

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE YEAR The Year of Jubilee is a biblical concept deeply rooted in Scripture and Tradition, offering the faithful a time of renewal, forgiveness, and celebration. Jubilee 2025 began on Christmas Eve (December 24), 2024, and ends on January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. During this time, special blessings (including indulgences) will be available to the faithful who participate in designated pilgrimages, prayers, and sacraments. It originates from Leviticus 25:8-55, where God commands the Israelites to celebrate a year of Jubilee every fifty years, a time to rest the land and its agricultural workers, release slaves, and return land to its original owners. Key passages include: Leviticus 25:10: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you." Isaiah 61:1-2: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me . . . to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19: Jesus applies Isaiah's prophecy, linking the Jubilee to his mission of salvation. These verses underscore themes of freedom, mercy, and redemption, which remain central to the Catholic faith and life. *To be continued*



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 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.

ST MARY'S CWL - 1. The next CWL meeting is on March 03/25 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. 2.Our condolences to the family of the late Jeanne Grol who has been a faithful CWL member for many years! May God grant "Eternal rest unto Jeanne and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace!" 3.The CWL fundraiser "The Bakeless Bake Sale" is underway. The CWL thanks you, the parishioners, in advance for your support. It is so appreciated. The monies will be used for CWL, church and community projects. We cannot do, what we do, without your SUPPORT! If you did not get a Bakeless Bake Sale envelope last weekend you can get one this weekend at the end of Mass. 4.Enjoy Family Day, Feb.17/25, with your family. Make it a special day.

JEANIE GROL FUNERAL MASS - To all relatives and friends of Jeanie Grol who wish to attend the funeral Mass, it is announced at 11 AMn on Monday, February 17.



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**6TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

February 15-16, 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

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 17, Mon (NO MASS)
Feb 18, Tues 9am
Feb 19, Wed 9am - +Zack Sawyer by family
Feb 20, Thurs 9am
Feb 21, Friday 9am - +Souls in purgatory by Ian manley
Feb 22, Sat 9am - For Government Leaders by Ian Manley
Feb 22, Sat, 4pm (7th Sunday Ordinary) - For the people of the parish
Feb 23, Sun 10am (7th Sunday) Intention of Sarah Charles by family

Feb 22-23 WEEKEND MASSES

	4 pm	10 am
LECTORS:	Michael Mullin	Michael Stephenson
EMHC:	Pat Rutherford	Bernadette Murray
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Joe O’Kane & Ed Nemec



LAST WEEKEND (February 8-9, 2025)

Sunday Offertory - \$2, 125, Window Repairs - \$505
Heating - \$100, Bank Balance - \$ 29, 045
Gaming - \$11, 813



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

**John Calvert, 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. Amen”.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

HAPPY FAMILY DAY - The importance of family can be summarized in several key aspects: 1. Emotional Support: Families provide a primary source of emotional support, helping individuals cope with life's challenges. 2. Physical and Financial Security: Families are fundamental in providing both physical and financial security. 3. Moral and Ethical Guidance: They play a crucial role in imparting moral values and ethical guidance. 4. Social Development: Family relationships contribute significantly to social development and identity formation. 5. Unconditional Love: Families create strong bonds that foster a sense of belonging and unconditional love. These elements highlight why family is essential in shaping individuals and providing a supportive environment throughout life.



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS FOR THE JUBILEE - As part of our parish celebration of the Jubilee Year, we invite all parishioners to join us for a special First Friday devotion, beginning next month and continuing until January 6, 2026. Each First Friday, we will gather for Eucharistic Adoration at 8:00 AM, followed by Benediction and a time of communal prayer. Depending on the liturgical season, different devotions may be incorporated, such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Holy Rosary, the Jubilee Prayer, or General Intercessions. Mass will follow at 9:00 AM. We are seeking volunteers to help lead these devotions. If you would like to assist, let Fr. Martin know. Let us come together in prayer and adoration, embracing the graces of this Jubilee Year as a parish community!

NEWLY PAINTED PRIEST’S OFFICE - The pastor’s office is newly painted looking neat & beautiful. Thank you to Jackie Innis who took the initiative using the gaming fund about \$2,200 total to finish it.

SNOW SHOVELING - Quite a bunch of snow this year. I thought my extra high boots are enough to save me from shoveling like last year when I can’t remember I held a shovel as there was not much snow then. It’s worth it anyway as I am able to do winter exercise and help save few dollars supposed to pay for a hired worker. Thank you to some concerned parishioners who diligently help shovel the snow especially at the church front walk way. Fr. M.

THE ANTIQUITY OF THE CHURCH - The antiquity of the Catholic Church does not mean that she is antiquated. As a matter of fact, she is only just beginning. She perfected her constitution only yesterday. Her concentrated organization, the prelude to a vast expansion, is only now coming to maturity. Spirituality and holiness within the Catholic Church are more ardent than ever. And her civilizing influence is so clear that political powers most opposed to her seek her help and use her methods. The future is most promising for the Catholic Church; and whatever her antiquity, she will never be old. Eternal beginnings is the law of that which does not die..

