

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. **#5 BEARING WRONGS PATIENTLY** - Bearing wrongs patiently is a difficult yet ultimately rewarding act of mercy for all involved if practiced regularly. It is easy to grow resentful and bitter, wanting someone or something to blame for the set-backs and situations we face. It is also easy to become frustrated with those living with us in our homes day in and day out, but to seek patience, willingly riding through setbacks and focusing not on wrongs but on rights and reconciliation is much more fruitful in the long run, especially with those we see on a daily basis. Bearing wrongs patiently takes courage and a good starting point is to remind ourselves of the ways Christ has provided for us and forgiven us in the past, and reminding ourselves of this might make it a little easier to do the same for others.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH – Spiritual growth is all about deepening our relationship with God according to biblical principles, leading to a life that increasingly mirrors the character and love of Jesus Christ. How? 1. Engage with Scriptures: To immerse ourselves in the Bible to understand God's will for our life. 2. Cultivate a Prayer Habit: To establish a consistent prayer practice to maintain an ongoing dialogue with God. 3. Join a Faith Community: To connect with other Christians for mutual support and encouragement. 4. Serve Others: To use our gifts to serve our church and community, reflecting God's love. 5. Rely on the Holy Spirit: To depend on the Holy Spirit for guidance, strength, and change.

NOVENA & FEAST DAY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COBOURG - Program for Novena to St. Michael the Archangel from Sep. 20th to Sep. 29, 2024 (6:10pm – 7:30pm each day). Sunday September 29 = Feast Day Celebration of St. Michael with 11am Mass, Bishop Miehm is the Chief Celebrant, Potluck after Mass and entertainment (Nigerian Cultural Dance).

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING- Reminding members of the Parish Council to attend the regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 16, 6:30 in the evening at the rectory.

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. Teaching the Rosary - St. Mary's CWL Council has put together "Mary's Suitcase" which contains items (prayer cards, rosaries, a Statue of Mary plus many more items) that will enhance the teaching of The Rosary in St. Mary Elementary School, K-8.
2. CWL member, Kathy Ancker, will introduce Mary's Suitcase to the students and staff on Oct.03/24 at the first school mass this autumn. The GOAL is to introduce the students to Mary, the Mother of Jesus who loves and cares for all of us.
3. The CWL Word of the Week is INNOVATION. Members of the CWL bring innovative ideas to develop resolutions for change. We read the signs of the times and propose creative solutions.
4. September 30 is Canada's National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. The CWL will put up orange ribbons at the front entrance of the church and orange shirts in the foyer the last weekend of September to mark this most important day.

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24TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME

Sept 14-15, 2024



ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
CHURCH

"WHO DO YOU
SAY THAT I AM?"



"YOU ARE CHRIST,
THE SON OF THE
LIVING GOD"

Parish Committees & Organisations

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

Finance, *Alfons Casteels* - 905 269 2352

Lectors, *Joanna Mecozzi* - 905 375 9502

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion,
Judith Goulin-905 372 7684

Catholic Women's League, *Pat Murphy*
(President)-905 349 2847

Bingo Volunteers, *Jackie Innis*-905 349 2880

St Vincent de Paul, *Wes Krentz*-905 377 3263

Cemetery Board, *Francis Calnan* 905 269 0795

K of C and Ushers, *Darrell Manley*-905 744 0865

Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905 396 2578

Development and Peace/Library, *Suzanne*
Liptay-905 372 3031

St Mary's Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905 269 2352

Altar Decorations, *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

Sept 16, Mon - No Mass Today
Sept 17, Tues 9am
Sept 18, Wed 9am
Sept 19, Thurs 9am
Sept 20 , Fri. 9am (St. Andrew Kim, Paul Chong & companions)
Sept 21, Sat. 9am (St. Matthew, the apostle)
Sept 21, Sat. 4pm (25th week) - People of the parish
Sept 22, Sun. 10am (25th week) +Anne Plaxton by Vince Kelly



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

SUNDAY OFFERING

LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$1, 850
Building maintenance - \$100
Gaming - \$8, 693
Bank Balance - 19, 693.59

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



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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS - We are starting to organize the sacramental preparations (Confirmation, First Confession & First Communion) for our students of St. Mary's Catholic School who are potential candidates to receive the said Sacraments. For the parents & guardians who wish their children receive any of these Sacraments, be sure to get a letter of invitation containing instruction and requirements & Forms to fill out that has been sent out by the school (or call 905 349 2061). Please mark the following dates of meetings: 1. For First Communion & Reconciliation candidates along with their parents -Thursday Oct 3, 4pm at the church, 2. For Confirmation candidates along with their parents - Friday October 4, 4pm at the church. Following Sister Donna's transfer to Hamilton, we introduce Rose Mansell as the new main catechist who will be handling the process with Michael Mullin as assistant.

"YOU ARE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD": a short, but a very full confession of faith, containing the following articles: as that there is a God, that there is but one God; that he is the living God: that Jesus is the Christ, the true Messiah, that was promised by God, prophesied of by all the prophets, from the beginning of the world, and expected by the people of God: a character that includes all his offices, of prophet, priest, and king, to which he is anointed by God; and that this Messiah was not a mere man, but a divine person, the Son of God; not by creation, as angels and men are, but by nature, being his own Son, the only begotten of the Father, of the same nature with him, being one with him, and equal to him. Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, cannot be wrong with this confession.

POPE FRANCIS VISITS 4 NATIONS ACROSS ASIA & OCEANIA - "Pope Francis makes an Apostolic Journey to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Singapore on September 2-13, 2024. Indonesia is the world's largest Muslim country with 8 million Catholics, Papua New Guinea has 2 million Catholics, Timor-Leste with 1 million Catholics, Singapore has 395,000 Catholics. Pope Francis' travel to these places is to reinforce the importance that Asia has for the Catholic Church, since it's one of the few places where the church is growing in terms of baptized faithful and religious vocations. And Francis is highlighting that the complex region also embodies some of his core priorities as pope — an emphasis on interreligious and intercultural dialogue, care for the environment and insistence on the spiritual component of economic development."

THE BEAUTY OF GROWTH - As we grow, our priorities often shift. God tends to find its way into our hearts as we journey through life. Sometimes it's a quiet whisper during a sunrise, or a thunderous revelation during our darkest nights. It's that cosmic nudge that reminds us there's something greater than ourselves—a force that weaves through the fabric of existence. As we age, our priorities evolve. The things that once consumed our thoughts—career ambitions, material possessions, or even the pursuit of love—can gradually take a backseat. Suddenly, we find ourselves pondering deeper questions: What's the purpose of it all? How do we connect with something beyond the mundane? Whether it's through prayer, meditation, or simply gazing at the stars, that connection with the divine becomes essential. In those quiet moments, we find that God has been there all along, waiting patiently for us to notice."