

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

PROPOSAL TO MOVE THE SATURDAY 5PM MASS TO 4PM DURING WINTER MONTHS— Our seniors attend another parish on Saturday evenings due to the 5pm start time of our Mass. To address this, we are considering moving the Saturday 5 pm Mass to 4 pm during the winter months. There will be a sheet at the back of the church 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 - We invite you to participate in decorating our church with flowers during Christmas. 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, 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

This week we need pancake mix, pancake syrup, sidekicks and ramen noodles. A reminder, next weekend is St Vincent de Paul weekend and collections to help provide for our neighbors in need will be taken after both masses. Thank you from SVDP.

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. MICHAEL'S PARISH, COBOURG

ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT - You are all invited to join an Advent Twilight Retreat to be led by Sister Mary on Friday, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, @ 5-8 pm in St. Michael's Church in Cobourg.

ST.MARY'S CWL

1. CWL MEMBERSHIP is due Dec.08/23. Members, if you have forgotten to send yours in please do so. Prospective members, there is a tub below the bulletin board in the foyer containing membership envelopes which contain all the necessary information.
2. The next CWL meeting is on Dec.06/23 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. The meeting will be followed by a social time and luncheon at the Grafton Inn. We will meet at the Inn at 11:30 am.
3. Our CWL Project "HELPING OTHERS" is underway. It ends Dec.17/23. Thank you for the donations that you have made. Your generosity is so appreciated. Parishioners are asked to donate personal care products for SENIORS, MEN, WOMEN, TEENAGERS, CHILDREN, & BABIES. EG. Hygiene products, hand cream, razors, shaving cream, face cream, hand sanitizer, hair brushes etc. All Donations go to St. Vincent de Paul for distribution. YOU MAY DONATE AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WISH! Make sure items are new!
4. The CWL WORD OF THE WEEK is "STRENGTH". The STRENGTH of belonging to a sisterhood of thousands of women is powerful and our impact makes a difference in our parishes, communities, country and beyond. The CWL is the LARGEST WOMEN'S organization in CANADA. Imagine the many gifts and talents shared for the GOOD of OTHERS. There is STRENGTH in numbers. Join us for a meeting.

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First Sunday of Advent

December 2-3, 2023



Parish Committees & Organisations

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 DECEMBER 3RD AT THE ALTAR

December 4, Mon. - NO MASS TODAY

December 5, Tues. 9 am

December 6, Wed. 9 am

December 7, Thurs. 9 am (St. Ambrose) Special Intention for Wes Krentz by the Family

December 8, Fri. 9 am (Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary)

Special Intention for Cathy Krentz by the Family

December 9, Sat. 9 am - Special Intention for Fr. Martin requested by friends

December 9, Sat. 5 pm - 2nd Sunday of Advent - For the People of the Parish

December 10, Sun. 10 am 2nd Sunday of Advent - + Members of St Mary's CWL by St Mary's CWL

December 9/10	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Paige Mullin	John Logel
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Paula Blick	Michael Stephenson
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell Manley/ 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	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$2,665.00	\$1,450.00
Building Maintenance	\$70.00	\$40.00
Balance	\$7,880.39	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ADVENT - Advent is the four week season before Christmas when Christians commemorate the first coming of Christ and anticipate his second coming. The importance of this season remains to focus on the coming of our Lord. The *Catechism* stresses the two-fold meaning of this coming: When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. For us Catholics, Advent is a season of hope and of longing, of joyful expectation and of peaceful preparation.



ADVENT WREATH- The circular nature of the Advent wreath is meant to reflect the unending love of Christ and eternal life offered through salvation. Each week of Advent on Sunday, a particular Advent candle is lit. Candles and the light they produce reflect the light that came into the world with the arrival of Jesus Christ.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER (For persons with disabilities) - "We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation."

BISHOP'S APPROVAL LETTER TO RELOCATE OUR TABERNACLE - "After reviewing your letter, I find that you have articulated sound reasons for making this change, which accord both with Canon 938 §2 and GIRM 314 and 315. It is also evident that you have consulted with your parish council and endeavored to solicit the input of parishioners and keep them informed about this proposed change. Moreover, you have indicated that the proposed move of the tabernacle to the current place of the presider's chair should not involve any construction or financial costs to the parish. Accordingly, I accede to your request and grant you permission to relocate the tabernacle Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary church from its current location to the center of the sanctuary. I pray that this rearrangement may prove to be of spiritual benefit to the worshipping community and promote greater reverence and devotion to the Eucharist. May you and your parishioners enjoy every blessing of the coming Advent season", *Most Rev. Daniel Miehm, Bishop of the diocese of Peterborough*

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE 2023

Friday, December 22, 4 pm – Penitential Service & Confession (with invited priests for Confession)

Saturday, December 23, 9am - Mass

Saturday, December 23, 5 pm - Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 24, 10 am – Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent,

Sunday, Dec 24, 8 pm – Mass for Christmas Eve

Monday December 25, 10 am – Mass for Christmas Day