<u>THE HOLY BIBLE</u> The principles used by the early church to determine whether a New Testament book was truly inspired by the Holy Spirit were fourfold. 1. The author must be an apostle or have a close connection with an apostle. 2. The book must have been accepted by the Christian communities



at large. 3. The book had to contain consistency of doctrine and orthodox teaching. 4. The book had to bear evidence of high moral and spiritual values that would reflect a work of the Holy Spirit as the divine Author. The canonical books of the Christian Bible were enumerated and approved by various councils, synods, and popes of the Catholic Church, beginning with the Council of Rome in year 382 presided over by Pope Damasus I. In year 393, a council of bishops, including St. Augustine, affirmed the same canon of Scripture at the Synod of Hippo. The Synod of Carthage in 397 and the Council of Carthage in 419 reaffirmed the canon of the Bible given at the Synod of Hippo. In 1442 the Council of Florence once again reaffirmed the 73 books of the Canon of Scripture. Then, finally, in 1546 the Council of Trent declared the same list of 73 books to be the complete and authoritative canon of Sacred Scripture. So, between the Council of Rome (382) and the Council of Trent (1546) there were at least seven consistent affirmations by the Church of the same list of 73 books – 46 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament – that constituted the canon of the Christian Bible.

<u>THE YEAR OF THE JUBILEE 2025</u>. What is a Jubilee? In the Catholic Church, the concept of Jubilee or 'Holy Year' is used to declare special years for forgiveness and reconciliation. "Jubilee" is the name given to a particular year, a time to re-establish a proper relation-ship with God, with one another, and with all of Creation. The Holy Father has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. <u>ST MARY'S CWL</u>

The next CWL meeting is Dec.02/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Please plan to attend.
"November is Membership Month". If you have not sent in your membership forms and fees please do so. The deadline for memberships is Dec.08/24. New members will find Membership Envelopes in the foyer under the bulletin board in a tub.

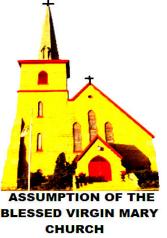
3. The CWL "Helping Others Project" has come to an end. Thanks to all who donated items. 4. Your donation is so appreciated by the CWL, St. Vincent de Paul and of course the recipients who receive them. YOU, the parishioners have donated 408 items. What a great number. Congratulations!

5. Thank you to all who donated food to the CWL Canteen at the Grafton Christmas Market. It is so appreciated! Thank you also to all who worked at the canteen and helped make it a success. The food was delicious. Thank you to parishioners who dropped by and enjoyed the food. All profits will go to CWL, church and community projects. Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 103 Lyle Street South. P. O. Box 239, Grafton. Ontario KOK 2G0 Tel: 905-349-2504 Parish Email: bvm.grafton@bellnet.ca Parish Website: www.assumptiongrafton.ca Diocesan Website: www.peterboroughdiocese.org Bookkeeper - Gabrielito Garcia Fr. Martin Dalida - Parish Priest

FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT

Nov 30-Dec 1, 2024





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

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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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Dec 2, Mon - (NO MASS)

Dec 3, Tues 9am

Dec 4, Wed 9am

Dec 5. Thurs 9am

Dec 6, Fri 9am (First Friday Benediction & Mass)

Dec 7, Sat 9am

Dec 7, Sat 4pm (Second Sunday Advent) People of the parish

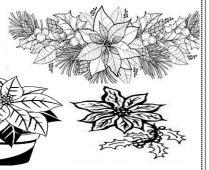
Dec 8, Sun 10am(Second Sunday Advent) + Francis & Mary Calnan by Lynn & Marie

	DEC 7 - 8 WEEKEND MASSES			
	4 pm	10 am		
LECTORS	Paula Blick	Bernadette Murray		
ЕМНС	Greg Blick	Michael Stevenson		
USHERS	Darrell & Nick Manley	Theo Mensen & Joe O'Kane		
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purposes. Thank you.

PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Poinsettias-Christmas Decorations: Those who wish to donate flowers towards Altar Christmas Decorations are very much appreciated. Kindly have them available before December 24th and place them at the sacristy. You can also donate in the form of cash for same decoration



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ADVENT - Derived from the Latin word "adventus," meaning "coming", Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year and is a sacred season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. At the heart of this profound tradition stands the Advent wreath which has powerful meaning and symbolism. Advent wreath is adorned with symbolic candles that represent a



different theme of the Christian journey during Advent: the first candle symbolizes hope, the second peace, the third joy, and the fourth love. After the fourth week, the penitential season of Advent is over and the time to rejoice is at hand. The Advent wreath is transformed into a Christmas wreath. The central white candle, often called the "Christ candle," is lit on Christmas Eve, midnight and Christmas Day Masses, signifying the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah. POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER (For Pilgrims Of Hope) "Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope." PARISH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK - Join us today, 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.

BEST WELCOME PREPARATION - Last week, as the Church worldwide celebrated the Feast of Christ the King, we are reminded that everything we do should be for Christ and his Kingdom. As we start the observance of the season of Advent, with profound anticipation for the coming of the true King whose promise will never fail, we are reminded by St Paul that the best way to welcome him is to always increase and abound in love for one another, to strengthen our

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 Wed January 1, 10am- New Year's Day Mass

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