

GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER - Remember our parish Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Friday August 23, 3pm in support of St. Mary's Catholic parish. For more information you may contact *Michael Mullin* at 416-300-8680 or *mmullinkofc@gmail.com* . TO THOSE WHO CAN'T PLAY- You can still be part of it with your financial support. Mark an envelope with "Golf Tournament", place your donation, write your name, and put it in the offertory basket. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations.

7 SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY - The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to help our neighbor in their spiritual needs. The seven spiritual actions of mercy are: 1. To admonish the sinner, 2. To instruct the ignorant, 3. To counsel the doubtful, 4. To comfort the sorrowful, 5. To bear wrongs patiently, 6. To forgive all injuries, 7. To pray for the living and the dead.

#TO ADMONISH THE SINNER - This spiritual act of mercy concerns with the spiritual well-being of another. To admonish someone is to warn about a fault; to correct wrongdoing; to remind someone to do the right thing. To admonish the sinner is not to belittle or humiliate him, but rather to alert him to the danger of a sinful course of action. It is rooted in love, not pride.

A GOOD CHRISTIAN IS GOOD CITIZEN - Being a good Christian citizen involves living a life that reflects the teachings of Jesus Christ and positively contributing to your community. As a Christian, it is your responsibility to be an active and engaged member of society, showing love and kindness to your neighbors, and following the laws of the land. Good Christians are kind, decent people who advocate for justice, are compassionate, generous, and resourceful. They also settle their opinions thoughtfully and remain studious and curious. Ultimately, being a good Christian means believing, loving, and hoping rightly and truly. So, in essence, a good Christian is indeed a good citizen.

ISRAEL ORDERS MORE GAZA EVACUATIONS - A new evacuation order issued by the Israeli authorities has seen thousands of Gazans again fleeing parts of the Khan Younis area. Estimates indicate that more than 15,500 people had been living in the affected areas. At the same time, the World Food Programme has warned that hostilities, unusable roads, and the lack of public order and safety severely hamper food transport operations in Gaza, forcing reduced rations. Meanwhile, Israel has responded to US, Qatari and Egyptian mediators by confirming it would send a mission to resume talks on a Gaza truce deal next week.

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. The next CWL Meeting is at the rectory on Sept. 09/24 @ 9:30 am. 2. The CWL Word of the Week is Humanity. Love one another. CWL members go beyond charitable acts with compassion, love, sympathy and tolerance, seeking out issues of INJUSTICE. 3. We say "good bye" to church secretary Melissa Lilje who is retiring from that position. As church secretary she has always been so helpful in assisting St. Mary's CWL Council. We will miss her and wish her well. Thank you for your many years of service Melissa!

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FEAST OF THE
ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

August 17-18,
2024



THE ASSUMPTION
OF MARY



"ALL GENERATIONS
SHALL CALL ME
BLESSED"

Parish Committees & Organisations

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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

Aug 19, Mon - No Mass
Aug 20, Tues 9am (St. Bernard, religious)
Aug 21, Wed 9am (St. Pius 1X, pope) Int. Zach Pietras by Ian Manley
Aug 22, Thurs 9am (Queenship of BVM)
Aug 23, Fri. 9am - + Souls in purgatory by Ian Manley
Aug 24, Sat. 10am (St. Bartolomew, apostle) +Fr. John Keeler by Ian Manley
Aug 24, Sat. 4pm - For the People of the parish
Aug 25, Sun. 10am - +Int. Mike Cowie by SVDP Grafton

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LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$1, 530
Building Maintenance -\$170

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AUGUST 24-25 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS: Michael Mullin Kathy Ancker
EMHC: Pat Rutherford Dennis Goulin
USHERS: Nick & Darrell Manley Theo Mensen & Ed Nemec

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PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Dalton McDonald, 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 donation, you can log onto your mobile banking and send your donation to *office@assumptiongrafton.ca*. Make sure to put your envelope number (if you have) 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

PARISH PATRONAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION - Today August 18th, we joyfully celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary after whom our parish is named and has been under her patronage. It's a special occasion for our community to come together and celebrate our spiritual heritage by giving our Blessed Mother special honor for all the motherly intercessions she bestowed on all parishioners through the years. May our Blessed Mother Mary of Assumption continue to intercede for us. Happy feast Day! Everyone is invited for the BBQ right after the Mass.



MARY'S ASSUMPTION

DOGMA OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM (Feast Day August 15) – “The Catholic Church teaches that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". This doctrine was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII on 1 November 1950, in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*. This is a belief in the Catholic Church that has its origin in the first few centuries of Christianity that honors the Virgin Mary and her role in salvation history and the eternal destination prepared for her by her Son, Jesus. We firmly believe that from the first moment of her conception Mary was free of all sin, including Original Sin, by a special favor of almighty God. Mary had been chosen to be the Mother of our savior. By the power of the Holy Spirit, she conceived our Lord Jesus Christ, and through her, true God became also man and dwelt among us. All these led the Church to conclude that because of her role as Mother of the Messiah, Mary would be preserved from original sin and its consequences. As such it would not be possible for Mary, whose womb carried the Son of God, to suffer the corruption of the body that all people experience after death. Mary's assumption reminds us that salvation is holistic. God does not just save half of us; we are saved in the fullness of our humanity, body and soul.

MELISSA LILJE - It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to Melissa, who has been our parish secretary & bookkeeper for an incredible 23 years. Melissa's dedication and service have been a true blessing to St. Mary's. While we miss her, we are deeply grateful for the many years she'd given us. Many have known and described her as the parish rock, steadfast through the comings and goings of several priests. We will miss her and wish her well. Thank you for your many years of service, Melissa!

GABRIELITO GARCIA - Taking over Melissa's place as parish Bookkeeper is Gabrielito Garcia from Peterborough. We warmly welcome Mr. Garcia to St. Mary's parish.

FRANCIS CALNAN - Francis is now taking the position as head of St. Mary's Cemetery Board. To those who inquire and need to buy plots in the Cemetery, Francis is the guy who can help you out. You can reach him at tel. # 905 269 0795.