

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. **#7 TO PRAY FOR THE LIVING & THE DEAD** - St. Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 that the task of the Christian is to "rejoice always" and to "pray without ceasing." Praying for others, both the living and the dead, is at the heart of the Catholic faith. We pray not only for ourselves and our needs, but also for the needs of others. We believe that we can assist those in need by praying for them. This is why praying for the living and the dead is considered a spiritual work of mercy. In Bible accounts we read that communities are encouraged to pray for those sick and suffering and how "the prayer of faith will save the sick person" (James 5:15) and that if they have committed sins, those will be forgiven because "fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful" (James 5:16).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, GRAFTON - It's been a busy expensive summer for us Vincentians, but it's also been rewarding to be able to serve our locals in need of food and even housing. However, with the soaring cost of almost everything and Christmas looming near we are in great need of additional donations. Any amount given will be greatly appreciated. Our next regular in church collection is Oct. 12th @ 4:00 Mass and Oct.13 @ 10:00 AM Mass. Thank you. Wes Krentz "

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Rose Sunday appeal at the Sunday Masses on the weekend of October 5-6. All proceeds go towards local pro-life initiatives. Thank you in advance for your generosity. God Bless"

DEVELOPEMENT 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.

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. The next CWL meeting is on Oct. 07/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
2. The CWL Word of the Week is INTEGRITY. A hallmark of the CWL is INTEGRITY. Members stand together in faithfulness, reliability, honesty and helping others. We are Catholic and Living It.
3. September 30 is the National Day of Truth & Reconciliation. The CWL has placed orange ribbons at the front of the church and orange t-shirts in the vestibule to mark the special day.
4. On October 03/24 the CWL is presenting St. Mary Elementary School with Mary's Suitcase at the school Mass. CWL member Kathy Ancker will introduce the suitcase and its contents to the students and staff at that time. Mary's Suitcase will be used in the classrooms to promote devotion to Mary and to learn the prayers that make up The Rosary.

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26TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME

Sept 28-29, 2024



ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
CHURCH

**'IF YOUR HAND
CAUSES YOU
TO STUMBLE,
CUT IT OFF''**
(Mark 9:43)



Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
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St. Mary's Elementary School, Grafton, *Angelo*
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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 30, Mon - No Mass Today
Oct 1, Tues 9am - (St. Therese of the child Jesus)
Oct 2, Wed 9am - (The Holy Guardian Angels)
Oct 3, Thurs 9am
Oct 4, Fri. 9am (St. Francis Assisi)- First Friday Benediction & Mass
Oct 5, Sat. 9am
Oct 5, Sat. 4pm (27th week) - For the people of the parish
Oct 6, Sun. 10am (27th week)



LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$1, 370
Balance - \$ 17, 100
Gaming -\$10, 527

October 5 & 6 WEEKEND MASSES

	4 pm	10 am
LECTORS:	Paula Blick	Michael Stephenson
EMHC:	Pat Rutherford	John Logel
USHERS:	Nick & Darrell Manley	Joe O’Kane & Rob Uguloni



MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

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

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ISH COLLECTION COUNTERS - We are in need of two brave and courageous volunteers to count our parish collection after Sunday morning Mass. This involves no Math only basic arithmetic. The time duration is only 30 to 45 minutes once a month, depending on your number skills, unless you talk a lot. There is nothing to fear and you will be given a crash course for your first encounter. Please contact WES @ 905-396-2578 or after Mass.

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA - (Sept 28-29) This collection held today allows the catholic faithful to express their solidarity with their diocese, and also provides an opportunity to support the work of their regional episcopal assembly, as well as the national mission of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The pastoral work enabled by this collection is integral to the life of the church in our country.

& Forms to fill out that has been sent out by the school (or call 905 349 2061 and 905 349 2504).

STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL (feast day Sept 29) - These three Archangels are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal.

ST. JEROME

(feast day Sept 30) - Jerome born in year 342 in Dalmatia, Croatia is known for his rhetorical skills and mastery of languages that enabled him to translate Hebrew and Greek books of the Bible into Latin, the language of common people. This translation is called, the "Vulgate". His accomplishments in biblical studies are without parallel in Christian history. He is a Doctor of the Church , and patron of scripture scholars, translators, archaeologists, librarian and students.

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, requirements, and Form to fill out.