

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 “Today bring to me all humankind, especially sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of my mercy), (Saturday April 19, 10am “Today bring to Me the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy.”), (Sunday April 20, 11am “Today bring to Me all devout and faithful souls and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.”), (Monday April 21, 930am “Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not know me.”), (Tuesday April 22, 930am “Today bring to Me the souls of those who separated themselves from the church.”), Wednesday April 23, 9:30am “Today bring to Me the meek & humble souls and the souls of little children.”), (Thursday April 24, 9:30am “Today bring to Me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My mercy and immerse them in My mercy.”), (Friday April 25, 9:30am “Today bring to Me the souls who are detained in purgatory and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy.”), Saturday April 26, 9:30am “Today, bring to Me souls who have become lukewarm , and immerse them in My mercy.”), (Sunday April 27, Feast Day, 2:30pm Confession & 3pm Chaplet .”Whoever will recite the chaplet will receive great mercy at the hour of death” - *Jesus to St. Faustina*) .

THE ANNUAL CHRISM MASS will be celebrated on Monday of Holy Week at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in Chains. All are welcome to this solemn celebration in which the sacred oils are blessed for the coming year and clergy serving in the diocese renew their priestly promises.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - (Turn Debt into Hope) Sudan's debt of over \$22 billion represents 44% of its gross national incomes. Ethiopia’s external debt is over \$28 billion (23% of GNI). Philippines external debt is over \$111billion. A Quote from Pope Francis: If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts and feeding the hungry.

ST MARY’S CWL - 1.The next CWL meeting is May 05/25 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.

2. St. Joseph's CWL, Bowmanville is celebrating its 90th Anniversary, August 26 with mass at 4:30 pm and a banquet following the mass. Check the bulletin board for more details. Cost \$20. Phone Agnes @ 1-613-955-1685 for tickets.

April 27/25 is the date of the First Communion Celebration @ 10:00 am here at St. Mary's Church. April 26/25 is the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

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April 12-13, 2025

"BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD"



CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

**WEEKEND
MASSES**

**SATURDAY
4PM**

**SUNDAY
10AM**

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
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.

April 14, Mon 2pm - Chrism Mass at Peterborough Cathedral
April 15, Tues - NO MASS
April 16, Wed 9am
April 17, Thurs 7pm (Mass of the Last Supper) - +Zack Sawyer by family
April 18, Fri, 2:30pm - Celebration of the Passion of Christ (Stations of the Cross, Passion Readings, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)
April 19 Sat 9am - Penitential Service (Confession)
April 19, Sat 7pm Easter Eve (Blessing of new fire, renewal of baptismal vows)
April 20, Sun 10am (Easter Resurrection of Christ) +John Boreham by family

	4 pm	10 am
LECTORS:	Greg Blick	Bernadette Murray
EMHC:	Pat Rutherford	Judith Goulin
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Theo Mensen & Ed Nemec



Sunday Offering - \$2, 685
Window Repairs - \$500 (total)\$4, 380
Building Maintenance - \$290
Share Lent – \$390



Gladys Leclerc, John Calvert, Eailen Fitzgerald, Dalton McDonald

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Jesus rode a donkey on Palm Sunday as a symbolic fulfillment of prophecy and a declaration of His true mission. This act directly fulfilled Zechariah 9:9, which prophesied that the Messiah would enter Jerusalem “righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey.” By doing this, Jesus publicly announced that He was the long-awaited King, but not in the way many expected. In ancient times, rulers rode horses into battle, but a donkey symbolized peace. Jesus did not come as a warrior to overthrow Rome; instead, He came as a humble King bringing salvation.



HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES - Find all Holy Week activities under “Masses For The WEEK”. Take note that there will be Penitential/Confession Service on Saturday 9:00 in the morning, giving opportunity to those who have not gone to confession yet as they prepare to joyfully celebrate the feast of the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHOIR FOR 4PM MASS - We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our parish family! The Degraauw family has generously formed a choir and will now be leading the singing at our Saturday 4pm Masses on a regular basis. Their musical gifts and heartfelt service are a true blessing to our liturgy, and we thank them for their dedication and love for the Church. As the choir begins this new ministry, more voices are welcome to join! If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of this beautiful way of serving, please consider lending your voice to the Saturday choir. All are welcome.

FR. IVAN DYER - Our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Ivan who has been so gracious and generous in sharing his time and spiritual support any time we need him. His readiness to come to our parish to help say Mass in voluntary basis is an expression of his enduring dedication to his priestly ministry and love of the church.

SIGNIFICANCE OF HOLY WEEK - Holy Week is the most sacred time in the Christian calendar, marking Jesus' final days on earth and his ultimate sacrifice for humanity. It is a time of deep spiritual reflection, reminding believers of his journey of love, suffering and redemption. The week begins with Palm Sunday, celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, followed by Thursday, commemorating the Last Supper where Jesus washed his disciples' feet and shared a final meal with them. Good Friday is a day of reflection, remembering his crucifixion — a sacrifice made to redeem the world. Holy Week leads to Easter Sunday, a day of hope, celebrating Christ's resurrection and victory over sin and death. Holy Week stands as one of the most profound and transformative periods in Christianity. For millions around the globe, it serves as a sacred journey that invites believers to reflect on themes of sacrifice, love, and redemption. Holy Week serves as a reminder of the ultimate act of selflessness by Jesus, encouraging Christians to contemplate their own lives and challenges in light of His journey.

WHY PALMS? - Palm branches were a symbol of triumph and victory in ancient Jewish culture. Laying palms before Jesus as he entered Jerusalem was a way for people to recognize him as the Messiah they had been waiting for. The victory and deliverance though that Jesus would accomplish was not by military type of endeavor that people expected but through his death and resurrection.

