

[DATES TO REMEMBER](#)

1. Wed, May 20, 9:30am - Parish Council Meeting
2. Thursday, May 21, 1pm - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
3. Mon, June 1, 9:30: CWL meeting
4. June 1- 5 - Peterborough Clergy Holy Retreat in Mississauga
5. Friday, August 14, 3pm: St. Mary's Annual Golf Tournament

[THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS \(May 17\)](#) Next Sunday's special collection is a special Catholic collection taken in many dioceses across Canada and other countries to support the charitable and emergency works of the Pope. Pope's Pastoral Works collection supports the Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, disasters, poverty, and suffering throughout the world. Through our generosity, we participate in the compassion and mercy of Christ extended through the ministry of the Pope.

[WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY \(May 17\)](#) World Communications Day is the annual celebration established by the Church to reflect on the power and responsibility of communication in society and in the mission of the Gospel. The Church recognizes that communication through: Television, radio, newspapers, internet and social media, digital technology, artificial intelligence, personal communication and witness has enormous influence in shaping culture, morality, faith, and relationships. Thus, this observance reminds communicators, journalists, content creators, clergy, and all believers that communication is not only technical but deeply moral and spiritual.

[ST.MARY'S CWL](#) - The CWL Parking Lot Sale is June 13/26. This is a major fund raiser for St. Mary's CWL Council. Please set aside your items at home that you are collecting for the SALE. The next CWL meeting is June 01/26 @ 9:30 am in the rectory. May 03 - 13 is National Hospice Palliative Care Week when we celebrate the incredible work done to provide palliative care for those in need. At the May 04 CWL Meeting the appointment of new officers for 2026 - 2028 took place. The executive positions remain the same: President - Pat Murphy, Secretary - Suzanne Liptay, Treasurer - Kathy Ancker. Congratulations All! May 03 - 08, 2026 has been Catholic Education Week when we celebrated the work of principals, teachers and all educational workers. Thank you, for a job well done! Any ladies that are interested in the CWL please come out and attend a meeting. You are most WELCOME and you are under no pressure to make a commitment to join. Come out and find out more about the CWL. You are welcome to attend as a GUEST, as often as you wish. We are a small but dedicated group who look to the future of the CWL and St. Mary's Church and want to assist both to grow and to prosper.



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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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions today May 10 - +Hank Jansen

May 11, Mon (NO MASS)

May 12, Tues 9am (Canada Health Day)

May 13, Wed 9am

May 14, Thurs 9am (St. Matthias, apostle)

May 15, Fri 9am

May 16, Sat 9am

May 16, Sat 4pm (Ascension of the Lord) + Souls in purgatory by Nick Manley

May 17 Sun 10am (Ascension of the Lord) +Peter & Beryl Bridge by Robert & Kathleen



May 16 -17, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS:

Jackie Innis

John Logel

EMHC:

Deirdre Arzheimer

Dennis Goulin

USHERS:

Darrell & Nick Manley

Joe O'Kane & Ed Nemec



WEEKLY OFFERING
"FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER"
2 COR 9:7

Collections May 2-3

Sunday Offering - \$1,925

Building Maintenance - \$315

General fund - \$56, 235 (as of May 7, 2026)

Gaming - \$8,250 (as of May 7, 2026)

POPE LEO XIV MEANINGFUL WORDS - "Catholic charitable workers must

be driven by the desire to bring to others material aid with the love of the heart of Jesus, for it is in that love that they will find genuine rest and their dignity be respected." "As the guardian of a hope that enlightens the path, the Church is invested with the mission of speaking clearly to reject everything that mortifies life and prevents its development, and to take a position in favour of the poor, the exploited, the victims of violence and war, and all those who suffer in body and in spirit." "Believers in Christ walk through this earthly history, marked by the maturation of good but also by injustices and sufferings, without being either deluded or despairing; they live guided by the promise received from the One who will 'make all things new.'"



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

MOTHER'S DAY is celebrated today. A very special day to honor all mothers. This special day offers a beautiful moment to reflect on how deeply motherhood is woven into God's plan for humanity, the family, and the story of salvation. To honor mothers is to recognize a vital part of God's design for humanity. Their role is not secondary or incidental—it is foundational. Through them, life is welcomed, love is learned, and faith is often first planted. We not only celebrate



them today, but also support, respect, and uplift them every day. Also on Mother's Day, remembering mothers and grandmothers who have passed away is both tender and sacred. It is a moment when love meets memory, and gratitude gently mingles with longing.

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR PARISH CATECHISTS - With hearts filled with gratitude, we extend our sincere and cordial thanks to all who made this year's celebrations of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation at St. Mary's Parish truly meaningful and faith-filled occasions. We especially thank our dedicated catechists, Tina Mullin, Joanna Mecozzi & Michael Mullin, whose generous service, patience, and unwavering commitment have helped form and guide our young boys and girls in the Catholic faith. Through their diligent teaching, and countless hours of preparation, they have helped plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow in the hearts of these children for years to come. We likewise express heartfelt gratitude to St. Mary's Elementary School for the invaluable assistance and support they provided throughout the preparation process. Our sincere appreciation also goes to the Catholic Women's League for their moral encouragement and loving support to both the children and their families. The thoughtful gifts they shared during the ceremonies were tangible signs of care, kindness, and welcoming spirit within our parish community. To the parents and families, we commend and thank them for their vital role as the first teachers of the faith. Finally, we offer our profound gratitude to our beloved Bishop Daniel Miehm for his spiritual leadership, pastoral care, and presence during these sacred celebrations. As he prepares for his new assignment in the diocese of London this coming June, we assure him of our prayers and heartfelt best wishes.

LOCAL BUSINESS ADVERTISING (BACK OF THE BULLETIN) The parish is exploring a new initiative: opening up space on the back page of our weekly bulletin for local business advertising. This serves our parish family in two meaningful ways. First, it provides a modest but steady source of revenue that helps offset the costs of our parish operations. Second — and just as importantly — it creates a bridge between our parishioners and the local businesses that support our community here in Grafton and the surrounding area. When we know who our neighbours are and what they do, we strengthen the fabric of community life that the Church is called to nurture. If you own or operate a local business, or know someone who might be interested in advertising, please contact the parish office at 905-349-2504 or office@assumptiongrifton.ca. More details on sizing, pricing, and design will be shared in the coming weeks. Thank you for helping us build up both our parish and our community.