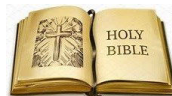


THE HOLY BIBLE - To be considered a Catholic Bible, a translation has to both have a “nihil obstat” (Latin for “nothing hinders”), a phrase meaning an official Church certification proclaiming the book is not objectionable on doctrinal or moral grounds, along with an “imprimatur” (from Latin ‘imprimere’, meaning to “imprint”), a phrase for official approval by clergy, most often the bishop. An Imprimatur serves as a kind of quality control, providing assurance that a text is reliable from a Catholic standpoint. The Imprimatur is an enduring practice in the Catholic Church, offering a stamp of approval that a written work is consistent with the Church’s teachings on faith and morals.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL, GRAFTON - St. Vincent de Paul extends our deepest gratitude to the students, teachers, staff, and families of St. Mary’s School for their incredible generosity during their recent food drive. Your donations are a lifeline for those in need, and with winter approaching, the demand for support in our community is greater than ever. We kindly ask the parishioners to continue your ongoing support by bringing non-perishable food items to Mass each week and placing them in the bin at the back of the church. Every item helps make a difference. Your monetary donations allow us to provide gift cards for families to purchase essential items like meat, dairy, baby food, fresh fruits, and vegetables—vital things that do not store well. Envelopes are always available at the back of the church for donations. Together, we are living out the corporal work of mercy, feeding the hungry, and bringing hope to those who need it most. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and compassion.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - (The D&P leaflets are distributed this week) Quiz: Who believes in social justice, solidarity between peoples, raising awareness, and campaigning for a world of justice and peace? Answer: A member of Development and Peace-Caritas Canada and hopefully you too! Interested? Get involved! Next week you will have an opportunity to sign a postcard to our Government calling on Canada to adopt mandatory human rights and environmental legislation so that no Canadian company can trample on peasants 'rights.

ST MARY’S CWL

1. CWL Members, you will receive your 2025 membership renewal forms in the mail in the next few days. Follow the instructions within. New members, there are membership envelopes for you, in a tub below the bulletin board in the foyer.
2. The CWL project "Helping Others" begins this weekend. Please donate personal care items for babies, children, youth and adults all of all ages. Some ideas: bar soap, wipes, First Aid Kit, ointment, body wash, dental floss, pull ups for toddlers, baby food etc.
3. The next CWL meeting is Nov.04/24 @ 9:30 am in the rectory. Please plan to attend.

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**31st SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

Nov 2-3, 2024



**ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
CHURCH**

**THE GREATEST
COMMANDMENT**



**"LOVE GOD &
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Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
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Liptay-905 372 3031
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 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

Nov 4, Mon 9am - +Deceased member of the CWL, Grafton
Nov 5, Tues (No Mass)
Nov 6, Wed (No Mass)
Nov 7, Thurs (No Mass)
Nov 8, Fri 9am
Nov 9, Sat 9am (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)
Nov 9, Sat 4pm (32nd week Sunday) - For the people of the parish
Nov 10, Sun 10am (32nd week Sunday) - +Zackary Sawyer by Family

NOVEMBER 9 & 10 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm 10 am

LECTORS Paula Blick John Logel

EMHC Deirdre Arzheimer Judith Goulin

USHERS Nick & Darrell Manley Ugolini & Theo Mensen



WEEKLY OFFERING

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

**LAST WEEKEND
(Oct 26-27)**

Sunday Offertory - \$1, 700
Bank Balance - \$19, 519



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

ENVELOPE #41 - (URGENT!) Owner of this envelope is unknown. If you own this, kindly let the office know so that we can set up your profile enabling us to send your tax receipt for your donations at the end of the year.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS - For this school year, 9 children who will receive first Confession & first Communion and 7 candidates for Confirmation have started their preparations last Friday. May these children be filled with grace & blessings of God as they take this important step in their spiritual journey.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CLERGY STUDY DAY - All priests of the diocese of Peterborough will take a break to attend the Annual Clergy Study on November 5, 6 &7, 2024 @ Nottawasaga Inn Resort and Conference Centre in, Alliston, ON. Please say a prayer for the success of our study day.

MOTHER MARIE-LEONIE PARADIS - She became the third Canadian-born person elevated to sainthood. The Mass of Canonization took place at St. Peter's Square in Rome this past Sunday, and included about 150 Canadian pilgrims. St. Marie-Leonie founded the Little Sisters of the Holy Family in New Brunswick in 1880, whose motherhouse was eventually transferred to Sherbrooke, Quebec in 1895. Her formal cause for sainthood was opened in 1952 and she was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1984. With her recent canonization, she joins St. Marguerite D'Youville and St. Andre Bessette to form a worthy trio of Canadian-born saints.

HOW IMPORTANT IS THE CATECHISM TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? "At that time, Catholics were faced with many questions on how to navigate the tumultuous modern world. They wanted to understand how they should react to the culture and live faithfully in a time when modern ideas seemed to defy all fundamental teachings of Catholicism. As more and more Catholics sought answers, bishops found they needed a clear articulation of the Catholic Faith. Parishes were attempting to respond to the current issues by writing their own catechisms without any formal guide. In 1985, Pope John Paul II commissioned 12 cardinals to oversee the drafting of a universal Catechism of the Catholic Church. They were to form a "genuine, systematic presentation of the faith and of Catholic doctrine." The purpose of the Catechism is to explain the Catholic Faith in an organized way so that the faithful—and the non-faithful—might understand the tenets of Catholicism contained in Scripture and Tradition and interpreted by the magisterium of the Church.

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POSITION on WOMEN PRIESTS: "Why can't women be ordained priests within the Catholic Church? Two thousand years later, no one – including the pope – has the authority to change the designs of the Church that Christ instituted. Some of the reasons cited include: the example recorded in the Sacred Scriptures of Christ choosing his 12 apostles only from among men; the constant practice of the Church, which has imitated Christ in choosing only men; the Church's living teaching authority has consistently held that the exclusion of women from the priesthood is in accordance with God's plan for his Church. On the other hand, the Catholic Church has remained consistent with its teaching: a universal and unbroken tradition, that it cannot ordain women to the ministerial priesthood. Pope John Paul II declared, "The Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women". Pope Francis once stated, "The reservation of the priesthood to males, as a sign of Christ the spouse who gives himself in the Eucharist, is not a question open to discussion. This is because, the Priesthood, being sacrament, is not a human invention, but it was instituted by Christ. The Church cannot base itself on human expectations but on the revealed Word of God."