

POPE FRANCIS - Pope Francis recalls that as Christ gazes upon "our violent and tormented world," Jesus never tires of repeating: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." "When we cause suffering by our actions, God suffers yet has only one desire: to forgive us."

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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

March 28, Thurs 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" - (Palm Sunday)
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

March 24 – Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Reaping our Rights* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$ 725 last weekend. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. Attention Parishioners: The St. Mary's CWL Parking Lot Yard Sale will take place in mid June. Please start setting aside (at home) all items you will be donating to the sale. Please, NO ITEMS that have need gasoline to operate. Make sure items are in good condition.
2. The CWL word of the week is BELONGING. Do you wish to grow your FAITH, SERVE your community, act on SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES and be supported by a SISTERHOOD that embraces these core values?
3. There will be no CWL meeting in April. Executive members will be away.
4. St. Mary's CWL Council is holding elections at the May meeting. If you are a CWL member and interested in putting forth your name for an executive position, contact Pat Murphy @ 905-349-2847.
5. The CWL Diocese Convention is May 4 & 5 in Huntsville at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church & Parish Hall. For more information contact Pat Murphy @ 905-349-2847.

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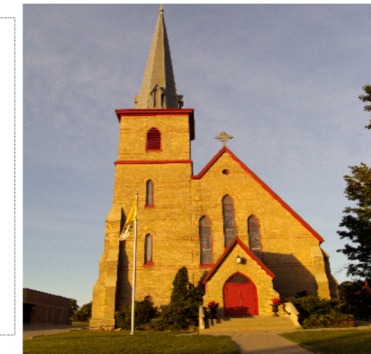
Diocesan Website: www.peterboroughdiocese.org

Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest

Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary

**Palm Sunday
of the Passion
of the Lord**

March 23-24, 2024



"Blessed is He
who comes in
the name of the
Lord"

Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
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Cemetery Board, *Melissa Lilje*-905-239-2504

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Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905-396-2578
Development and Peace/Library, *Suzanne Lip-
tay*-905-372-3031
St Mary's Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905-269-2352
Religious Articles, *Alta Vance*-905-344-7443
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Costa* (Principal)-905-349-2061
St Mary's Secondary School, Cobourg: *Jason
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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

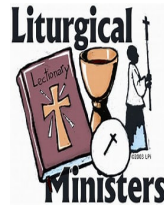
THE WEEK OF MARCH 24 AT THE ALTAR

March 25, Mon. 2 pm - Chrism Mass at Peterborough Cathedral
March 26, Tues. 9am
March 27, Wed. 9 am - Intention of Maggie Zerula by Maria Marszal
March 28, Holy Thurs. 7 pm (Last Supper) - +Peter H. W. Bridge by the family
March 29, Good Friday 3:00 pm (Passion Celebration)
March 30, Saturday 7 pm (EASTER EVE) - People of the parish
March 31, Sunday 10 am (EASTER SUNDAY) +Zack Sawyer by the family

March 30 & 31 (Easter Sunday Masses)

7 pm

10 am



1st Reading - Jackie Innis
2nd Reading - Dave Hughes
3rd Reading - Joanna Mecozzi
Epistle: Greg Blick
EMHC: Paula Blick

Bernadette Murray

John Logel

USHERS: Nick & Darrell Manley

Rob Ugolini & Joe O'Kane



WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Weekend

"For God loves a cheerful"

Sunday Offertory- \$1,665

2 Corinthians 9:7

Building Maintenance - \$100 , Development & Peace - \$725

Balance - \$9, 583. 18



PRAY FOR SICK and SHUT IN

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, Heather Hughes

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

SATURDAY MASS – With the overwhelming latest survey results of 22 for 4pm, 10 for 5pm, and 10 for either way, the Saturday Mass time has been decided to be permanent at 4pm all year long. Thank you for expressing your time preference for our Saturday Mass.

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

EASTER FLOWERS - We are soliciting flowers for Easter decorations. If you are planning to donate, please bring in those flowers before holy Thursday. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Novena to the Divine Mercy starts at Good Friday by praying the Chaplet and may be done individually. On Sunday, April 7th, Divine Mercy Sunday, is the feast day and everyone is invited to gather to the church at 3pm for prayer & veneration. These are ample moments to reflect on the Lord's divine promises to those who propagate the devotion to his Divine Mercy and venerate his divine image.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR HOLY WEEK - Please confirm your assignment and if you are not available, you may swap with others or find another to take your place. You find a copy of assignment in the Bulletin Board at the church entrance.

AMBO (liturgical sense) -The General Instructions of Roman Missal (GIRM)explains: "From the Ambo only the Readings, the Gospel, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) are to be proclaimed; it may be used also for giving the homily and for the Prayers of the Faithful. The dignity of the Ambo requires that only a minister of the Word should go up to it". This means the Ambo should never be used for anything else. The reason for this is to show the importance of the Scriptures that are being proclaimed. This is why announcements, funeral eulogies, special guest talks and non-liturgical events are not to take place at the Ambo. A lectern will be set up for the latter purpose mentioned.

ST. JOSEPH (MARCH 19) "St Joseph was chosen to be the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was a very hardworking carpenter, a caring husband and father, and a man of great faith, courage, humility, simplicity and patience who submitted to the will of God with openness and trust, as seen in his response to the messages he received in his dreams from the Angel Gabriel concerning his wife and the child that she conceived of the Holy Spirit and their flight to safety in Egypt. In our world today, there are many men who go through life with much pain, disappointment, loneliness, a sense of confusion, humiliation and emptiness. This can happen due to unforeseen circumstances, like a broken relationship, the loss of a spouse, a child or dear one; loss of one's job, housing or property. Yet, through their faith and deep relationship with God, they are able to overcome and move on with life. St Joseph stands out as patron and friend of such men."