

PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - The 5 Precepts of the Catholic Church are a description of the absolute minimum actions required of Catholics members. The Church uses these precepts to remind us that Christian life requires a commitment to prayer and active participation in the liturgy and sacraments. If we fall below this bare-minimum level, we can't rightly consider ourselves to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. Each of these precepts of the Catholic Church is a requirement. Together with the Ten Commandments, they represent the minimum level of moral living. Intentional violation of the precepts or the Commandments is a grave matter. The FIRST of the FIVE Precepts is: "To attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor. We must "sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord" (Sunday), as well as the principal feast days, known as Catholic holy days of obligation. This requires attending Mass, "and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days." *To be continued.*

POPE FRANCIS - (On Pentecost) - He calls on us to invoke daily the Holy Spirit who acts in the world he created, in the Church, and in our hearts, bringing order and harmony in all spheres. "That is the role of the Spirit: at the beginning and at all times, he makes created realities pass from disorder to order, from dispersion to cohesion, from confusion to harmony. Indeed, on that day of Pentecost, 'all were filled with the Holy Spirit' (Acts 2:4). All were filled: that is how the life of the Church began, not from a precise and detailed plan, but from the shared experience of God's love. That is how the Spirit creates harmony; he invites us to experience amazement at his love and at his gifts present in others. Without (the Spirit), the Church is lifeless, faith is mere doctrine, morality mere duty, pastoral work mere toil. With him, on the other hand, faith is life, the love of the Lord convinces us, and hope is reborn. Let us put the Holy Spirit back at the centre of the Church. Let us invoke the Holy Spirit each day."

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - The Fall 2023 Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's Stand for the Land campaign had highlighted the struggles of the people of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector in Honduras, who have been valiantly opposing an open-pit iron mine that is poisoning the land and waters in their local national park. The campaign letter was signed by 52,629 Canadians, including a good number from our parish, and has now been delivered to the Honduran ambassador to Canada. The solidarity of over 52,000 Canadians will strengthen the hand of the Government of Honduras and help it overcome powerful vested interests to protect the interests of its vulnerable citizens.

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. Next CWL Meeting will be On June 10/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Note the change of date.
2. The CWL WORD of the WEEK is DIVERSITY. The CWL welcomes women of all ages and diverse backgrounds. Throughout Canada, you will find Catholic women growing in FAITH, caring through a wide range of service, and seeking true JUSTICE for all.
3. Please remember to set aside items for the CWL Parking Lot Yard Sale on June 15/24. Please no furniture, no clothes and no items that need gasoline to operate.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

(The Descent of the Holy Spirit)

May 18 & 19, 2024



"Receive the HOLY SPIRIT"



Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*

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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 20, Mon. 9am (BVM, Mother of the Church)

May 21, Tues. NO MASS TODAY

May 22, Wed. 9 am

May 23, Thurs. 9 am - For the Intention of Noelle Manley by Ian Manley

May 24, Fri. 9am

May 25, Sat. 10 am - SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION MASS with Bishop Miehm

May 25, Saturday 4 pm - For Special Intention of Sis. Donna Smith

May 26, Sunday 10 am - For the people of the parish



LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$1, 317

Building Maintenance -\$25

Papal Charities - \$228

Balance - \$13,533

MAY 25 & 26 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS:

Dave Hughes

Kathleen Ancker

EMHC:

Sis. Donna Smith

John Logel

USHERS:

Nick & Darrell Manley

Joe O'Kane & Rob Ugolini

PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Dalton McDonald, 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

PENTECOST - Pentecost Sunday is the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and their followers. It is considered the birthday of Christianity, as under Peter's preaching, so many thousands were converted, baptized and became believers in Jesus Christ that day, establishing the body of the church. God's purpose at Pentecost was to equip His church with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit so that we would be His witnesses to all the nations, resulting in His eternal glory. **Traditionally, the Feast of Pentecost concludes the Easter Season. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

PENTECOST



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WITH BISHOP MIEHM - It will be celebrated this coming Saturday, May 25 at 10am. 12 children are going to be conferred with the Sacrament of Confirmation through which they will be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As such they will deepen their connection to the church that is established at their Baptism, and they will be equipped to become a better witnesses to Christ in the world. This is a beautiful day of commitment, celebration, and joy. We hope nothing but the best for these young children as they continue their spiritual journey. Congratulations!

"Be sealed with the Holy Spirit"



ST MARY'S PARKING LOT SALE

When: Saturday June 15, 2024, 9 AM – 12 PM (Rain date: Saturday June 22)

Where: St. Mary Church parking lot (103 Lyle St. South, Grafton)

Who: St. Mary's Catholic Women's League

What: Home décor, small appliances, toys, books, dvds, etc.

To Benefit: St. Mary Church & local community charities

To Donate: Place items in the Bins at the back of the Church

Questions? Call Kathy 905-344-0048 / kancker11@gmail.com) or

Call Helen at 647-974-3482 / perkohrycyna@yahoo.ca

SISTERS OF ELISABETH CONVENT - The Sisters of Elisabeth Convent (Belarus), with permission granted by Bishop Miehm (the bishop of Peterborough), are delighted to invite us to see and purchase handmade religious articles like: crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries and vestments here at St. Mary's church after 9am Masses of Wednesday, May 22nd, Thursday, May 23 & Monday May 27th. All the money the nuns make goes toward helping former drug addict & alcoholic, the homeless, those physically & financially struggling, and lost people to get a chance for new start in life to find the God.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES - If you see your envelope number – PLEASE write your name on the envelope. Otherwise, you will NOT receive tax receipt at the end of the year! 14, 19, 33, 37, 42, 48, 88, 91, 99, 106. Thank you for your help!