

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - Each Jubilee has its own particular way of being lived, according to the Holy Father's intention. This Holy Year is the Jubilee of Hope, in which everyone, wherever they are in the world, is invited to become "Pilgrims of Hope." The love of God who always wants to come toward us and give us the grace of his forgiveness and mercy gives rise to hope in us as a gift of the Holy Spirit. In fact, forgiveness is the sign of love, its culmination, because it is offered to us as a free gift that allows us to live a new, "merciful" life. In observance of this year's Jubilee and in trying to live its theme and the invitation message of the pope, we set an extended First Friday Devotion into a 1- hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the center of the pastoral life of the Church, our communities, our parishes, and all ecclesial realities.



"AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT" VS "AND ALSO WITH YOU" - Perhaps the most common dialogue in the Liturgy of the Catholic Church Rite consists of the greeting: Dominus vobiscum, Et cum spiritu tuo. Since 1970, this has been translated as: The Lord be with you, And also with you. As a part of the revised translation of the Roman Missal, the translation of this dialogue has been revised, to read: The Lord be with you, And with your spirit. English is the only major language of the Catholic Rite which did not translate the word spiritu. The Italian (E con il tuo spirito), French (Et avec votre esprit), Spanish (Y con tu espíritu) and German (Und mit deinem Geiste) renderings of 1970 all translated the Latin word spiritu precisely. The retranslation "and with your spirit" is necessary because it is a more correct rendering of et cum spiritu tuo.

CCCB REQUESTING PRAYERS FOR POPE FRANCIS - Canadian Catholic Bishops invite individuals, families, parishes, and all Catholic movements and associations in Canada to join in lifting up in their prayers and intentions Pope Francis as he recovers from hospital. May the Lord, through Our Lady's powerful intercession, grant him renewed strength, health, and energy in his vocation to serve the Church as the Successor of Peter and the Vicar of Christ on earth.

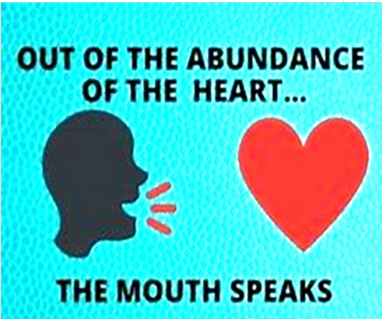
WINDOW GLASS REPAIRS - The church windows need caulking, and the frames need painting and some minor repair. To preserve the integrity of the stained-glass windows, we are asking parishioners to give consideration to contributing to a special collection specifically for this work. We have provided envelopes 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.

ST MARY'S CWL - 1.The next CWL meeting is Monday, Mar.03/25 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
2. Dates to remember: Ash Wednesday March 05/25 and the First Sunday of Lent March 09/25. 3. A huge "Thank You" to all parishioners who have donated monies to the Bakeless Bake Sale, a winter CWL fundraiser. If you have forgotten you may hand in your donation envelope next week in the offertory basket at church. It is the last weekend to do so.
4. Please continue to offer prayers for Pope Francis as he faces major health issues.

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**8TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

March 1-2, 2025



**WEEKEND
MASSES**

**SATURDAY
4PM**

**SUNDAY
10AM**

CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin (Chairperson)- 416 300 8680*
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KC and Ushers, *Darrell Manley-905 744 0865*

Counters, *Wes Krentz-905 396 2578*
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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

March 3, Mon - NO MASS
March 4, Tues 9am
March 5, Wed 9am (Ash Wednesday), at 6:00pm Ash distribution only
March 6, Thurs 9am
March 7, Fri 8am (Benediction, Station of the Cross for Jubilee), 9am Mass
March 8, Sat 9am
March 8, Sat 4pm (1st Sunday Lent) - For the people of the parish
March 9, Sun 10am (1st Sunday Lent) + Int. for Jeff Easson by Lynn & Marie McVety

March 8-9 WEEKEND MASSES

	4 pm	10 am
LECTORS:	Greg Blick	Bernadette Murray
EMHC:	Paula Blick	Michael Stephenson
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Ian Manley & Ed Nemec



Last Week of Feb 22-23
Sunday Offering—\$ 2, 185
Window Repairs - \$1, 700



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

APRIL 12 – PASSION (Palm) SUNDAY- 4PM
APRIL 13 – PASSION (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, LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE (CONFESSION) - 9am
APRIL 19 (SATURDAY EASTER EVE) – 7pm
APRIL 20 (EASTER SUNDAY) – 10am

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5 – Note that at 9am there will be Mass & Ash distribution. Those who cannot make it in the morning, Ash distribution will be done at 6 in the evening.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH (For families in crisis) “Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.”

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS FOR THE JUBILEE - (March 7th) As part of our Jubilee Year observance, we invite you to join us for our First Friday Devotion on Friday, March 7th. We will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:00 AM, followed by the Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM. This Lenten season is a perfect time to deepen our faith and make space for the Lord. Consider adding this devotion to your spiritual journey as we prepare our hearts for Easter. We look forward to praying with you!

USHERS/GREETERS - One of the duties of ushers is “To make sure that the gifts of bread and wine are in their proper places before Mass and asking members of the assembly to bring forth the gifts at Offertory.” Gift bearers are people who bring up bread, wine, and the collection to the priest during the Mass. The Gift Bearers represent the entire community when bringing forward the bread and wine for consecration. If you are being requested to be Gift Bearers, please don’t refuse as a way of helping ushers lighten their job.

LITURGICAL POSTURE REMINDER - As part of the liturgical norms established with the implementation of the revised Roman Missal in 2011, we would like to remind everyone of three important moments during Mass:

1. Bowing During the Apostles’ Creed - We are invited to bow at the words: “Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.” This act of reverence highlights the mystery of the Incarnation and follows the universal practice outlined in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

2. Standing After the Preparation of the Gifts - Currently, many of us remain seated while saying our response to the priest’s invitation: “Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.” However, the correct posture is to stand while responding, “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands...”, and to remain standing through the Prayer Over the Offerings.

3. Receiving a Blessing at Communion - If you are not a practicing Catholic, have not received First Communion, or have not been to Confession in over a year, you are still encouraged to come forward during Communion to receive a blessing instead of the Eucharist. To do so, cross your arms over your chest as you approach the priest, and he will offer you a blessing. It is recommended to try to go in the line of the priest rather than an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. All these postures and practices help unite us in prayer and reflect the reverence and participation encouraged by the Church. We appreciate your attentiveness to the beauty of the liturgy.