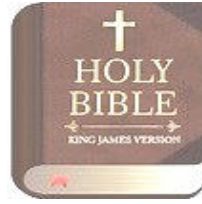


THE HOLY BIBLE - It is composed of the Old & the New Testaments. The Old Testament books were written well before Jesus' birth, and all of the New Testament books were written by roughly the end of the first century A.D. But the Bible as a whole was not officially compiled until the late fourth century, illustrating that it was the Catholic Church who determined the canon—or list of books—of the Bible under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Although the New Testament canon was not determined until the late 300s, books the Church deemed sacred were early on proclaimed at Mass, and read and preached about otherwise. Early Christian writings outnumbered the 27 books that would become the canon of the New Testament. The shepherds of the Church, by a process of spiritual discernment and investigation into the liturgical traditions of the Church spread throughout the world, had to draw clear lines of distinction between books that are truly inspired by God and originated in the apostolic period, and those which only claimed to have these qualities. The process culminated in 382 as the Council of Rome, which was convened under the leadership of Pope Damasus, promulgated the 73-book scriptural canon. The biblical canon was reaffirmed by the regional councils of Hippo (393) and Carthage (397), and then definitively reaffirmed by the ecumenical Council of Florence in 1442. Finally, the ecumenical Council of Trent solemnly defined this same canon in 1546, after it came under attack by the first Protestant leaders, including Martin Luther. *(To be continued)*



MARRIAGE QUOTES: "Marriage is over in an hour, and yet it takes a lifetime to be really married" (E. Stanley Jones). "Staying married, therefore, is not mainly about staying in love. It is about keeping covenant. "Till death do us part" or "As long as we both shall live" is a sacred covenant promise—the same kind Jesus made with His bride when He died for her."(John Piper)

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.

ST MARY'S CWL

- 1.The next CWL meeting is on Oct.07/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Please plan to attend.
- 2.On Oct 08/24 Fr Stephen DeCarlo, Vocations Director for the Peterborough Diocese, will be doing a presentation on the Sacraments to the students of St. Mary Elementary School. This an initiative promoted by the CWL.
- 3.The CWL word of the week is LEADERS. The CWL has many programs and workshops that empower women in becoming confident leaders who journey together to build God's Kingdom in the areas of FAITH, SERVICE and SOCIAL JUSTICE.

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**27TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

Oct 5-6, 2024



**ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
CHURCH**

**"SO THEY ARE
NO LONGER
TWO, BUT ONE
FLESH"**



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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

Oct 7, Mon 9am (Our Lady of the Rosary)

Oct 8, Tues 9am - No Mass Today

Oct 9, Wed 9am - +Charlotte Kelleher by Paula Blick

Oct 10, Thurs 9am - Special Intention of Maria Marszal

Oct 11, Fri. 9am - +souls in Purgatory by Maria Marszal

Oct 12, Sat. 9am - For Health Intention of K.C. by Maria Marszal

Oct 12, Sat. 4pm (28th week) - +Joseph Klunder by Paula Blick

Oct 13, Sun. 10am (28th week) - For the people of the parish

October 12 & 13 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS:

Jackie Innis

John Logel

EMHC:

Deidre Arzheimer

Michael Stephenson

USHERS:

Nick & Darrell Manley

Ed Nemec & Theo Mensen



WEEKLY OFFERING

"FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER"
2 COR 9:7

LAST WEEKEND

(Sept 28-29)

Sunday Offertory - \$1,450



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Eailen Fitzgerald, Dalton McDonald & Jeanie 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@assumptiongrifton.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 OCTOBER - (For A Shared Mission) "Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity."

LIFE CHAIN - Please join thousands across Canada standing against Abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration: Sunday, October 6, 2024, 2 to 3 in the afternoon at intersection of Elgin St. & William St., Cobourg.

POPE CALLS OCTOBER 7 DAY OF FASTING & PRAYER FOR PEACE - Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting for on the 7th October, the one-year anniversary of the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war. "In this dramatic hour of our history, while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations, the Christian community is reminded of its call to put itself at the service of humanity. Let us walk together. Let us listen to the Lord. And let us be led by the breeze of the Spirit."

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY (Feast Day Oct 7) The Feast

of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary is celebrated on October 7 every year in the Catholic Church to celebrate the anniversary of the victory that Christians got at the Gulf of Lepanto in Greece on October 7, 1571 against the invading Ottoman Turks in Europe. The pope then, Pius V organized an alliance called the Holy League with around 200 ships to fight a very powerful Ottoman navy that had nearly 300 warships. The Pope knew the military might of the Ottoman Turks, he, therefore, encouraged the Christians throughout Europe to gather in their churches and pray the Holy Rosary to invoke the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary against the powerful Ottoman navy. The Christians won the battle which was attributed to the help of Mary Mother of God through praying of the rosary. Pope Pius V dedicated October 7 as a thanksgiving day to Our Lady of Victory, later changed to Our Lady of the Rosary by Pope Gregory XIII. This feast of Our Lady of the Rosary emphasizes the intercessory power of Mary. It reminds us that when we Christians are in danger, we can pray to our Mother Mary for help.

"OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY, PRAY FOR US"



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

PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS -We are in need of two 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. There is nothing to fear and you will be given a crash course for your first encounter. Please contact WES Krentz @ 905-396-2578.