

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)

RECOMMENDED WEBSITE AND LINKS

1. "Journey through Lent 2024 " - (5th Sunday of Lent) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99Hw9VTujDY&t=4s>

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

Week 5: March 17 – Solidarity Sunday - This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *Reaping our Rights* campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. The collection of D & P today, March 16 and 17, go towards the farmers in Nigeria to help them clean the soil and make a living as they deal with oil companies to prevent oil pollution.

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. The CWL word of the week is **ADVOCACY**. CWL Members educate themselves on how to make their voices heard by government and work together to address social justice issues. Be an **ADVOCATE** and let your voice be heard.

2. The CWL Diocese Convention is May 4 & 5 in Huntsville at St. Mary of the Assumption Church & Parish Hall. If you wish more information contact President Pat Murphy @ 905-349-2847.

3. St. Mary's CWL Council is holding elections at the May meeting. If you are a CWL member and interested in putting forward your name for an executive position, contact Pat Murphy @ 905-349-2847.

4. Forward names of sick parishioner to Fr. Martin to be placed (if she/he consents) in parish Bulletin so that church members will know and offer a prayer of healing

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Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest

Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary

5th Sunday of Lent

March 16-17, 2024



**"WHEN I AM LIFTED UP FROM
EARTH, I WILL DRAW ALL
PEOPLE TO MYSELF"**

Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
(Chairperson)-416-300-8680

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Bingo Volunteers, *Jackie Innis*-905-349-2880
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Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905-396-2578

Development and Peace/Library, *Suzanne Lip-
taylor*-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 MARCH 17 AT THE ALTAR

March 18, Mon. 9am

March 19, Tues. NO MASS

March 20, Wed. 9 am - Special Intention by Maria Marszal

March 21, Thurs. 9 am - +Betty Anne Ugolini by the family

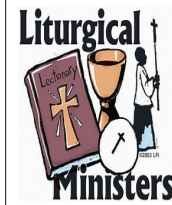
March 22, Fri. 9 am - Mass & Stations of the Cross - Cliff LaCroix by Francis & Lorraine Calnan

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March 23, Sat. 9 am - + Ernest & Joan Manley by Ian Manley

March 23, Sat. 4 pm - PALM SUNDAY- People of the parish

March 24, Sun. 10 am - PALM SUNDAY - +John Boreham by the Family



March 23 & 24 (Palm Sunday Masses)

4 pm

LECTORS: Jackie Innis

(N) Narrator: Dave Hughes

(N) Spectator: Paige Mullin

EMHC: Pat Rutherford

USHERS: Nick & Darrell Manley

10 am

Kathy Archer

John Logel

Joanna Mecozzi

Dennis Goulin

Ed Nemec & Theo Mensen



WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Weekend

Sunday Offertory- \$ 960

Balance - \$6, 360

"For God loves a cheerful

2 Corinthians 9:7

PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

(with consent to have his/her name here, please call the office)

Graham Stratford, Jeannie Grol



PRAY FOR SICK and SHUT IN

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

LENTEN CONFESSION SERVICE - This coming Friday at 6:30 in the evening, we will have the Stations of the Cross which will be followed by Lenten Confession Service. We have invited some priests to help out hear your confessions.

SATURDAY MASS – 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. "

SUNDAY ENVELOPES - As many of you changed Sunday envelope number this year, could everyone please write their name on their envelope for a couple of weeks so the office can ensure your envelope number is correct! Thank you for your co-operation!

Melissa

"HE DESCENDED INTO HELL"- In the Apostles' Creed, it is said of Jesus that, after his death, he descended into hell. In the context of the Apostles' Creed, hell here does not mean what we commonly understand today as the place of the Devil and the damned. Surely, Jesus cannot have literally gone down to hell, a place of eternal damnation. Like all men, Jesus experienced death and in his soul joined the others in the realm of the dead. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains this point as follows: "Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, "Hell", in Hebrew , "Shaol", and in Greek, "Hades". This place (Shaol, Hell, Hades) is understood to be the place of the dead who died when heaven was closed (in between the events of Adam's committing sin and Christ's resurrection). The promise of God for the Son to redeem mankind corresponds to the opening again of heaven through Christ's death & Resurrection. Such is the case for all the deceased, whether evil or righteous - they are in Shaol or Hades or Hell waiting for the Redeemer to bring them to the unlocked heaven.

PLEDGE OF FUTURE GLORY - The city-wide Lenten Mission begins this weekend and continues Monday through Wednesday. Father Luke Joseph Leighton, and Father Juan Diego Sutherland, will speak on the theme "Pledge of Future Glory." Twice daily presentations will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter's in Chains, Peterborough: 11:00 a.m. followed by the celebration of the Mass, and 7:00 p.m. within Eucharistic Adoration. The 7:00 p.m. session will be broadcast. All are welcome, link: www.youtube.com/@romancatholicdioceseofpete9079/streams.

POPE FRANCIS - Pope Francis 11th year as pope marred by sorrow over wars. His last twelve months have been marked by over 150 appeals for "martyred" Ukraine and more than 60 for a ceasefire in the Middle East, accompanied by invitations to the leaders of nations for "creative efforts" towards a just and lasting peace, all driven by the anguish of witnessing humanity's "dark hour." "I suffer to see the dead, the boys who don't come back. It's hard", he lamented.