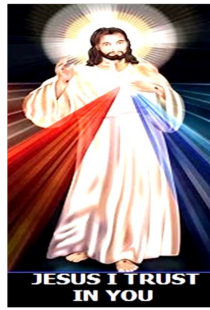


DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY & 9-DAY NOVENA - To all devotees of the Divine Mercy, this year there will be a 9-day novena leading to the celebration of the feast day which is on April 27, second Sunday of Easter. As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, we invite you all to experience a moment of grace and prayer on the occasion of the feast of the Divine Mercy. As the universal Church celebrates this year of spiritual renewal and indulgence, this day will be a special opportunity to welcome divine Mercy and allow ourselves to be renewed by the love of Christ.



Novena Dates & Times: Friday April 18, 4pm (after 3pm passion celebration), Saturday April 19, 10am (after 9am penitential service & confession), Sunday April 20, 11am (after 10am Mass) Monday April 21, 930am (after 9am Mass) Tuesday April 22, 930am (after 9am Mass) Wednesday April 23, 9:30am (after 9am Mass) Thursday April 24, 9:30am (after 9am Mass) Friday April 25, 9:30am (after 9am Mass) Saturday April 26, 9:30am (after 9am Mass) Sunday April 27 (Feast Day) 2:30pm Confession & 3pm Chaplet

NICENE CREED (An Expression of Christian Identity) The International Theological Commission publishes "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour: 1700th Anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325-2025). On May 20, the Christian world will commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the opening of the first ecumenical council, held in Nicea in 325, which has gone down in history primarily on account of the Creed, which brings together, defines, and proclaims the faith in salvation in Jesus Christ and in the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Since then, the Nicene Creed became in practice the identity card of the professed faith of the Church.

ASSIGNED READERS DURING HOLY WEEK - To the Lectors during Holy Week, you may start orienting yourselves of your assigned Readings found in the 2 Lectionary books available in the Ambo/Pulpit.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - (Turn Debt into Hope) Prue faces an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign owned, deplete its natural resources, harm the environment and human rights. These industries unjustly enrich the Global North at the expense of the Global South. This system impoverishes local populations while sidelining development alternatives based on their ancestral knowledge. Two Development and Peace partners, CEAS & IBC, work closely with the affected communities advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives, empowering them to stand up for their rights and futures. Thank you for your donation and for signing the petition; donations and signatures continue to be welcome.

ST MARY'S CWL - 1) The next CWL Meeting is April 07/25 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.

2) Continue your prayers for Pope Francis as he continues his journey to good health.

3) ST. MARY'S CWL PARKING LOT YARD SALE will take place in mid June. Please set aside (at home) items you wish to donate.

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**5th SUNDAY
OF LENT**
April 5-6, 2025



**"WOMAN, HAS NO ONE
CONDEMNED YOU?"**



**"NEITHER DO I. GO AND
DO NOT SIN AGAIN."**



WEEKEND
MASSES

SATURDAY
4PM

SUNDAY
10AM

CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

Parish Committees & Organizations

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

KC 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, *Jill*
Barker- 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

April 7, Mon 9am
April 8, Tues 9am - NO MASS
April 9, Wed 9am
April 10, Thurs 9am
April 11, Fri, 9am - +Katherine Cole by Manley Family
April 12, Sat 9am - +Rogelio and Leoncia Rivera by Crispina Rivera
April 12, Sat 4pm (Palm Sunday) - For the people of the parish
April 13, Sun 10am (Palm Sunday) +John Boreham by family

April 12 - 13 WEEKEND MASSES

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|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | 4 pm | 10 am |
| LECTORS: | Greg Blick | Kathy Ancker |
| EMHC: | Paula Blick | Dennis Goulin |
| USHERS: | Darrell & Nick Manley | Rob Ugolini & Ed Nemec |



Last Week - March 29-30, 2025

Sunday Offering - 1, 735
Window Repairs - \$165 (total: \$3, 880)
Balance - 29, 535
Gaming - 9, 623

PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



**Gladys Leclerc, John Calvert, Eailen Fitzgerald,
Dalton McDonald**

LENTEN SCHEDULE

APRIL 12 – SATURDAY (PALM SUNDAY, 4PM)
APRIL 13 – SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY, 10AM)
APRIL 17 - HOLY THURSDAY (MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER, 7PM)
APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY (CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION, 2:30PM)
APRIL 19– SATURDAY (LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE & CONFESSION, 9am)
APRIL 19 - SATURDAY (EASTER EVE, 7pm)
APRIL 20 - SUNDAY (SUNDAY OF EASTER, 10am)



Pray for Health Recovery of Pope Francis



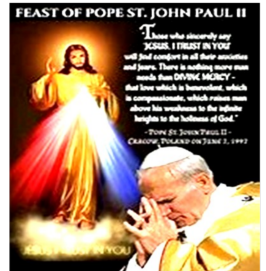
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

LENT (Thanking God for the Gift of this Season) We thank our heavenly Father for the gift of this season, for knowing our hearts and our need for rhythms in our lives and drawing us into a deeper communion with God throughout the 40 days. It can be disheartening to read on Ash Wednesday that all come from dust, and to dust all return, yet we know that there is more to our stories. We know that God created man and woman from the dust at the very beginning of time and that the Lord breathed life into them to transform them into living creatures. Though we were made from dust, and our bodies will return to dust again, we can live in eternal glory with God through the blood of his only Son Jesus Christ. May we remember always the gift of salvation in this season of Lent.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL (For the use of the new technologies) “Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.”

ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II - This week as we observe the 20th anniversary of the death of St.

John Paul II, we remember a man who not only preached God’s mercy but lived it. His deep devotion to Divine Mercy, his calls for forgiveness and reconciliation, and his personal witness to Christ’s love make him a model of the father’s embrace in Luke’s Gospel. As we reflect on the anniversary of his death, we are reminded that John Paul II was not only a pope of mercy, but also a father to a prodigal world—welcoming, forgiving, and rejoicing whenever one of God’s children returned home. May his witness inspire us to trust in the mercy of God, to be instruments of reconciliation in a divided world, and to never hesitate in returning to the Father, who always runs to meet us.



THE SHARE LENT COLLECTION supports this year’s theme of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada: *Turn Debt into Hope*. Pope Francis in “The Joy of the Gospel,” reminds us that “Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor and for enabling them to be fully part of society.” Please consider signing the debt petition and contributing generously to the Share Lent Collection this year.

A SPECIAL REQUEST Dear fellow Parishioners, You may not have noticed, but Fr. Martin is currently testing new hearing aids, to replace the old ones that are not functioning well anymore, which are essential for his priestly ministry and pastoral duties. While some of us might jokingly hope he'd wait until after Easter confessions, these hearing aids are critically important for him to continue serving our parish effectively. After OHIP and insurance coverage, Fr. Martin is facing an out-of-pocket expense of \$6,000 by the end of April to keep these new hearing devices. If you feel called to support him with a donation, please contact me directly [#416-300-8680](tel:416-300-8680), mmullinkofc@gmail.com anytime. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and ongoing support of Fr. Martin and our parish family. *Michael Mullin, Parish Council Chair*