

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WEBSITE AND LINKS

1. "Journey through Lent 2024 " - (4th Sunday of Lent) www.youtube.com/watch?v=boRYQ9jPRsG
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.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia (Week 4: March 10)- In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

Nigeria -Every Lent, Development and Peace mobilizes Canadians to support its partners in the Global South. One focus of the collection this year is to help farmers in Nigeria whose efforts to raise a 'potato like' vegetable are severely compromised by the oil industry. Oil extraction pollutes the land and leaves oil residue in the soil; this oil residue destroys the tubers and the livelihood of the farmers. D & P helps by: partnering with a local group, providing them with support as they deal with the company to prevent oil pollution in the future, try to find alternate ways and to support their families, work to clean the soil and make a living. The collection for D & P is next week-end, March 16 and 17.

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. The CWL Word of the Week is ACTION. As a CWL member, you are part of an organization of women who ACT through prayer, faith development, ministry, service, education and advocacy on social justice issues.
2. Thank you to those who attended "Coffee After Mass" on March 03/24. It was great to see you and serve you coffee and treats to thank you for your generous donations to our "Bakeless Bake Sale" Fundraiser.
3. Parishioners and CWL Members, if you know of any parishioner who is unwell, you may with his/her consent, forward the name to Father Martin to be placed in the parish bulletin so that church members may know & offer a prayer.

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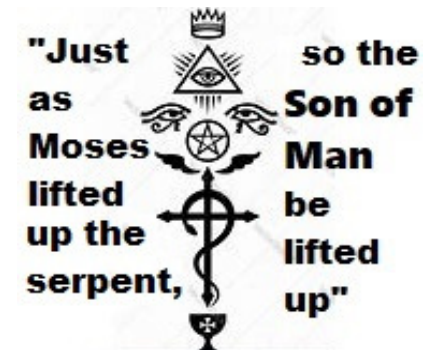
Diocesan Website: www.peterboroughdiocese.org

Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest

Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary

4th Sunday of Lent

March 9-10, 2024



Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin* (Chairperson)-416-300-8680
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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 MARCH 10 AT THE ALTAR

March 11, Mon. 9am

March 12, Tues. NO MASS

March 13, Wed. 9 am

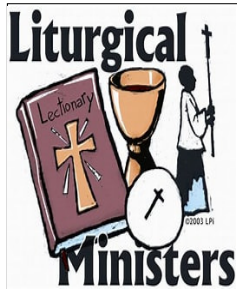
March 14, Thurs. 9 am - + Zack Sawyer by the Family

March 15, Fri. 9 am – Mass & Stations of the Cross

March 16, Sat. 9 am

March 16, Sat. 4 pm - 5th Sunday of Lent - People of the parish

March 17 Sun. 10 am - 5th Sunday of Lent - +Jane Boreham by the Family



March 16 & 17 Masses

4 pm

LECTORS: Dave Hughes

EMHC: Sis. Donna Smith

USHERS: Nick Manley &
Darrell Manley

10 am

Bernadette Murray

Michael Stephenson

Ian Manley &
Joe O'Kane



Last Weekend

Sunday Offertory- \$2,628

Balance- \$9,558.73

Building Maintenance -\$388

*"For God loves a
cheerful giver."*

2 Corinthians 9:7

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. 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.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
(with consent to have his/her name here, please call the office)

Graham Stratford
Jeanie Grol

Pray for
Sick & Shut-In



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

LAETARE SUNDAY - The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. The term "Laetare" comes from the Latin word for "rejoice." The Mass today starts with, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast". Laetare Sunday reminds us that through our sacrifices, we will soon taste great joy. It provides a reprieve from the quiet and somber atmosphere of the rest of Lent. This change indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide. It is a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigours; a day of hope with Easter at last within sight. The joy of Easter being around the corner is symbolized by the color Rose/Pink dominating in most of the church's sanctuaries today.

SATURDAY MASS – Saturday evening Mass has been moved to 4 pm during winter. Now, with longer daylight, we'd like your opinion. Please indicate on the sheets at the back if you prefer the time to stay at 4 pm or be moved back to 5 pm on Saturdays. If it doesn't matter to you, please indicate that as well.

POPE FRANCIS - "Once again, brothers and sisters, I renew my invitation to pray for people who suffer the horror of war in Ukraine and the Holy Land, as well as in other parts of the world." "Let us pray for peace! May we ask the Lord for the gift of peace." In Gaza, the death toll continues to rise, with the number of Palestinian victims numbering over 30,700 since the start of the Israeli military's ground offensive."

THREE CROSSES BEFORE GOSPEL READING - Why do Catholics cross themselves 3 times before the Gospel? This gesture of signing ourselves with the Cross is a way of praying, "May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart." It is said prior to the reading of the Gospel as a way of prayerfully inviting Christ to come to us in these ways as His sacred Word is proclaimed.

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

March 22, Friday 6:30pm- Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Confession Service

March 23, Saturday 4pm- Passion (Palm)- Blessing of Palms

March 24, Sunday 10am- Passion (Palm)- Blessing of Palms

March 25, Monday 2pm– Chrism Mass at Peterborough Cathedral

March 28, Thursday 7pm- Mass of the Last Supper (Transfer of Blessed Sacrament & individual Vigil)

March 29, 3pm- Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Stations of the Cross, Passion Readings, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion)

March 30, 7pm- Saturday Easter Eve (Blessing of New Fire, Exultet, Blessing of new Water, Renewal of Baptismal Vows)

March 31, 10am- Easter (Resurrection) Sunday (renewal of Baptismal vows)