

**FAMILY DAY-** Family Day is a heartwarming holiday dedicated to celebrating the importance of kinship and the bonds that tie us together. It's a day to pause, reflect, and cherish the moments with our loved ones, and feeling gratitude for the deep bonds and connections we share with one another. Families are central to God's plan for His children. God has designed as the first source of spiritual training and preparation for life, and spiritual productivity for the cause of God. Quotes: Pope John 23rd, "The family is the first essential cell of the society." John Paul 2nd , "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live", "In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future."



**DEPELOPEMENT & PEACE** (Reaping Our Rights) Caritas Canada workshop. Pizza lunch provided (specify regular or vegetarian when you register) Saturday, February 24 from 10 a.m until 1 p.m. Location: St. Fracis of Assisi parish hall, Newcastle. Registration: [torontodevp@gmail.com](mailto:torontodevp@gmail.com) Cost: \$0:00. Hosted by the Peterborough and Toronto D&P Councils.

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WEBSITE AND LINKS**

1. **"Journey through Lent 2024 "** - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
2. **Ignatian Solidarity Network** - Subscribe for FREE daily reflections to refresh our souls and our imaginations. Enjoy reading the reflections & watching the video clips and be refreshed!
3. **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, the Pharisees, the children, and those he healed.
4. **Franciscan Media** - Franciscan Media strives to inspire a loving world that embraces the Franciscan spirit of harmony, joy, and simplicity.

**ST. VINCENT THE PAUL**

For this week SSVP ask for Canned Tuna, Salmon, Coffee, and Tinned Meat.

**ST.MARY'S CWL**

- 1)The next CWL meeting is on March 04/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
- 2) The CWL word of the week is ACCEPTANCE. The gifts we have are made valuable only by sharing them with others. Your gifts are gratefully accepted by the CWL where members willingly share the good things God has given them.
- 3) The CWL is introducing a new fundraiser this weekend called "The Bakeless Bake Sale". There is more info on the poster on the bulletin board. Please make sure that you obtain your envelope (containing all the information) from the CWL members at the end of mass Saturday and Sunday. They will be handing them out at the back of the church.
- 4) March 03/24 - "Coffee After Mass" in the school gym next door. Following coffee there will be a guest speaker, lawyer Stephen Kylie, making a presentation on Estate Planning and leaving money to the church in your will. Mark the date on your calendar.

**Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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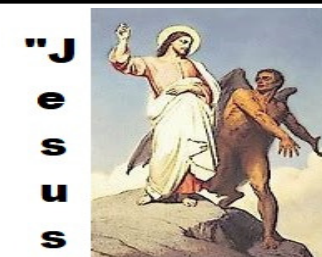
Diocesan Website: [www.peterboroughdiocese.org](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org)

**Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest**

**Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

**February 17-18, 2024**



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**Parish Committees & Organisations**

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin* (Chairperson)-416-300-8680  
 Finance Committee, *Dennis Goulin*-905 372-7684  
 Lectors, *Richard Holland*-905-349-3710  
 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, *Judith Goulin*-905-372-7684  
 Catholic Women's League, *Pat Murphy* (President)-905 349-2847  
 Bingo Volunteers, *Jackie Innis*-905-349-2880  
 St Vincent de Paul-*Wes Krentz*-905-377-3263  
 St. Mary Cemetery Board, *Melissa Lilje*-905239-2504

K of C and Ushers/Greeters, Darrell Manley-905-744-0865  
 Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905-396-2578  
 Development and Peace/Library, *Suzanne Liptay*-905-372-3031  
 St Mary's Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905-269-2352  
 Religious Articles, *Alta Vance*-905-344-7443  
 St. Mary's Elementary School, Grafton: *Angelo Costa* (Principal)-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 18TH AT THE ALTAR

Feb 19, Mon. 9am - +Zachary Sawyer by Mary Sawyer

Feb 20, Tues. NO MASS

Feb 21, Wed. 9 am

Feb 22, Thurs. 9 am -The Chair of St. Peter

Feb 23, Fri. 9 am (Stations of the Cross following the Mass)

Feb 24, Sat. 9 am - +Peter den Biesen by Ian Manley

Feb 24, Sat. 4 pm - 2nd Sunday of Lent - People of the parish

Feb 25, Sun. 10 am - 2nd Sunday of Lent - +John Hardeme by Stratford family

February 24-25, 2024	4 pm	10 am
Lectors	Dave Hughes	Margaret Harry
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Greg Blick	Michael Stephenson
Ushers/Greeters	Nick Manley/ Darrell Manley	Theo Mensen/Rob Ugolini

**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@assumptiongrafton.ca](mailto:office@assumptiongrafton.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, 430	
Building Maintenance	\$120	
Heating	\$125	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$7, 507</b>	

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**TAX RECEIPTS 2023** - Your Tax Receipts 2023 are now available and you can pick them up at the church entrance. Through our continuing concerted efforts and our financial support, we are the foundations of our beloved parish church of Assumption. Your Sunday offerings & donations are gifts that could not be more appreciated. Your contribution is vital to the life of the parish, and we'd want to express our gratitude for it.

**LENT** - Lent is the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. The 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness. In the Bible, the number 40 holds special significance: In Noah's time, the deluge lasted 40 days; Moses fasted on the mountain for 40 days before God gave the Ten Commandments; God gave people of Nineveh 40 days to repent; David was transformed by Goliath's 40-day challenge; Prophet Elijah walks 40 days and 40 nights to Mount Horeb; The disciples were transformed by 40 days with Jesus after his resurrection.

**KNITTING WOOL** - "If you have any extra or unused knitting wool and would like to donate it to a worthy cause, please bring it here in the church during any weekend and leave it in the St. Vincent box at the back. We have a lady who makes and donates winter hats and other items to those in the community who need them. The more wool she has, the more she will make. Any colors, no matter the amount, are welcome."

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - In all Fridays within the season of Lent, all are invited to join the Stations of the Cross after the 9:00 Mass in the morning. 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. Despite the darkness of Good Friday, the Stations point us toward Easter Sunday.

