

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 seson",
Most Rev. Daniel Miehm, Bishop of the diocese of Peterborough

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME UPDATE - After 2 weeks of poling the parishioners regarding the potential time change of the 5 pm mass to 4 pm for the winter months, here are the results:

Keep at 5pm – 6 parishioners , Move to 4pm – 18 parishioners, Okay either way – 14 parishioners

Based on this feedback, starting the first Saturday after Christmas, December 30th, the Saturday evening mass will be at 4pm with confessions at 3:30pm. This will be in effect until after Easter when as a parish we will decide if we want to go back to 5pm or stay at 4pm for the spring and summer months.

We know change is difficult but sometimes it is necessary. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding with these changes and hope that you continue to provide your feedback and ideas on how we can improve our parish life for everyone.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

This week we need Canned vegetables (peas & corn), Tea & Tuna

ST.MARY'S CWL

1. Membership: Thank you to all members who have paid their fees for 2024. If you are one who has forgotten, now is the time to do so.
2. CWL Canteen at St. Mary School for the Grafton Christmas Market: Thank you to the members who provided the baked goods and chili. A BIG thank you to the members who worked at the canteen. It was a fund raiser and most successful. Thank you to all who stopped by and made a purchase. The proceeds will be used for church and community projects.
3. CWL Project "HELPING HANDS": The collection is underway until Dec.17. Thank you all for your generous donations. Everything is greatly appreciated. You may donate as many times as you wish. Make sure all items are new. Some suggestions: socks, wipes, lip balm, mouth wash, underwear, cough drops, slippers, masks, ear muffs, deodorant, baby products. Donations are needed for men, women, teenagers, children, babies and seniors. Thank you! Thank you!
4. The CWL Word of the Week is "SPIRITUALITY". We are called to live in relationship with God, others and creation. SPIRITUALITY nourishes us on our faith journey enriching us as we grow. The CWL calls us to be witnesses to the love of God through ministry and service. Connect and grow with us!
5. A special thank you to member Pat Nemecek and her husband Ed, for creating the beautiful festive urns at the front of the church.

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Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest

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*2nd Sunday
of Advent*

**December 9 - 10,
2023**



"Prepare the way of the Lord"



"I baptize with water; he will baptize with the Holy Spirit"

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: 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 10TH AT THE ALTAR

December 11, Mon. - NO MASS TODAY

December 12, Tues. 9 am - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 13, Wed. 9 am -St Lucy- +Gay Stratford by Graham Stratford

December 14, Thurs. 9 am - St John of the Cross

December 15, Fri. 9 am and 11 am for St. Mary's Catholic School Mass

December 16, Sat. 9 am

December 16, Sat. 5 pm - 3rd Sun. of Advent - For the People of the Parish

December 17, Sun. 10 am 3rd Sun. of Advent - Int. for Frances Mensen by the Family

December 16/17	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Dave Hughes	Kathleen Ancker
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Pat Rutherford	John Logel
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell Manley/ Nick Manley	Rob Ugolini/ 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
Sunday Collection	\$1,800.00	\$4,483.00
Building Maintenance	\$215.00	\$370.00
Balance	\$7,424.32	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ADVENT SECOND SUNDAY - Today is the second Sunday of Advent, and the theme for this week is waiting with patience. The second Sunday in Advent continues on the path started in the first week by looking forward to Christ's first and second coming. Advent II focuses on John the Baptist, the Gentiles being included in God's family, Christ's coming in judgment and peace, and the church's hopeful expectation of the completion of his promises.



LITURGICAL SENSE (what & how to venerate during Mass) – The General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM), which outlines liturgical instructions for the Mass liturgy, states that genuflections to the tabernacle ought not to take place during Mass. Why? The presence of the tabernacle, (while still sacred and important) is not our primary focus. Our primary focus is instead placed on the sacred altar (e.g., upon which the Eucharistic sacrifice occurs right before us). It is therefore, to the altar that we bow during the Mass. Let us state simply that during Mass the Church desires that all attention be focused on the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice. It is no disrespect toward Christ in the tabernacle when his altar is venerated during Mass.

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Previous announcement regarding December 24 Masses is corrected, please find below. Also, notice that the proposed 4pm Saturday Mass will take effect on Saturday of December 30, 2023. Read the details at the Parish Pastoral Council section.

Friday, December 22, 4 pm – Advent Reconciliation Service with invited priests to hear 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, December 24, 5 pm - Christmas Eve Mass

Sunday, Dec 24, 8 pm – Christmas Midnight Mass

Monday December 25, 10 am - Christmas Day Mass

Saturday December 30, 9am - Mass

Saturday December 30, 4pm - Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday December 31, 10am - Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday Dec 31, 4pm - New Year's Eve Mass (Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation).

Monday Jan. 1, 10am - New Year's Day Mass (Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation).