

**AMBO & ALTAR** - The Ambo and Altar are not interchangeable. Each has its own profound symbolism and purpose, together revealing the full mystery of the Mass. The Ambo is the proper place for proclaiming the Scriptures. It is reserved for the readings, the responsorial psalm, the Easter Proclamation, and ordinarily the homily and the Prayer of the Faithful. Why? Because the ambo symbolizes the dignity and permanence of God's Word. It is not



simply a lectern or a convenient stand; it is a sacred place from which Christ speaks to His people. When the Scriptures are proclaimed in the liturgy, it is truly Christ who addresses His Church. The Altar has a different and unique role. It is the place of the Eucharistic sacrifice, where bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. It symbolizes Christ Himself—priest, victim, and altar. Liturgy of the Word (at the ambo)—Christ speaks. Liturgy of the Eucharist (at the altar)—Christ offers Himself. At the ambo, we are fed by the Word. At the altar, we are fed by the Eucharist.

**MESSAGE OF PARISH CATECHISTS TO PARENTS** – We would like to say how wonderful

it has been to witness this journey with your children. Many of them have recently celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Communion, and it has truly been amazing to see their growth, confidence, and openness to their faith. These are such meaningful milestones, and they should be very proud of themselves. Saturday May 9th is our Confirmation day. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is a momentous step in a young Christian's life, marking a deeper commitment to faith and a fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This will be a very special and memorable day for the students and their families, and we are truly looking forward to celebrating it together. TINA, JOANNA & MICHAEL



**ST.MARY'S CWL** - The 2026 CWL Diocese Convention is history. Eight members of St.

Mary's Council attended. Our own Maria Marszal was a guest speaker, giving a presentation on Divine Mercy. Thank you, Maria! A special thank you to St. Michael's CWL Council who was the host. Well done, President Susan Visneski, Council members, the Diocese President, Wendy Tedford and the Diocese Executive! The next CWL meeting is May 04, 2026 @

9:30 am at the rectory. April 26/26 is the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel who is the Patron Saint of the CWL. We ask her to pray for us in our efforts for God and Canada. April 26/26 is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Currently, the Diocese of Peterborough.



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### 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### Parish Committees & Organizations

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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions today April 26 - For all St. Mary's CWL members

April 27, Mon (NO MASS)

April 28, Tues 9am

April 29, Wed 9am(St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor)

April 30, Thurs 9am(St. Marie of the Incarnation, religious)

May 1, Fri 8:30am (First Friday Devotions - Chaplet, Holy Rosary, Benediction)

St. Joseph the Worker- All souls in purgatory by Vicky Auger

May 2, Sat 9am (St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor)

May 2, Sat 4pm (5th Easter Sun) +Olaf Arzheimer by Deidre Arzheimer

May 3, Sun 10am (5th Easter Sun) Respect for life at all stages by St. Mary' CWL

### May 2-3, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS: Dave Hughes

Melissa Lilje

EMHC: Deirdre Arzheimer

Judith Goulin

USHERS: Darrell & Nick Manley

Joe O'Kane & Theo Mensen



### Collections April 18-19

Sunday Offering - \$1,288

**POPE LEO XIV** - "Enough with the display of force... True strength is manifested in serving life." "I am not a politician, I speak of the Gospel. Our mission is not to win arguments, but to witness to Christ through humility, charity, and truth. "

### DATES TO REMEMBER

X Monday, May 4, 9:30: CWL Meeting

X Saturday, May 9, 11am: CONFIRMATION

X Wed, May 20, 9:30am: Parish Council Meeting

x Friday, August 14, 3pm: Annual St Mary's Parish Golf Tournament



### PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY (May 1st)** Today International Worker's Day is celebrated in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA (April 29)** During the 14th century, the papacy was not even in Rome—it had been relocated to Avignon in what is known as the Avignon Papacy. This period created confusion, political manipulation, and a weakening of the Church's spiritual authority. Catherine, though a laywoman with no official power, boldly intervened. She wrote passionate letters to Pope Gregory XI, urging him to return the papacy to Rome. She traveled and spoke directly to influential leaders. Her arguments were not political, but deeply spiritual—calling for reform, unity, and courage. Remarkably, her influence helped convince Gregory XI to return to Rome in 1377, effectively ending the Avignon Papacy. After Gregory XI's death, the Church plunged into the Western Schism, with multiple claimants to the papacy. Again, Catherine stepped in. She strongly supported the legitimate pope, Pope Urban VI. She continued writing letters to rulers and clergy, urging unity and fidelity to the true pope. Combining mysticism with practical action, she didn't just influence events—she helped change the course of the Church during a moment of deep crisis. In one of the most chaotic periods of Church history, she is remembered as a decisive figure in stabilizing the papacy. Because of this, she was later declared a Doctor of the Church—a rare honor, especially for a woman of her time.



**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER (May 1)** The Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker was established in 1955 by Pope Pius XII to highlight the dignity of human labor and to present St. Joseph as a model for all workers. This feast affirms that work is not merely a means of livelihood, but a participation in God's creative action. By dedicating this day to St. Joseph—known in Scripture as a carpenter—the Church teaches that honest labor has spiritual value. As a humble carpenter, St. Joseph labored faithfully to provide the daily sustenance of the Holy Family. Through the work of his hands, he ensured that Mary and Jesus were cared for with dignity and love. Yet his role as a worker extended beyond material provision. He was entrusted with the guidance and protection of God's own household—the Holy Family—which foreshadows his enduring patronage over the Church. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

