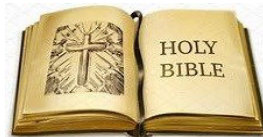


**THE HOLY BIBLE** - The Catholic Bible consists of 73 books: 46 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament, in contrast to the Protestant Bible, which includes 66 books, with 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. One key difference between the Catholic and Protestant approaches to the Bible is the role of Sacred Tradition.



While Protestant emphasized sola scriptura--the idea that Scripture alone is the final authority for Christian faith and practice--the Catholic Church teaches that both Scripture and Tradition are essential to understanding God's revelation. Catholics believe that the Bible must be interpreted within the context of the living Tradition of the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit. This Tradition includes the teachings of the Church Fathers, the decisions of Church councils, and the ongoing Magisterium (teaching authority) of the Church. The Catholic Church views Tradition and Scripture as forming a unified whole, with Tradition helping to interpret and apply the truths found in Scripture. For Catholics, the Bible is not just a book but a living document that, together with Sacred Tradition, reveals the fullness of God's plan for humanity. The Catholic Church remains committed to the canon that was affirmed in the early Church and solidified at the Council of Trent. The Catholic Bible, with its 73 books, remains a profound treasure of divine revelation, guiding the faithful toward deeper understanding and union with God.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** - Caritas Canada addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. This fall, we continue our Create Hope: Reaping our Rights campaign, and encounter peasant and rural communities who care for the Earth and feed the world. In solidarity with them, we will call on Canada to adopt mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation, so that no Canadian company can trample on their rights.

**†COLLEEN LAWSON** - Our parish community extends deepest sympathy to Bruce (the husband), children and relatives for the passing of Colleen Lawson recently. We pray that may her soul rest in peace with the Lord.

**ST MARY'S CWL**

1. Members, it is that time of year to renew your CWL membership and for prospective members to take out a membership. You will receive your membership renewal form in the mail the first week or so of November. Follow the instructions within. There will be Membership envelopes (in a tub) below the bulletin board in the foyer, for prospective members to take, which contain all the information needed.

2) Next CWL meeting is on Nov.04/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory

3) The CWL Word of the Week is MEANING. Life has meaning when you recognize your God-given gifts and share them with others. Celebrate the meaning of life as you share your gifts as a mem-

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Fr. Martin Dalida - Parish Priest

**29TH SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME**

**Oct 19-20, 2024**



**ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
CHURCH**

**"MASTER, GRANT  
US TO SIT, ONE  
AT YOUR RIGHT**



**AND ONE AT  
YOUR LEFT, IN  
YOUR GLORY"**

**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**

Oct 21, Mon - No Mass Today  
Oct 22, Tues 9am (John Paul II) +Steven Casteels by Casteels family  
Oct 23, Wed 9am  
Oct 24, Thurs 9am  
Oct 25, Fri. 9am - +Souls in purgatory by Ian Manley  
Oct 26, Sat. 9am - Special Intentions for Nick, Sabrina & James by Ian Manley  
Oct 26, Sat. 4pm (30th week Sunday) +Bill Rowland by Rowland family  
Oct 27, Sun. 10am(30th week Sunday) - For the people of the parish

October 26 & 27 WEEKEND MASSES  
4 pm 10 am

LECTORS: Joanna Mecozzi Kathy Ancker  
EMHC: Greg Blick Dennis Goulin  
USHERS: Nick & Darrell Manley Rob Ugolini & Ed Nemec



**WEEKLY OFFERING**  
**LAST WEEKEND**  
(Oct 12-13)  
Sunday Offertory - \$ 1, 590  
Building Maintenance - \$25

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@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**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** (Collection today) - World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment and to express solidarity in support of Mission. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny and prayer we give to Mission helps missionaries everywhere continue their work. This special day highlights the Church's global commitment to evangelization, encouraging the faithful to engage in prayer, solidarity, and financial support for missionary efforts in places where the Gospel is not yet well known or where the Church is still growing.

**ALL SOULS DAY**- Soon we will commemorate ALL SOULS DAY (Nov 2), the day specially set aside by the church in remembrance of our loved ones who have gone before us.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says in 1032: "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." It is clear that the holy sacrifice of the



Mass is the chief source of devotion, the most powerful means to relieve or release a soul from purgatory. All Souls Day Envelopes are available at the back. On November 2 and in all Fridays of the month of November, a Mass will be offered for the intentions of the names you have written.

**"FATHERS**

**OF THE CHURCH" AND WHY DO THEY MATTER?** - There are four major characteristics to be exhibited in the life and works of an early Church leader if he is to be considered a Father of the Church. These are antiquity, meaning that he lived before the eighth century; doctrinal orthodoxy; personal sanctity; and approval by the Church. For many Christians these Fathers of the Church have been extremely influential on a personal level. In particular, their writings confirm what the Church has always taught and continues to teach today. The Fathers stand as foundational pillars who always point back to Jesus Christ and show with their writings and example what it means to be a Christian. The following Fathers are recognized as the "Great Church Fathers" or the original "Doctors of the Church." Ambrose (340-397), Jerome (347-420), Augustine (354-430) and Pope Saint Gregory the Great (540-604). Basil the Great (329-379), Athanasius (296-373), Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389) and John Chrysostom (347-407). Besides these eight Fathers, there are many other influential spiritual figures of the early Church.

**OVERCOMING CHALLENGES THROUGH HOLY ROSARY**-The Rosary has been and continues to be a gift to Catholics and a weapon against sin and evil. There are countless stories of graces and favours received through its recitation. May the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7) awaken in the hearts of all Catholics this filial devotion and trust in the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

