

**POPE FRANCIS RECENT QUOTES**- At Audience: "I saw living and joyful faith in Asia and Oceania". World Day Message: "Hope in the Lord and you will not grow weary." To young people: "May the Mediterranean no longer be a graveyard." At Angelus: "Everything changes when you truly know the Lord." At Mass: "Love is the very centre of the Gospel." . "Singapore is a shining light of what humanity can achieve."

**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. **#6 Forgiving All Injuries** - It is necessary for us to forgive because our Lord Jesus taught us to pray "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Forgiving injuries is a work of mercy, since it breaks the cycle of anger and retribution that often tears families, communities, and nations apart. It is a restorative work that knits together ties that have frayed. To forgive injuries is a great, healing gift to receive from God and share with others.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** - Come join the movement to hold Canadian Corporations operating overseas to the same standards expected in Canada to prevent human rights and environmental abuses. Saturday, Sept.28. St. Joseph's Church 127 Liberty St., Bowmanville 9am to 3:30 pm (potluck lunch included) To preregister: Donna Modesta- [seniormode@gmail.com](mailto:seniormode@gmail.com).

**ST. MICHAEL NOVENA & FEAST DAY CELEBRATION IN COBOURG** - Novena from Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 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).

### ST. MARY'S CWL

1. St. Mary's CWL Council wishes Sister Donna well in Hamilton where she will embrace a new chapter in her vocational career. May God hold her in the palm of His hand, watch over her and keep her safe. Thank you, Sister for all the good deeds you have done here in your home parish over the last four years. You will be greatly missed.
2. The CWL Word of the Week is INSPIRE. CWL members' passion is to inspire women, to grow in FAITH, and to witness the love of God through ministry and service.
3. The next CWL meeting is October 07/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. September 30 /24 is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. For that weekend, the CWL will mark the occasion with orange ribbons at the front of the church and orange t-shirts in the vestibule.

## Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Fr. Martin Dalida - Parish Priest

25TH SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME

Sept 21-22, 2024



ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
CHURCH

"WHOEVER WANTS  
TO BE FIRST  
MUST BE LAST



AND BE SERVANT  
OF ALL"

### Parish Committees & Organisations

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

Finance, *Alfons Casteels* - 905 269 2352

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*Judith Goulin*-905 372 7684

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Bingo Volunteers, *Jackie Innis*-905 349 2880

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Cemetery Board, *Francis Calnan* 905 269 0795

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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 23, Mon - No Mass Today  
Sept 24, Tues 9am - Souls in purgatory by Ian Manley  
Sept 25, Wed 9am - + Sam Rego by Ian Manley  
Sept 26, Thurs 9am (Martyrs, St. John de Brebeuf & Companions)  
Sept 27 , Fri. 9am (Priest, St. Vincent de Paul)  
Sept 28, Sat. 9am  
Sept 28, Sat. 4pm (26th week) - +Zack Sawyer by Sawyer family  
Sept 29, Sun. 10am (26th week) - For the people of the parish



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

**LAST WEEKEND**

**Sunday Offertory - \$1, 000**

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**Sept 28 & 29 WEEKEND MASSES**

**4 pm**

**10 am**

**LECTORS:**            **Joanna Mecozzi**            **Kathleen Ancker**  
**EMHC:**             **Greg Blick**                    **John Logel**  
**USHERS:**    **Nick & Darrell Manley**    **Theo Mensen & Ian Manley**

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**



***Eailen Fitzgerald, 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**

**COLLECTION FOR INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND** will take place in the parishes of the Diocese this weekend. We are grateful for your generosity which has enabled us already to fund about a dozen projects in First Nation communities and Metis organizations – part of the Church's ongoing commitment toward Truth and Reconciliation and "walking together" with Indigenous people. Information about projects already supported can be found on diocesan website where you may also donate online.

**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).

**ST. MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist, Feast Day: Sept 21** Matthew, the evangelist & Apostle of Christ, is best known as a publican or tax collector. The story of Matthew's calling shows us the amazing power of God's grace and how it transforms people and become extraordinary servants of our Creator. Jesus called Matthew, a tax collector, a person who belongs to a profession with the worst reputation. Tax collectors or publicans are considered by the Jews to be among the worst of sinners and people who have ill fame. This is where the grace of God is greatly magnified. The grace and mercy of our Lord aren't simply reserved for people who are righteous or those who live a good life. His grace is extended to the worst. Matthew, a person of ill-reputation, has been given a chance by God to change his ways and become a follower of Christ. Matthew's life shows us how gracious and merciful God is. When everybody else has given up on you, our Heavenly Father hasn't. The same grace and mercy are being extended to us now. No matter what sins we have committed in the past, we are not beyond repair. After repenting and changing our ways, we can become a new man in Christ! The Jews, Romans, and people around Matthew saw him as an immoral and despised person. However, when Christ saw and called him, our Lord saw someone who can be used by God to spread the message of God's salvation and to write one of the most widely read books in the Bible, "The Gospel of Matthew."

**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."