

PASTOR'S VACATION - We pastors are entitled for a 5 weeks holiday every year. For this year 2024, I will use my first one week break on May 7 until May 13. Fr. Ace will cover me while I am away. *Fr. Martin*

THE FOUR LAST THINGS (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell) "Meditating on these 4 Last Things helps us orient our lives to what truly matters in this world, and knowing the reality of our future can help us make better choices in the present moment. With death and an afterlife in the picture, our lives have the chance to change, forcing us to consider the eternal consequences of our actions. *Judgement:* Right after we die, we will face judgement before God. He knows everything about us. God is the perfect Judge. He can never be unfair or unjust. He will determine if we should spend eternity in Heaven or Hell. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul. The particular judgment is the individual judgment that happens at the moment of death opposite to the final judgment, which occurs at the end of time when all the dead are resurrected." (*To be continued ... Heaven*)

POPE FRANCIS (Appeal for Peace) - "I was a pilgrim to pray together with you. Pray for Europe, for the desire to build peace, to give the young generations a future of hope, not of war; a future full of cradles, not tombs; a world of brothers, not of walls." "A negotiated peace is better than an endless war". "The gift of peace begins in our hearts."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The members of St. Vincent De Paul Grafton would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the Colborne Thrift Shop for their generous donations to us so far this year. And not forgetting you, the faithful donors of our Parish as well THANK YOU for your generosity. Our cupboards this month are low on Tuna, Pancake mix, Jam, canned or dry soup, canned tomatoes, Past sauce, and peanut butter. Whatever you can give will be much appreciated. Thank you. Wes Krentz, Pres.

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. The next CWL Meeting is May 13/24. Note the change in date.
2. The CWL Word of the Week is CONNECTION. St. Mary's CWL council is parish-based yet connected to Canada's largest women's organization. In the CWL, members will connect with women from our church, the diocese, the province and the country by becoming involved.
3. ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS: The ST. MARY'S PARKING LOT YARD SALE will be on June 15/24. Set aside (at home) all items you will be donating to the sale. Please, NO ITEMS that need gasoline to operate, no furniture, no clothes.

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5th **SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

April 27-28, 2024



**"I AM THE VINE,
YOU ARE THE
BRANCHES.
ABIDE IN ME AS
I IN YOU"**



Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
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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 & 3:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

April 29, Mon. NO MASS TODAY

April 30, Tues. 9 am (St. Marie of the Incarnation)

May 1, Wed. 9 am (St. Joseph the worker) +Graham Stratford by Cathy Robertson

May 2, Thurs. 9 am (St. Athanasius)- + Sam Macchia by Tim & Liz Gilligan

May 3, Friday 9am (Sts. Philip & James)- **Benediction & Mass** - + Olaf Arzheimer by Deidre Arzheimer

May 4, Saturday 9 am - + Melchor & Salus by Dalida family

May 4, Saturday 4 pm - + Teresa Boom by Jim & Liz Gilligan

May 5, Sunday 10 am - For the people of the parish

MAY 4 & 5 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS:

Greg Blick

Joanna Mecozzi

EMHC:

Paula Blick

Judith Goulin

USHERS:

Nick & Darrell Manley

Theo Mensen & Joe O'Kane



WEEKLY OFFERING
"FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER"
2 COR 9:7

LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$1, 741

Balance - \$13, 107

E-transfer - \$294 (Month of April)

POP - \$715 (Month of April)

PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Phyllis Cooper, Jeannie Grol



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

CHERYL RENTZ - We are thankful to Cheryl for accepting the job - to be in charge of sanctuary decorations - to put & arrange the flowers and change liturgical linen colors in the altar & tabernacle. In all liturgical seasons except Lent & Advent, we need flowers for our Altar & Tabernacle & Sacred Heart statue. Everyone is welcome to donate flowers. If you feel like giving and feeling blessed with flower donations towards sanctuary decorations, you may bring them to the church or give them to Cheryl. You can reach her @ CP #905-239-1950.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL - Reminding children who are candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, parents, and sponsors - there will be a Rehearsal on Thursday, May 2, @ 3:30 pm in the Church. Attendance is a must.

FIND YOUR SUNDAY ENVELOPE NUMBER - If you see your envelope number: 14, 19, 33, 37, 42, 48, 88, 93, 96, 98, 99, 106, 128, could you please write your name and phone number on the envelope at least for 2 Sundays to ensure you receive your Income Tax receipt next year! Thank you. *Melissa*

ST. JOSEPH, THE WORKER (Feast day, May 1) "To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph the patron of the universal Church. To foster deep devotion to St. Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth and to be productive in their labors. St. Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor. Thus, the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker has become an important day for Catholics around the world. It is a day to celebrate the dignity of work and the contributions that workers make to society. It is also a day to reflect on the example of St. Joseph, who worked tirelessly to provide for his family and to serve God. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work."

St. Joseph
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