

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *August 14, Friday 3pm - Parish Golf & Euchre Tournament
- *August 15, Saturday 10am - Parish Cemetery Mass
- *August 16, Sunday 11am - Parish B-B-Q
- *September 14, 9:30am: CWL Meeting
- *September 23, Wed 9:30 - Parish Council Meeting
- *September 24, Thurs 1pm - SVDP Meeting



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND WOMEN OF FAITH

Prepared by Kathleen Ancker

Pope Francis has been hailed as “one of the most outspoken Catholic leaders regarding the evils of domestic abuse and the dire need for awareness”. In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of Love, he wrote: “we must always say ‘no’ to violence in the home...the shameful ill-treatment to which women are sometimes subjected...rather than a show of masculine power, is a craven act of cowardice. The verbal, physical and sexual violence that women endure in some marriages contradicts the very nature of the conjugal union.” The United Nations defines domestic violence [DV] as gender-based violence with harmful acts directed at an individual based on gender inequality, the abuse of power and harmful societal norms. Currently, the Criminal Code of Canada prohibits many aspects of DV, including homicide, physical assault, kidnapping, forcible confinement, human trafficking, and sexual assault. Most provinces and territories have adopted civil domestic laws that provide either short or long-term victim protection or assistance to the victims, the majority of whom are women and their children. In Canada, 44% of all women will experience some form of domestic violence in their lifetime, predominantly by a current or former partner or spouse. (Part 1 of 4. To be continued) . *The Author, Kathleen Ancker, is one of our own parish-ioners and a dedicated member of the Catholic Women's League (CWL). She has faithfully served in a variety of leadership roles at the local, diocesan, and provincial levels. Her commitment and dedication are a source of pride and inspiration to our parish community.*

ST. MARY’S CWL - The next Coffee After Mass is August 09, weather permitting. The last week or two Southern Ontario has had to deal with smoke from forest fires in Northern Ontario. It may return. This smoke interferes with one's breathing. It is suggested that people wear N95 masks which filter out up to 95 % of airborne particles. The fit is very important. The mask must form a seal against one's face to work properly. Other ways to protect oneself from the smoke is to stay indoors with windows closed, limit outside time and stay hydrated.

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17TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



July 26, 2026



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
EMHC, *Deirdre Arzheimer* - 905 396 2837
CWL, *Pat Murphy (President)*-905 349 2847
Bingo Volunteers, *Jackie Innis*-905 349 2880
St Vincent de Paul, *Wes Krentz*-905 377 3263
Cemetery Board, *Tina Mullin* 905 409 3433

KC and Ushers, *Darrell Manley*-905 744 0865
Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905 396 2578
D & Peace/Library, *Suzanne Liptay*-289 829 0697
St Mary’s Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905 269 2352
Maintenance Supervisor, *Ed Nemec*- 905 349 2923
Religious Articles, *Kathy Ancker*- 905-505-1214
St Mary’s Chaplet Group, *Maria Marszal*-905 373 3054
SMES, Grafton, *Nancy Jones(Principal)*-905 349 2061

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 @ 8: 30am.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intention today July 26: For the soul of Colleen Lawson
July 27, Mon (NO MASS)
July 28 Tues 9am
July 29, Wed 9am (Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus)
July 30, Thurs 9am - Intention of Brad de Souza by Deirdre Arzheimer
July 31, Fri 9am (St. Ignatius Loyola, priest) Chaplet Group by Maria Marszal
Aug 1 Sat 9am (St. Alphonsus Ligouri) +Pedro Guerrero by Ian Maney
Aug 1 Sat 4pm (18th Sunday Ordinary) Increase of vocations by Maria Marszal
Aug 2, Sun 10am (18th Sunday Ordinary) +Germain Bowman by Rob & Kathleen Ugolini

Aug 1-2, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

	4 pm	10 am
LECTORS:	Michael Mullin	Melissa Lilje
EMHC:	Pat Rutherford	D. Goulin S. Hollywood
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Theo Mensen & Ed Nemec



Collections July 18-19
Sunday Offering - \$1, 038

POPE LEO’S MORAL TEACHINGS - (Human Dignity in the Age of Artificial Intel-



ligence) In his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo teaches that technology must always serve the human person—not replace or dominate humanity. He warns against the misuse of artificial intelligence in warfare, manipulation, surveillance, and the erosion of human freedom. Every technological advancement must respect the God-given dignity of every human being.
Pope Leo reminds us that the Church's moral teachings do not change with the times because they are rooted in the truth revealed by Jesus Christ. Rather, each generation is called to apply these eternal truths faithfully to the new challenges of our age, always guided by charity, justice, and the dignity of every human person.

PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Patrick King, Helen Dettman, Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

HAPPY WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY! World Day for Grandparents

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FOR GRANDPARENTS
AND ELDERLY!



JULY 26, 2026

and the Elderly is celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July, with the 2026 observance on July 26, under the theme “I will never forget you” (Isaiah 49:15). This was established by Pope Francis in 2021 to honor the contributions of older adults to families, communities, and the Church. It emphasizes the value of intergenerational relationships, the dignity of aging, and the spiritual and social presence of grandparents and elderly people in society. The day coincides with the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, highlighting the biblical roots of family and generational continuity. Today, as the Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, we thank God for the priceless gift that each of you is to your families, our parish, and our community. Your years of faith, wisdom, sacrifice, and love are a living testimony to God's enduring presence.

THE CHURCH’S DINING TABLE - Imagine a Church without the altar, it is like a house without



a dining table. Imagine a Church without the Eucharist, it is like a household without food. Our familiar experience of family meals opens our hearts to understand the profound reality of our need for holy Communion. A family without food cannot survive. In the same way, Christians cannot thrive spiritually without the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. This is why the altar and the Eucharist are indispensable to Christian life. This reflection echoes the Church's perennial teaching that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" and the spiritual nourishment without which the Christian life cannot flourish.

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH DIOCESE - “Gracious and loving God, You shepherd Your Church with unfailing care. In this time of transition, we place our diocese into Your hands. We pray for the selection process and discernment for our new Bishop. Send Your Holy Spirit upon Pope Leo, the Apostolic Nuncio, and all entrusted with the sacred task of selecting our next shepherd. Grant them wisdom, discernment, and hearts deeply attentive to Your will. Raise up for us a bishop after Your own heart: a servant leader who walks with humility and joy; a faithful teacher who proclaims the Gospel with boldness and clarity; a compassionate listener who unites our community in love and mercy. May our new shepherd be a voice for justice, a comfort to the wounded, and a dedicated guide for the journey ahead.