

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY BOARD - Francis Calnan is now the chairperson of St. Mary's Cemetery Board. For your inquiries & transaction concerning cemetery, Francis will attend to you and you can reach him at his mobile phone: #905 269 0795 or email: f.calnan@hotmail.com

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. #4 COMFORTING THE SORROWFUL - St. Paul in his letter to the Romans 12:15 says, "Weep with those who weep". Comforting the sorrowful is one of our spiritual works of mercy. It meets others in their time of emotional distress and anxiety and we become a source of consolation for those who are grieving or depressed.

PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT (A Wonderful Success!) We are delighted to share that our golf tournament was a smashing success! This event wouldn't have been possible without the efforts and support of so many. A special thanks to Paula Blick for securing our title sponsor, St. Anne's Spa. Faith, your hard work was invaluable, and you certainly earned those volunteer hours for high school! To my wife Tina, who handled everything from organizing sponsorships to picking up gifts and so much more—you were the heart and soul of this event, and we owe its success to your dedication. Thank you to Jason, Jane, and the entire Shelter Valley Golf Course staff for making the day special. And, of course, to all our golfers—your participation truly made this event what it was. We are also incredibly grateful to the local businesses that generously donated prizes and gifts, the parishioners who couldn't play golf but still made significant cash donations—including Michael Daly, Pat Murphy, Paula Blick, Suzanne Liptay, Donald Smith, and the CWL—and our wonderful sponsors, including St. Anne's Spa, the Mullin Agency, Knights of Columbus Cobourg and Port Hope Councils, SMM Law, Schmidt Law, and Lynch Rutherford Tozer accountants. Thanks to all of you, we raised an impressive \$6,818 for the parish. Mark your calendars for next year—August 15, 2025—as we look forward to celebrating our Parish 150th Anniversary weekend with our next golf tournament. My deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to this year's success, and I'm excited to see what next year will bring! *Michael Mullin, Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson.*



ST. MARY'S CWL

1. The next CWL meeting is on Sept. 09/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Please plan to attend.
2. The word of the week is INCLUSIVE. CWL members are a mosaic of women inclusive of all ages and cultures. Add your fabric to our quilt.
3. To all students who returned to school, college, or university over the last 2 weeks, have a wonderful year and enjoy the learning process. Moms and Dads, it is also a busy time for you.
4. Remember, "To stop, smell the roses and enjoy this new chapter in your lives as well".

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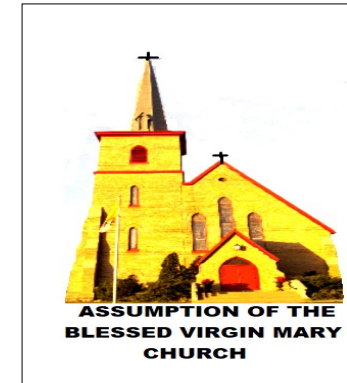
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Bookkeeper - Gabrielito Garcia

Fr. Martin Dalida - Parish Priest

**23rd SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

Sept 7-8, 2024



**"EPHPHATHA"
that is,
"BE OPENED"**



Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin (Chairperson)- 416 300 8680*
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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

Sept 9, Mon - No Mass Today

Sept 10, Tues 9am

Sept 11, Wed 9am

Sept 12, Thurs 9am

Sept 13 , Fri. 9am (St. John Chrysostom)

Sept 14, Sat. 9am (Feast Exultation of the Cross)

Sept 14, Sat. 4pm (24th week) - People of the parish

Sept 15, Sun. 10am (24th week) +Linda Jean Zarry by Leonard Zarry



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

SUNDAY OFFERING

LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$3, 180

Building maintenance - \$365

Bank Balance -

Sept 14 & 15 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS:

Jackie Innis

Margaret Harry

EMHC:

Paula Blick

Michael Stephenson

USHERS:

Nick & Darrell Manley

Ian Manley & Joe O'Kane



MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEM-

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.

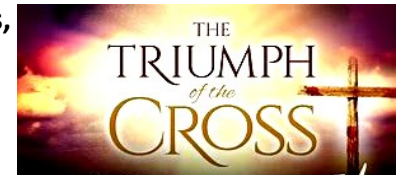
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER - (For The Cry Of The Earth) "We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live."

POPE FRANCIS VISITS INDONESIA -The pope's visit shores up interfaith tolerance in world's most populous Muslim nation. According to the Indonesia's Ministry of Home Affairs, 87 percent of Indonesia's 282 million people are Muslim, 7.4 percent are Protestant, 3 percent Roman Catholic, 1.7 percent Hindu and just under 1 percent Buddhist. With 245 million Sunni, Shia and other adherents to Islam Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim nation. During Mass at Jakarta's main stadium, Pope Francis told the more than 100,000 Indonesians in attendance: "Be builders of hope. Guided by the word of the Lord. I encourage you to sow seeds of love, confidently tread the path of dialogue, continue to show your goodness and kindness...and be builders of unity and peace."

SEPTEMBER 8, MOTHER MARY'S BIRTHDAY - The birth of Mary is ordained in particular toward her mission as Mother of the Savior. Her existence is indissolubly connected with that of Christ: it partakes of a unique plan of predestination and grace. God's mysterious plan regarding the Incarnation of the Word embraces also the Virgin who is His Mother. In this way, the Birth of Mary, as that her Divine Child, is inserted at the very heart of the History of Salvation. (From the Liturgy) "Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born the Sun of Justice.... Her birth constitutes the hope and the light of salvation for the whole world.... Her image is light for the whole Christian people".

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS (Sept 14) - The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, commemorates three historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628. Nowadays, this feast also celebrates the boundless impact of Christ's Cross upon all of creation. In 326, Constantine's mother, Saint Helena embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a mission to find & identify the cross used to crucify Jesus. Following the successful discovery of the True Cross in Calvary, Emperor Constantine ordered the construction of a church over Jesus' tomb, known as the Holy Sepulchre. In 614, the Persians invaded Jerusalem and took the True Cross as a trophy. But in 622, Emperor Heraclius initiated military campaigns to successfully recapture Jerusalem and the True Cross in 628. After that, the Feast of the Holy Cross became a universal celebration annually on September 14 ever since. Inspired by St. Paul who said, "May I never boast except in the cross of Christ", today and always we say, we adore you Christ and we bless you because by holy cross you have redeemed the world."



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