

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND ROUND 3 FUNDING (February 3 to March 20, 2025) -The IRF supports Indigenous-led and managed projects in one or more of these areas: Healing for communities and families, Culture and language revitalization; Knowledge-sharing, heritage & traditions and community building; and Dialogues for promoting Indigenous spirituality and culture.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, TUESDAY FEB 11 - The 33rd World Day of the Sick, which will be celebrated on Tuesday, Feb 11 is a liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Inspired by the Jubilee Year's theme of hope, this year's theme for World Day of the Sick is "‘Hope does not disappoint’ (Rom 5:5), but strengthens us in times of trial." Also, because of the Jubilee Year, this year's World Day of the Sick is closely connected to the Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers on 5-6 April 2025 and the Jubilee of People with Disabilities on 28 and 29 April 2025

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (feast day February 11) On February 11, 1858, a Lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907. Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters."

SAVE THE DATE - Mark your calendars for August 15th at 3:00 PM as we kick off the celebration of St. Mary's 150th Anniversary with our annual Golf Tournament! Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. This event will be a wonderful way to come together as a parish community and begin honoring this significant milestone in our parish's history.

ST MARY'S CWL - The next CWL meeting is March 03/25 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. This weekend the CWL begins its Winter Fundraiser, "The Bakeless Bake Sale." This fundraiser was introduced last winter and was a big success. CWL members will introduce the fundraiser to the parishioners at the end of each mass this weekend. This is how it works. There is NO BAKING, NO FUSS, NO MESS, & NO CLEANUP! How much money would you spend on the ingredients to bake a couple of cakes, pies and a batch or two of cookies? Whatever the amount, place it in the envelope that you will receive at the end of mass today. In that envelope you will find the directions to follow to participate in this fundraiser. The fundraiser runs from Feb.03 - Feb.23/25. Donate the amount, cash or cheque (made out to St. Mary's CWL, Grafton) and place it in the envelope which is marked Bakeless Bake Sale. Return the envelope next week to church and place it in the offertory basket. All donations will be used for CWL, Church and Community projects. May God BLESS you and KEEP YOU SAFE! Thank you for your support.

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5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

February 8-9, 2025



CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

WEEKEND
MASSES

SATURDAY
4PM

SUNDAY
10AM

Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*

(Chairperson)- 416 300 8680

Finance, *Alfons Casteels* - 905 269 2352

Lectors, *Joanna Mecozzi* - 905 375 9502

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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

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

Feb 10, Mon (NO MASS)
Feb 11, Tues 9am(Our Lady of Lourdes) Healing Mass & Anointing
Feb 12, Wed 9am
Feb 13, Thurs 9am
Feb 14, Friday 9am (Sts. Cyril & Methodius)
Feb 15, Sat 9pm
Feb 15, Sat, 4pm (6th Sunday Ordinary) - For the people of the parish
Feb 16, Sun 10am (6th Sunday)+ Jane Boreham by family

Feb 15-16 WEEKEND MASSES

	4 pm	10 am
LECTORS:	David Huges	Kathy Ancker
EMHC:	Paula Blick	John Logel
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Theo Mensen & Rob Ugolini



LAST WEEKEND (February 1-2, 2025)

Sunday Offertory - \$4,365
Building Maintenance - \$165
Heating - \$370
Bank Balance - \$29,259
Gaming - \$11, 813



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
Katherine Cole, Eailen Fitzgerald,
Dalton McDonald

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

“Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

WINDOW GLASS REPAIRS - Our Parish Council is endeavoring to maintain our church and undertake repairs when needed to avoid an expensive and extensive repair. If we take on small projects when they are first identified as needing repair, we shouldn’t find ourselves in the position of needing such a huge fund raiser. The church windows need caulking, and the frames need painting and some minor repair. To preserve the integrity of the stained- glass windows we have contracted with Kettle Caulking to complete these repairs. The quote is \$24,464.50. Thanks to the generous time and work of the Bingo volunteers we have approximately half of the funds needed. We are asking parishioners to give consideration to contributing to a special collection specifically for this work. We have provided envelopes at the back of the church to ensure that your donations are receipted for Income Tax purposes. We are also setting up a container and asking that you consider tossing your change in to support this project. We anticipate this work starting in the spring. Thank you for any donation you are able to make.

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING -In observance of the World Day of the Sick on Tuesday Feb 11, we will celebrate the Healing Mass and administered an Anointing to those who need either physical or spiritual healings with special invocation to our Lady of Lourdes whose feast is being commemorated on that day. Everyone is invited to attend the said Healing Mass.



REST IN PEACE - We extend our deep condolences to the members of the families of our parishioners, who passed away recently: Marilyn Cerveney & Jeanie Grol. May God grant them eternal rest in His heavenly home.

THE INDEFECTIBILITY OF THE CHURCH - Then for two centuries hordes of barbarians swept upon civilized Europe, destroying the old Roman Empire. The Church not only survived, but converted and civilized the barbarians. For nine centuries Mohammedanism threatened Christian civilization. It was the Church under the Popes that urged the nations to league against Islam. In the sixteenth century the Mohammedan menace was subdued for awhile. In recent decades it has made its rise again and we can see the threat in Iraq, in the Holy Land and East Timor. Not only non-Christians, but its own rebellious children have persecuted the Church. From the beginning heresy has attacked it from within. And still the Church lives greater than ever, changeless, indefectible. The long history of the Catholic Church is attended by schism and heresy, but each attack has only strengthened it. It has continued to live and spread in spite of everything and everybody. The Church is the Bride of Christ, cast into prison, starved, thrown to the beasts, trampled underfoot, hacked, tortured, crucified, and burned. But this fair Bride emerges from it all in the bloom and freshness of youth, serene, calm, immortal. *(to be continued)*

