

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHOIR - The St. Mary's parish community warmly welcomes and extends gratitude to this group from Cobourg who lend their time and singing service at the 4pm Mass this weekend.

TAX RECEIPTS 2023 - We are hoping Melissa feels better enough to work this week and make our Tax Receipts 2023 available.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WEBSITE AND LINKS

1. **Ignatian Solidarity Network** - Lent is about to begin—and this year it's time to refresh. Subscribe for FREE daily reflections to refresh our souls and our imaginations. Enjoy reading the reflections & watching the video clips and be refreshed!



2. **The Chosen** - No matter where you are at in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you! Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on Earth with him – the disciples, Mary his mother, the Pharisees, the children, those He healed. Find Sample scenes from The Chosen @ <https://youtu.be/z49zw1jMPo4> - Jesus calls Simon, and @ <https://youtu.be/cpCBFXVx9TQ> - Feeding the 5000. Enjoy watching and be blessed!

3. **Franciscan Media** - Franciscan Media strives to inspire a loving world that embraces the Franciscan spirit of harmony, joy, and simplicity. May our resources renew your spirit as we share God's love in the spirit of St. Francis.

BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM ON DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - "I met last week with representatives of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. Among other things we discussed the upcoming Share Lent Campaign, "Reaping our Rights." Each year, Development and Peace strives to forge links between Canadians and people in the Global south, promoting justice and fighting poverty in accord with Catholic social teaching."

ST. VINCENT THE PAUL

For this week SSVP ask for Canned Tuna, Salmon, Coffee, and Tinned Meat. All of us here in St. Vincent De Paul Grafton want to sincerely thank you, the many Grafton parishioners, who contribute to us each month. You are our lifeline and enable us to assist and help many in need. Please note that if you find our 2nd Sunday monthly collection not convenient, as an option there are St. Vincent envelopes at the back of the church you may use. Just put them in the collection basket and they will be given to us. Thank you again and may God Bless, Wes Krentz, SVP Pres

ST.MARY'S CWL

1. Next CWL meeting is March 04/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
2. The CWL Word of the Week is "WELCOME". The CWL is a place of comfort as members share a seat with like minded women of FAITH and PURPOSE. With councils across Canada – members are confident of a warm welcome no matter what council one visits. The CWL sisterhood spans Canada.
3. February is the month of the Family.
4. Ash Wednesday is on February 14 with Mass at 9am. The season of Lent begins on that date.

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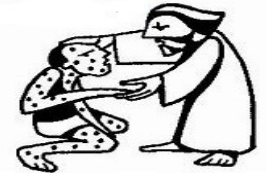
Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary

**6th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time**

February 10-11, 2024



"Moved with pity, Jesus said to the Leper, 'Be made clean.'"



Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council - *Michael Mullin*, Chairperson Tel. 416-300-8680

Finance Committee - *Dennis Goulin*, Chairperson Tel. 905 372-7684

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - *Judith Goulin* Tel. 905-372-7684

Lectors - *Richard Holland* Tel. 905-349-3710

St Mary's Catholic Women's League - *Pat Murphy*, President Tel. 905 349-2847

St Vincent de Paul Society - *Wes Krentz*, Tel. 905 377-3263

Bingo-In-Charge - *Jackie Innis* Tel. 905-349-2880

Religious Articles - *Alta Vance* Tel. 905-344-7443

St. Mary Cemetery Board - *Melissa Lilje* Tel. 905

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Counters - *Wes Krentz* Tel. 905-396-2578

Parish Library – *Margaret Harry* Tel. 289-439-0764

Development and Peace - *Suzanne Liptay* Tel. 905-372-3031

St Mary's Choir - *Alfons Casteels* Tel 905-269-2352

Ushers - *Darrel Manley* Tel. 905-744-0865

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Tel. 905 349-2504

St. Mary's Elementary School, Grafton:

Angelo Costa, Principal Tel. 905 349-2061

St Mary's Secondary School, Cobourg:

Jason Roberts, Principal Tel. 905 372-4339

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 FEBRUARY 11TH AT THE ALTAR

Feb 12, Mon. 9am

Feb 13, Tues. NO MASS

Feb 14, Wed. 9 am (Ash Wednesday)

Feb 15, Thurs. 9 am

Feb 16, Fri. 9 am (Stations of the Cross following the Mass)

Feb 17, Sat. 9 am

Feb 17, Sat. 4 pm - 7th Sunday Ordinary Time - Health Recovery of Cliff La-croix by Francis & Lorraine Calnan

Feb 18, Sun. 10 am - 7th Sunday Ordinary Time - People of the Parish

February 17-18, 2024	4 pm	10 am
Lectors	Paige Mullin	Michael Stephenson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Pat Rutherford	Bernadette Murray
Ushers/Greeters	Nick Manley/ Darrell 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	
Sunday Collection	\$2, 054	
Building Maintenance	\$313	
Heating	\$235	
Balance	Update of the balance upon Melissa’s return	

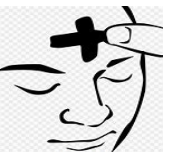
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - Today, February 11, the feast of our Lady of Lourdes is declared “The World Day of the Sick.” The Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous 18 times in 1858 in Lourdes, France. Since then, millions of pilgrims have travelled to Lourdes to gather and pray where the apparitions took place. Pilgrims come from all religions and nationalities to ask for healing, peace, reconciliation and faith. The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. In commemoration of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and in observance of the World Day of the Sick, “Pray over & Holy Anointing” will be administered to those who feel the need for either physical or spiritual healings after both the 4pm and 10am Masses.

HOLY ANOINTING

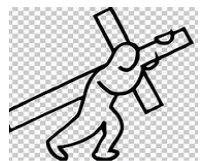


ASH WEDNESDAY - Ash Wednesday this year is on the 14th of February. Our Ash Wednesday Mass and the giving of ash will be @ 9am. Ashes hold a deep symbolic meaning, a reminder of our mortality and the temporary nature of life on earth. They symbolize humility, reminding us that we are made from dust and to dust we shall return. Ash Wednesday starts the season of Lent by focusing the Christian’s heart on repentance and prayer and by engaging in fasting and self-denial as a way of drawing closer to God.



Ash Wednesday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Starting this coming Friday and all Fridays within the season of Lent, all are invited to join the Station of the Cross after the 9am Mass. The objective of the stations of the cross is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. Stations of the Cross is a means of sharing Christ’s suffering. We are not mere spectators; we walk alongside Him. We learn that our struggles, failures, and moments of weakness can be united with Christ’s redemptive work. Our crosses—whether small or significant—can be transformed into opportunities for grace. Despite the darkness of Good Friday, the Stations point us toward Easter Sunday. Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS