PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - The 5 Precepts of the Catholic Church: 1. To attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation, 2. To confess sins at least once a year, 3. To receive Communion at least once a year during the Easter season, 4. To observe the days of fasting and abstinence, 5. To help provide for the needs of the Church. These are a description of the absolute minimum actions required of Catholic 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. 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 Third of the Five Precepts of the Churchis: "TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR DURING EASTER SEASON". This "guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy." *To be continued*.

ST. POPE PAUL VI (feast day May 29/Pope from 1963 to 1978) - Pope Paul VI was an important figure in the Catholic Church who continued the Second Vatican Council, implementing its numerous reforms. He promoted ecumenism and was the first pope to travel widely, visiting Israel, India, Asia, and Latin America. He instituted the World Day of Peace, created the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and reformed Vatican Diplomacy. He is a staunch advocate of human rights, sanctity of human life, and the importance of family life. Pope Paul VI played a crucial role in shaping the Church during a transformative period, and his legacy continues to influence Catholic thought and practice today. He was canonized by Pope Francis in 2018.

## **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

## ST. MARY'S CWL

- 1. Next CWL meeting is June 10/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Note the change of date.
- 2. Coffee After Mass -June 02/24 after 10:00 am mass WEATHER PERMITTING.
- 3. The CWL WORD of the WEEK is FAMILY. The CWL is like a family. Wherever you live in Canada, you can find or start a council in your parish. Sisters, mothers, aunts and grandmothers are ready to share their wisdom. Catholic family values are found at the CWL.
- 4. Don't forget to bring in your donations to the church for the St. Mary's CWL Parking Lot Yard Sale which is on June 15/24.

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Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary

# CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

June 1-2, 2024



The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"Take, this is my BODY; this is my BLOOD"

# **Parish Committees & Organisations**

Parish Pastoral Council, Michael Mullin (Chairperson)-416-300-8680
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K of C and Ushers, Darrell Manley-905-744-0865

Development and Peace/Library, Suzanne Liptay-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

Counters. Wes Krentz-905-396-2578

#### 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

June 3 -7 NO MASSES (Priests Annual Holy Retreat)

June 8, Sat. 9am - Intention of Anne Manders by Kimberly Long

June 8, Saturday 4 pm - For the people of the parish

June 9, Sunday 10 am - + Graham Stratford by David & Marilyn Rudd



#### LAST WEEKEND

**Sunday Offertory - \$1, 665 Balance - \$15, 115** 

# **JUNE 8 & 9 WEEKEND MASSES**

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS: Paige I

Paige Mullin Michael Stephenson

EMHC:

**Greg Blick** 

**Margaret Harry** 

**USHERS:** Nick & Darrell Manley

Theo Mensen & Joe O'Kane

## PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Dalton McDonald, Phyllis Cooper, Jeannie Grol



#### **FAMOUS QUOTES ON HOLY EUCHARIST**

**St Cyril**: "Since Christ Himself has said, 'This is My Body,' who shall dare to doubt that it is His Body?"

- St. Padre Pio: "A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."
- St Augustine: "What you see is the bread and the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that THE BREAD IS THE BODY OF CHRIST AND THE WINE THE BLOOD OF CHRIST."
- **St. Ignatius**: "I have no taste for corruptible food nor for the pleasures of this life. I desire the Bread of God, WHICH IS THE FLESH OF JESUS CHRIST, and for drink I DESIRE HIS BLOOD, which is love incorruptible. "

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**CORPUS CHRISTI** – The Feast of Corpus Christi is a significant celebration in the Roman Catholic tradition and it is established for three purposes: 1. It honors the real

presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It acknowledges that during the Mass, the consecrated bread and wine truly become the body and blood of Christ, 2. It provides an opportunity for collective thanks to God for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist, 3. It instructs people about the



mystery, faith, and devotion surrounding the Eucharist. The feast teaches us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a sacrament and as a sacrifice. Corpus Christi celebrates the profound significance of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Christ, emphasizing both gratitude and understanding of this sacred sacrament.

ANNUAL CLERGY HOLY RETREAT - Our clergy annual Holy Retreat for the clergy members of the diocese of Peterborough will be held starting Monday, June 3 until Friday, June 7 at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. During these days there will be no weekday Masses here. Please pray for the success of the said retreat. And pray for us pastors that in moments of silence and reflection, we may find renewed inspiration, strength, and motivation, be empowered to be compassionate, inspiring, and effective in our roles.

<u>POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE</u> (For Those Fleeing Their Own Countries) - "Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries."

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY (May 25,26) - "Children are precious gifts to their families and to humanity. Pope Francis reminds us that 'Children, everywhere, are a sign of every person's desire to grow and flourish. We would not be alive unless others brought us into this world, nor could we grow without having others to love and from whom to receive love'. To the children he says, 'All of you, girls and boys, are a source of joy for your parents and your families, but also for our human family and for the Church, in which each of us is like a link in a great chain stretching from the past to the future and covering the whole earth".

**COFFEE BREAK**- Today after the 10am Mass, a coffee, tea or juice along with a timbit will be provided by the CWL (weather permitting). Please join and feel free to exchange hearty chats with fellow parishioners.