

**CORPORAL ACTS OF MERCY**– The Corporal works of mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs. They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life. The seven Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Visit the Prisoners, Bury the Dead, and Give Alms to the Poor. 2. *Give drink to the thirsty* - Science tells us that water is the stuff of life; it is vital for all living organisms and about 60 per cent of the human body weight is water – at birth, this may be as high as 75 per cent. No wonder then that our faith sees ‘water’ as a divine symbol of God’s life in us and urges us to ‘give water’ physically and spiritually to others. (to be continued)

**ST. BENEDICT** (Feast Day July 11) - Born 480 in Italy. Key points about his inspiring life: 1. Monasticism and the Benedictine Rule- St. Benedict’s most significant contribution was the establishment of the Benedictine Rule, a set of guidelines for monastic living. This rule emphasized prayer, work, and community, promoting a balanced and disciplined approach to life. It became the norm for monasticism across Europe, shaping the lives of countless monks and nuns. 2. Spiritual Journey- Shocked by the moral decay in Rome, Benedict withdrew to a cave near Subiaco, where he lived as a hermit. His deep faith and commitment to God fueled his spiritual journey. 3. Humility and Obedience- Benedict’s advice on humility, silence, and obedience has inspired not only monastic communities but also various institutions and legislators. His teachings continue to resonate as part of the spiritual treasury of the Church. In recognition of the work of Benedictine monks in evangelizing and civilizing Europe during the Middle Ages, Pope Paul VI proclaimed St. Benedict the patron saint of all Europe in 1964. St. Benedict’s life exemplifies the power of hard work, humility, and faith to overcome challenging circumstances. His influence extends beyond monasticism, serving as an inspiration to people of all backgrounds. Through his dedication, wisdom, and commitment to God, St. Benedict continues to inspire generations.

**ST. MARY’S CWL**

1. The CWL Word of the Week is GOOD WORKS. Imagine if you knew the great works done by CWL members. As social justice activists, we pray and work for family, friends and all people to change current issues and make this world a better place.
2. Enjoy summer and find a cool place to be.



**Parish Golf Tournament**  
In Support of St. Mary's Church

Friday August 23, 2024 at 3:00 PM  
To be held at the Shelter Valley Pines Golf Club

Registration Fee: \$75 per person  
includes 9 holes of golf, power cart and dinner

To register please visit  
[sheltervalleypines.com/stmarysgolf](http://sheltervalleypines.com/stmarysgolf) and complete the online registration.

Registration deadline: August 13, 2024  
Shelter Valley Pines Golf Club - 1806 Shelter Valley Rd, Grafton, On K0K2G0  
[www.sheltervalleypines.com](http://www.sheltervalleypines.com)

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**Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest**

**Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary**

14TH SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME

July 6-7, 2024



**"IS NOT THIS THE CARPENTER?"  
"JESUS WAS AMAZED AT THEIR UNBELIEF."**

**Parish Committees & Organisations**

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin* (Chairperson)-416-300-8680  
Finance, *Dennis Goulin*-905-372-7684  
Lectors, *Richard Holland*-905-349-3710  
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Cemetery Board, *Melissa Lilje*-905-239-2504  
K of C and Ushers, *Darrell Manley*-905-744-0865

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  
Parish Handyman, *Ed Nemec*-905 349 2923  
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

July 8, Mon. 9am - No Mass Today

July 9, Tues. 9am

July 10, Wed. 9am

July 11, Thurs. 9am (St. Benedict)

July 12, Fri. 9am

July 13, Sat. 9am

July 13, Sat. 4pm - For the people of Gaza & Israel by Deirdre Arzheimer

July 14, Sun. 10am - For the People of the parish



**WEEKLY OFFERING**

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

## LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$1,903

Balance - \$8,000

## JULY 13 & 14 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

**LECTORS:** Paige Mullin

Kathleen Ancker

**EMHC:** Pat Rutherford

Michael Stevenson

**USHERS:** Nick & Darrell Manley Ed Nemeč & Rob Ugolini

## PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



*Deirdre Arzheimer, Dalton McDonald, Phyllis Cooper,  
Jeannie Grol*



## PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Saturday, August 17th - St. Mary's Cemetery Mass - 10 am

Sunday, August 18th (celebrating the feast of parish patron, Assumption of the BVM) - Parish BBQ - after 10 am Mass

Friday, August 23 - St. Mary's golf tournament - 9 holes starting at 3:00pm.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**JOB POSTING FOR BOOKKEEPER** - The parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Grafton has an opening for a part time Bookkeeper for 8 to 10 hours per month. This position is responsible for providing accounting/bookkeeping services for the parish. The candidate requires experience in accounting with Quickbooks software experience preferred. Qualified candidates should e-mail resume to FrMartinDalida@peterboroughdiocese.org by Thursday July 18, 2024. A copy of the job description is available upon request.

**RICHARD HOLLAND** - We extend our deepest gratitude to Richard Holland for his many years of dedicated service as the Lector head of our parish. His commitment and leadership have greatly enriched our worship experience. As he steps down, we thank Richard for his exemplary service and remarkable contributions to St. Mary's parish.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL SPECIAL COLLECTION 2024** - This weekend and next (July 6/7 and 13/14), we invite you to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal, funding critical initiatives in our diocese. This special collection supports diocesan ministries under the direction of the bishop such as youth, vocations, senior care, and refugee services. Your generous support helps Bishop Miehm share hope and care for our diocese.

**STOP MAiD FOR MENTAL ILLNESS!** - As Canadians, it may be easier to access death than the counselling and the treatments we need to support our lives. Current legislation allows MAiD [Medical Assistance in Dying] when mental health is the sole condition. Hopelessness and a desire to end one's life can be symptoms of mental illness. Experts agree that it is almost impossible to predict who will recover from a mental disorder. Current legislation puts the lives of people with mental illness at risk. You can help! Sign the postcards, available at the back of the Church, to add your support to revoke MAiD for Mental Illness. Cards will be available until next Sunday (July 14<sup>th</sup>) when they will be delivered by St. Mary's CWL to our local Member of Parliament, Philip Lawrence.

**ED NEMEC** - At the time when we quit considering to clean the downhill lawn area of the church & rectory as volunteers find it extremely difficult to cut the thick grass by using an ordinary equipment, Ed Nemeč surprisingly brought in his Bush Hog and has started cleaning the said area. Ed has never showed signs of slowing down in giving his working skills and doing hard works for our parish. Thank you, Ed!

**COFFEE AFTER MASS** - Today after the 10am Mass, a coffee, tea or juice along with a timbit will be served by the CWL. Feel free to join in the fellowship with fellow parishioners while enjoying a cup of coffee/tea.



**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY** - "Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope."