

## 150 ANNIVERSARY Updates/9-DAY NOVENA MASSES

Saturday Aug 9, 4pm- Invited Priest: ?, Sponsor: Pastoral Council

Sunday Aug 10, 10am- Invited Priest: ?, Sponsor: St. Mary's CWL

Monday Aug 11, 9am-Invited Priest: Fr. Charles Orchard, Sponsor: ?

Tuesday Aug 12, 7pm-Invited Priest: Fr. Craig Cruikshank, Sponsor: ?

Wednesday Aug 13, 9am-Invited Priest: Fr. Peter Seabrook, Sponsor: St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday Aug 14, 7pm-Invited Priest: Fr. Luis Lapinid, Sponsor: Friends of Fr. Henry

Friday Aug 15, 7pm-Invited Priest: Fr. Ace Podelino, Sponsor: Couples for Christ, Cobourg

Saturday Aug 16, 11am (cemetery Mass)-Invited Priest: Fr. Ace Podelino, Sponsor: St. Mary's School

Sunday Aug 17, 10am- Celebrant: Bishop Daniel Miehm, Sponsor: Knights of Columbus

**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) Today, more than 100 countries in the global south are facing a debt crisis. Structural causes of indebtedness persist due to predatory lending, and the economic effects of the pandemic and global inflation. Today 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on debt servicing than on Health or education. We are joining our voices to those of Caritas organizations, and others around the world, who want to end these injustices. Next week, Solidarity Sunday, we have an opportunity to sign a petition calling for the cancellation of unjust debts, a reform of the international financial system, and the creation of a comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations. Give generously to support the courageous work of our partners in the Global South. Together, let's end unjust debt and create hope to build a better world. Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

**ST MARY'S CWL** - 1.The next CWL meeting is April 07/25 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. 2. The CWL Word of the Week is RESPECT. We are all God's children, created in God's loving image and deserving of compassion and respect. The CWL's core values go beyond this, caring for ALL of God's creation. 3. Continue to pray for Pope Francis. He is out of the hospital but needs more time to recover and regain his health. 4) St. Mary's CWL Parking Lot Sale will take place in mid-June. Please set aside items (at home) that you wish to donate to the sale. There will be more information coming over the next few weeks. It may be the incentive you need to start spring cleaning. All proceeds will be used for CWL, Church and community projects. 5. The Annual Peterborough Diocese CWL Convention will be held May 02 & 03, 2025 in Lindsay. Contact St. Mary's CWL Council President, Pat Murphy, for more information 905-349-2847 if you wish to attend.

## Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Fr. Martin Dalida - Parish Priest

**4th SUNDAY  
OF LENT**  
March 29-30, 2025



"FATHER, I HAVE  
SINNED AGAINST  
HEAVEN AND  
AGAINST YOU."



**THE PRODIGAL SON**



CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

WEEKEND  
MASSES

SATURDAY  
4PM

SUNDAY  
10AM

## 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

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**

March 31, Mon - NO MASS

April 1, Tues 9am

April 2, Wed 9am

April 3, Thurs 9am- +For the Souls in Purgatory by Ian Manley

April 4, First Fri Devotions 8am (Benediction, Station of the Cross for Jubilee),  
9am Mass +Fr. Henry Adoptante by Friends

April 5, Sat 9am - Intention of Fr Gerardus Hauwert by Ian Manley

April 5, Sat 4pm (5th Sunday Lent) - For the people of the parish

April 6, Sun 10am (5th Sunday Lent) +John Liptay by Suzanne Liptay

**April 5 - 6 WEEKEND MASSES**

	<b>4 pm</b>	<b>10 am</b>
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Jackie Innis	Bernadette Murray
<b>EMHC:</b>	Paula Blick	John Logel
<b>USHERS:</b>	Darrell & Nick Manley	Ian Manley & Theo Mensen



**Last Week - March 22-23, 2025**

Sunday Offering - 1, 715

Window Repairs - \$200 (total: \$3, 715)



**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** - Lent is good for one's soul because it serves as a time of spiritual growth and introspection for Christians. It involves prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, allowing believers to reflect on their lives and align their hearts with the teachings of Jesus. Additionally, Lent can be a springtime of the soul, renewing faith and promoting growth in the Christian life.

**SPECIAL DIOCESAN DAY OF MERCY SATURDAY, APRIL 5** - This date April 5 is set for all parishes in the diocese of Peterborough as Special Diocesan Day of Mercy, offering extended times for Confession aside from regular confession schedule. This initiative, during the Jubilee Year, is a beautiful opportunity for our people to encounter the boundless mercy of God. In our parish of St. Mary’s Grafton, the additional/extended time is from 9:30 to 11:30 am. In St. Michael’s, Cobourg, the extended confession is 10:30am to 12, and 4pm to 5.



For other parishes, you may find their extended times for confession by visiting their websites or their parish Bulletins. Lent is a season of grace, a time when hearts are especially open to repentance and renewal. Through this act of generosity by the diocese of Peterborough in making God’s mercy so readily available to His people, may this Jubilee Year bring abundant graces to all parishes and to all who seek the Lord’s forgiveness.

**THANK YOU TO BINGO VOLUNTEERS** - Over the years, many volunteers have assisted with our parish bingo—an important part of the financial health of our parish. Mostly though, it has been the same four individuals who have shown up week after week. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jackie, Rosa, Wes, and Jean. Their consistent service and selflessness do not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated by all of us. Thank you for all that you do.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS UPDATES 2025** - We had a great class this week and were happy to welcome the boys from St. Anthony’s School who joined us. There was lots of discussion and thoughtful questions, which made for a really engaging session! We focused on the season of Lent and its importance in preparing our hearts for Easter. The children were encouraged to consider giving something up (like sweets or screen time) or adding something in (such as daily prayer or doing an act of kindness) as part of their Lenten journey. We also discussed the death and resurrection of Jesus, and how central this is to our faith — especially as they prepare for their First Communion. It’s through His sacrifice and resurrection that we’re able to receive Him in the Eucharist. This week, the children brought home their First Communion book to take some time to go through it with them — there’s a lot of great information and it’s a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith together. Next Friday, we’ll be reviewing Session 4: The Sacrament of the Eucharist.



**CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATES 2025**- Due to the school trip, the session was cancelled. Next week, we will be focusing on the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit — a key part of understanding how the Holy Spirit works in our lives after Confirmation. We will also be picking our Saints and doing a bit of bio about them. Thank you for your continued support! Joanna, Tina & Michael