

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. **HEAVEN:** This is where you want to go, if that wasn't already obvious. Heaven is a place of eternal, loving union with God, the source of all being, goodness, and beauty, the fulfillment of every human heart. So how do you go here? Only by dying in a state of grace through Christ in his Church. There's no other way! If you're wondering how Purgatory fits in here, it's a temporary place that some people who are sent to Heaven will have to endure in order to prepare for Heaven. It's not one of the "last things" because it's not a final state. Scripture speaks of heaven in images: life, light, peace, wedding feast, wine of the kingdom, the Father's house, the heavenly Jerusalem, paradise: 'no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'" (CCC 1027). (*To be continued ... Hell*)

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 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
2. Two CWL members will be attending the CWL Diocese Convention in Huntsville, May 3, 2024.
3. The CWL Word of the Week is COURAGE. CWL members have a history of great COURAGE. In the 1920's, Winnifred Fulton travelled by horse back to start more than 30 councils. Today, we continue to carry the message of Faith, Service, and Social Justice to women across Canada and internationally.
4. ATTENTION PARISHIONERS! The ST. MARY'S CWL PARKING LOT YARD SALE will be on June 15/24. Set aside (at home) items that you are donating to the sale. Please NO ITEMS that require gasoline to operate, no furniture, no large & heavy items such as exercise bikes. Make sure all items are in good condition.

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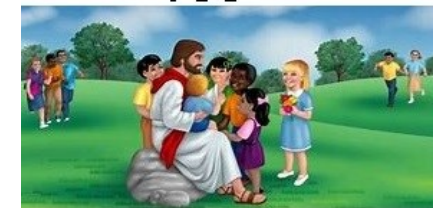
Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary

6th **SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 5, 2024



"YOU ARE MY FRIENDS IF YOU DO WHAT I COMMAND YOU"



Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin* (Chairperson)-416-300-8680
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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
 Sanctuary Decorations & Altar Linens, *Cheryl Krentz*-905-269-1950
 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 & 3:30 pm, or anytime on request.
 First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

May 6, Mon, 9 am - (St. Francois de Laval)

May 7, Tues. NO MASS TODAY

May 8, Wed. 9 am

May 9, Thurs. 9 am

May 10, Friday 9am - +Henk Jansen by Jansen Family

May 11, Saturday 9 am

May 11, Saturday 4 pm - For the people of the parish

May 12, Sunday 10 am - +Zack Sawyer by Ian Manley

MAY 11 & 12 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS:

Dave Hughes

John Logel

EMHC:

Greg Blick

Margaret Harry

USHERS:

Nick & Darrell Manley

Ian Manley & Rob Ugolini



LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$1, 546

Balance - \$14,711.63

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

FLOWERS FOR ALTAR & TABERNACLE - In all liturgical seasons except Lent & Advent, we need flowers for our Altar & Tabernacle & Sacred Heart statue. 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 Krentz, who is in charge of sanctuary decorations. You can reach her @ CP #905-269-1950.

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*

PASTOR'S VACATION (some changes) - There's some changes in my first 1-week Vacation this year 2024. It starts this coming Tuesday, May 7 -10, and then, the weekend of June 1 to 2, not weekend of May 11 & 12 as previously announced. Fr. Ace looks after the Masses during the days that I am away. *Fr. Martin*

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY- (For The Formation Of Men And Women Religious And Seminarians) Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

MAY, MONTH DEDICATED TO MARY- Month of May is traditionally dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church. The month of May is the month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and it is the occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month, Christians both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1). This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

POPE FRANCIS (Prayers for Haiti, Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Myanmar)- "I am thinking of Haiti, where a state of emergency is in force and the population is desperate because of the collapse of the health system, the shortage of food, and the violence that drives people to flee." "I am thinking of "the tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, the Rohingya and so many peoples suffering from war and violence. May the God of peace enlighten hearts so that the will for dialogue and reconciliation may grow in all."