS - Last winter, the stunning stained-glass window at the front of the parish suffered damage during a storm. Thanks to our collaboration with the insurance company, we successfully had the window removed, repaired, and replaced. The entire cost was covered by insurance, and the bingo fund played a crucial role in covering the deductible. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Brian from Rainbowmakers for his excellent work on this project. Not only did he complete the window restoration, but he also generously provided thermal paneling as a cover, free of charge. We're truly grateful for his dedication and support.

PROPOSED 5PM MASS MOVED TO 4PM DURING WINTER TIME -As many of you are aware, we have a significant number of seniors among our parishioners. Recently, we learned that some of them attend another parish on Saturday evenings due to the 5pm start time of our Mass. The concern is that with the Mass ending while it's no