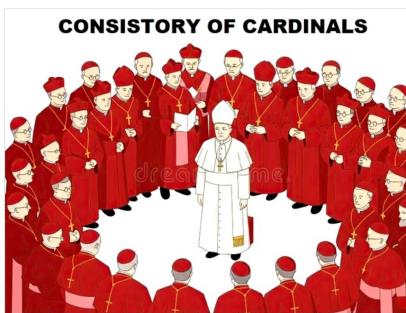


[CONSISTORY OF CARDINALS](#) (Happening in the Vatican January 7-8, 2026 and Why)

Pope Leo noted that the word Consistory comes from the Latin root word meaning “to stop,” saying the Cardinals have stopped their usual work to be with him in Rome. It is the first consistory of his pontificate, seen as a sign of how Leo XIV intends to lead — with broader consultation rather than relying on a small inner circle. “We have set aside our activities for a time so as to come together to discern what the Lord asks of us for

the good of His people”. The cardinals are gathered to *support and advise* the Holy Father as he leads the universal Church, especially in the early phase of his papacy. The consistory is a moment to share perspectives and contribute to shaping priorities over the coming years. The gathering is intended to strengthen the bonds among the cardinals and between them and the Pope, showing a united leadership as they discern together what the Holy Spirit is asking of the Church. In prayer and silence, they are called to look each other in the face, listen to one another, and become a voice for all those whom the Lord has entrusted to their pastoral concern. “What you offer to the Church in your service, at every level, is something great and extremely personal and profound, unique to each and precious to all. And the responsibility you share with the Successor of Peter is grave and burdensome”, he said.



[ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, GRAFTON](#) - The Grafton St. Vincent De Paul volunteers would like to thank all and everyone for your monetary and food donations in 2025. Without your generosity we could not serve so many in need. May God bless you for your enduring faithfulness to our mission here at St Vincents and may His grace strengthen your commitment to continue to support the less fortunate in our community in this new year. Thanks, Wes.

[ST. MARY'S CWL](#) - The next CWL meeting is Feb.02/26 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. 2026 is underway. Father Martin, CWL members & parishioners we wish each of you, a year filled with good health and happiness. Remember "anything is possible" when you include God in your daily life. The 2025 Annual Report for St. Mary's CWL Council has been submitted to The National Office and St. Mary's CWL President's Report has been sent to the Diocese Executive. It's amazing how much St. Mary's CWL Council has accomplished in 2025. Thank you, Father Martin, CWL members and parishioners for your support in 2025.

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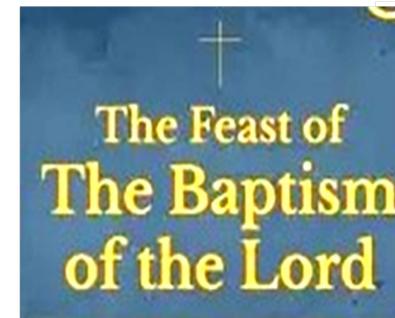
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CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM



[Parish Committees & Organizations](#)

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
(Chairperson)- 416 300 8680

Finance, *Alfons Casteels* - 905 269 2352

Lectors, *Joanna Mecoza* - 905 375 9502

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion,
Deirdre Arzheimer - 905 396 2837

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*-289 829 0697

St Mary's Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905 269 2352

Parish Handyman, *Ed Nemec*-905 349 2923

Religious Articles, *Kathy Ancker*- 905-344-0048

St. Mary's Elementary School, Grafton, *Nancy Jones* (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

Mass Intentions today Jan 11 : +Gerald & Eleanor O'Dwyer

Jan 12, Mon (NO MASS)

Jan 13, Tues 9am

Jan 14, Wed 9am

Jan 15, Thurs 9am & School Mass @11am

Jan 16, Fri 9am

Jan 17, Sat 9am(St. Anthony, abbot)

Jan 17, 4pm(2nd Sunday Ordinary Time) +Brian Krulicki by Tony & Joan Farwell

Jan 18, 10am (2nd Sunday Ordinary Time) For the People of the Parish

January 17-18, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4pm

LECTORS: Ian Manley

EMHC: Pat Rutherford

USHERS: Darrell & Nick Manley

10 am

Joanna Mecozzi

Jon Logel

Theo Mensen & Ian Manley



Collections Jan 3-4, 2026

Sunday Offering - \$1, 391

New Year Offering - \$135

Building Maintenance - \$485

Gaming Balance - \$6,614 (As of Dec 31, 2025)

Parish Account Balance - \$ 54, 812 (As of Dec 31, 2025)



POPE LEO XIV ON VENEZUELA: "The good of the beloved Venezuelan people must prevail over every other consideration and lead us to overcome violence and to undertake paths of justice and peace, safeguarding the country's sovereignty, ensuring the rule of law enshrined in the Constitution, respecting the human and civil rights of each person and of all, and working to build together a serene future of collaboration, stability, and concord, with special attention to the poorest who suffer because of the difficult economic situation."



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Greg Blick, Tass Corbier, Terry Korotki

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CHRISTMAS SEASON CONCLUDES - "Today, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church brings the Christmas season to a close and begins Ordinary Time, as we follow Christ in his public ministry."

THE IMPORTANCE AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' BAPTISM - The Baptism of Jesus is a profound moment of revelation and grace. Though sinless, Jesus enters the waters of the Jordan to fully identify with humanity. At the Jordan, the Trinity is revealed: the Father's voice proclaims Jesus as His beloved Son, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, and the Son stands humbly among sinners. This moment reveals who Jesus truly is and who we are called to become in Him. Jesus' Baptism marks the beginning of His public ministry. It shows that God's mission is rooted not in power or privilege, but in humility, obedience, and love. By stepping into the water, Jesus shows us that salvation begins with surrender to the Father's will. For believers, the Baptism of the Lord gives deep meaning to our own baptism. Through baptism, we are cleansed of sin, adopted as children of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and sent forth as disciples. As the Father declared His love for Jesus, so He speaks the same words over each of us: *"You are my beloved."*

TAX RECEIPT 2025 - Your Tax Receipt 2025, which reflects your contribution during the year is now available at the church entrance. Our sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for your generous financial support to our church. Please know that your generosity is deeply valued and does not go unnoticed. Beyond the practical assistance your gift provides, it is also a powerful expression of trust, stewardship, and love for the Church. May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings, good health, and peace of heart. Should you have any questions or you notice any discrepancies on your donation tax receipt, or you don't find yours, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. We will be happy to correct it and assist you. With sincere thanks and gratitude, *Fr. Martin*

THE PAPACY - "We also define that the holy apostolic see, and the Roman pontiff, holds the primacy over the whole world, that the Roman pontiff is the successor of blessed Peter, prince of the apostles, that he is the true vicar of Christ, the head of the whole Church and the father and teacher of all Christians, and that to him was committed in blessed Peter the full power of tending, ruling and governing the whole church, as is contained also in the acts of ecumenical councils and in the sacred canons" (COUNCIL OF FLORENCE, 1439).

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AS SACRIFICE - The Eucharist is not only a sacrament but also a sacrifice. In it Jesus, acting through the priest, makes present again in an unbloody manner the sacrifice which he offered once for all by shedding his blood on Calvary. In Holy Communion, by obeying Jesus' command to eat his flesh and drink his blood, the faithful are also united spiritually with Jesus himself, and they unite their own prayers, works and sufferings to his perfect sacrifice.