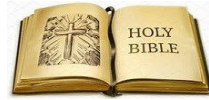


THE HOLY BIBLE (The Four Senses of the Bible-) The Bible's message comes through both literal historical records and rich symbolic language.



Discerning when to interpret the Bible literally and when to see it symbolically requires attention to context, genre, historical setting, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As Paul writes, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible's inspiration provides a foundation for us to approach its words carefully, seeking God's intended message in both the literal and symbolic. Through balanced study, we can gain wisdom, understand God's nature, and grow in faith. The Church, at the Second Vatican Council, gave three criteria in Dei Verbum for "interpreting Scripture in accordance with the Spirit who inspired it" (CCC 111): Be especially attentive "to the content and unity of the whole Scripture". Read the Scripture within "the living Tradition of the whole Church". Be attentive to the analogy of faith.

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION WORLDWIDE - A growing crisis for all humanity. The Church, under the guidance of Pope Francis - dubbed the "Pope of the peripheries" - continues to stand firm in its fight for religious freedom across the globe, and Pope Francis so often extends his prayers and closeness to all people who suffer any form of injustice worldwide, no matter the faith and no matter the creed, as "we are all members of one human family". Today, millions of believers face discrimination, violence, and even death simply for practicing their faith.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, COBOURG-2024 ADVENT MISSION - DECEMBER 9, 10, 11 (evenings: 6:30 - 8:00 pm) . Preparing for Christmas: Pope Francis perspective on Mercy and Hope this Advent with Fr. Kevin Kelly.

ST MARY'S CWL

1. The next CWL meeting is Dec.02/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
2. "NOVEMBER is MEMBERSHIP Month." Thank you to all who have sent in their membership forms and fees. If you have not done so, please do. Deadline for memberships is Dec.08/24. New members there are membership forms for you in the foyer at the church in a tub below the bulletin board.
3. The CWL "Helping Others" Project comes to an end this Sunday, Nov.24/24. Thank you for all your many wonderful donations. Every item is so appreciated by the recipients. A special thank you to St. Vincent de Paul for distributing the items.
4. The Grafton Christmas Market takes place on Nov.30/24. The CWL CANTEEN will be in the gym at St. Mary Elementary School. The doors will open at 9:30 am. The CWL will be serving its delicious "Homemade Cup of Chili" along with tea biscuits, other baked goods and coffee. See you there.

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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Nov 23-24, 2024



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CHURCH**



"HIS DOMINION IS
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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 25 , Mon - (NO MASS)
Nov 26, Tues 9am
Nov 27, Wed 9am
Nov 28, Thurs 9am
Nov 29, Fri 9am
Nov 30, Sat 9am (St. Andrew, apostle) + Souls in Purgatory by Ian Manley
Nov 30, Sat 4pm (First Sunday Advent) People of the parish
Dec 1, Sun 10am (First Sunday Advent) +Therese Calnan by Lynn & Marie

NOV 30 & DEC 1 WEEKEND MASSES

	4 pm	10 am
LECTORS	Dave Hughes	Kathleen Ancker
EMHC	Pat Rutherford	Dennis Goulin
USHERS	Nick & Darrell Manley	Ian Manley & Ugolini



LAST WEEKEND
Nov 17-18, 2024
Sunday Offertory - \$1, 270
Heating - \$25



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

E-TRANSFERS - The Parish is able to accept e-transfers. If you forget your envelope or you are visiting and want to make a one time donation, you can log onto your mobile banking after Mass and send your donation to office@assumptiongrafton.ca. Make sure to put your envelope # or name and address in the message section of the transfer. The transfers are auto deposit so no need to set up a password.

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR MASSES & ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Dec 1, 4:30pm - Parish Christmas Potluck @ St. Mary's School
Sunday Dec 15, after 10am Mass - Church Christmas Decoration
Saturday Dec 21, 9am - Advent Communal Penance Service
Tuesday Dec 24, 4pm - Christmas Eve Mass
8pm - Christmas Midnight Mass
Wednesday Dec 25, 10am - Christmas Day Mass
Tuesday Dec 31, 4pm - New Year's Eve Mass

VOLUNTEERS: We need volunteers to help in setting up Christmas decorations on Sunday December 15, right after the 10am Mass.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

PARISH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK - Join us on Sunday, December 1, 4:30pm in St. Mary's school as we come together to share a meal and celebrate the start of the Christmas Season! Invite members of your family & your friends, everyone is most welcome. Please feel free to bring a main dish, salad, or dessert. We enter a season of anticipation and joy as we gather for this potluck. Advent reminds us of the beauty of hope, community, and the shared journey toward the light of Christmas. Let us cherish this time of fellowship and the opportunity to grow as a parish family. We look forward to seeing you joining in the singing of traditional Christmas carols and enjoying to participate in some other entertainments.



CHRIST THE KING - Christ the King Feast was initiated in 1925 by Pope Pius XI as a response to the spread of secularism in the modern world and to remind the world that Jesus Christ is the eternal ruler of the world. Initially a Roman Catholic holiday, many Christian denominations have since adopted the holiday. In a modern world that has since come to know anti-religious ideologies such as fascism and communism, the celebrations act as a way to ground the human race back to Earth in recognition of God and the benevolence of Christ. For those in the Christian and Catholic faiths, Jesus Christ exemplifies all the traits of a good King as he fulfills all the traits that compel his followers to live proper lives. Thus, the celebrations remind Catholics and Christians of Jesus Christ's eternal authority over the world, as it is the only kind of authority that is not temporal and fleeting. The solemn day also serves as a reminder that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY (Nov 20) - Every year, November 20 marks World Children's Day, a global event aimed at raising awareness about children's rights, fostering international unity, and improving their welfare. The UN invites people from all walks of life, including children themselves, to play an important role in creating societies, communities, and nations where children can live in peace and harmony. "Child rights are human rights," the UN asserts, emphasize-