

ROAST BEEF & PORK DINNER
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUND RAISER



Columbus Community Centre
 232 Spencer St. E & Darcy St., Cobourg
Sunday, April 26, 2026
4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
 Adults: \$25 | Children (5-12) \$10
 Featuring locally sourced roast beef & pork
 Served with potatoes, vegetables, gravy & dessert
 Dine-In or Takeout Available
 Reservations accepted
 Phone (289) 251-0509
 A Family & Community Affair

WAR: A Moral Question for Our Time - In our present world, where tensions and conflicts continue to rise—especially in regions like the Middle East—we are once again confronted with a difficult and urgent question: Can war ever truly be just? The Christian tradition, guided by thinkers such as St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas, sets very strict conditions under what is called the Just War Theory. War must be a last resort, fought for a just cause, with right intention, and always with deep respect for human life. In the ongoing war, was every effort for peace truly exhausted? Does the action protect life—or endanger more of it? What is the true intention? Is it genuinely to defend and preserve life, or does it risk becoming an act of power, control, or revenge? In the light of the Gospel, these questions become even more pressing. Jesus reminds us: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God” (*Mat 5:9*). War, especially in our modern age, rarely remains limited. It spreads. It wounds. It leaves lasting scars not only on lands, but on hearts. That is why leaders of the Church continue to remind us that war today is often a defeat for humanity. Even when justified in theory, its consequences are often deeply unjust. As people of faith, we are called not only to evaluate war morally, but to respond spiritually. To pray for peace in troubled regions. To stand in solidarity with innocent victims. To reject hatred and the desire for revenge. And to become, in our own ways, instruments of Christ’s peace. May Christ, the Prince of Peace, guide our world, soften hardened hearts, and lead all nations away from violence and toward lasting peace.

ST.MARY’S CWL - The next CWL meeting will be May 4 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Thank you to Joanna Mecozzi, Michael & Tina Mullin for teaching the First Communion class. It is so appreciated. Thank you to members of the Church Council & the CWL who worked at Coffee After Mass, April 12 and made it a great success. Thank you to the Church Council who supplied the delicious food. Thank you to the entertainers for your music. St. Mary's CWL members and Father Martin, our Spiritual Advisor, will be attending the Peterborough Diocese Convention this weekend which is being held at St. Mary CSS Cobourg.



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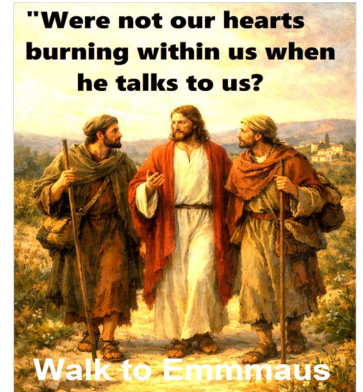
3rd
Sunday
of Easter
APRIL 19, 2026



WEEKEND
 MASSES

SATURDAY
 4PM

SUNDAY
 10AM



Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
 (Chairperson)- 416 300 8680
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 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
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 Cemetery Board, *Tina Mullin* 905 409 3433

KC and Ushers, *Darrell Manley*-905 744 0865
 Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905 396 2578
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 St Mary's Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905 269 2352
 Maintenance Supervisor, *Ed Nemec*- 905 349 2923
 Religious Articles, *Kathy Ancker*- 9053440048
 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions today April 19 - +Colleen Lawson

April 20, Mon (NO MASS)

April 21, Tues 9am

April 22, Wed 9am

April 23, Thurs 9am

April 24, Fri 9am

April 25, Sat 9am– Int. for Noelle & Darrell Manley by Ian Manley

April 25, Sat 4pm (4th Easter Sunday) +Souls in purgatory by Nick Manley

April 26, Sun 10am (4th Easter Sunday) Int. for all St. Mary's CWL members

DATES TO REMEMBER

X Monday, May 4, 9:30: CWL Meeting
X Saturday, May 9, 11am: Confirmation with the Bishop
X Wed, May 20, 9:30am: Parish Council Meeting
x Friday, August 14, 3pm: Parish Golf Tournament

April 25-26, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS:

Dave Hughes

Joanna Mecozzi

EMHC:

Pat Rutherford

Michael Stephenson

USHERS:

Darrell & Nick Manley

Ed Nemeč & Rob Ugolini



Collections April 11-12

Sunday Offering - \$1,282. 95

Building- \$50

POPE LEO XIV - "Democracy remains healthy, however, only when rooted in the moral law and a true vision of the human person. Lacking this foundation, it risks becoming either a majoritarian tyranny or a mask for the dominance of economic and technological elites." "God's heart is with the little ones and the humble, and with them He builds up His Kingdom of love and peace day by day." "Faith is not always based on seeing but on trusting. Those who believe amid uncertainty are deeply blessed. Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that no doubt is too deep, no sin too great, and no heart too far for God's mercy to reach and transform."

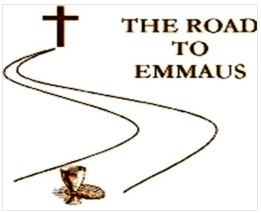
PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS - The story of the Road to Emmaus is one of the most powerful post-Resurrection encounters of Jesus Christ, rich in spiritual meaning for Christian life today. The two disciples walk away from Jerusalem discouraged and confused, their hopes seemingly shattered. Yet, unknown to them, the Risen Christ walks beside them. When Jesus joined them in conversation their hearts begin to burn within. This burning signifies an interior awakening—grace stirring faith, hope, and understanding. It shows that God's Word is alive, not just information but transformation. Still, it is only in the breaking of the bread that their eyes are fully opened. This moment points us to the Eucharist, where Christ continues to reveal Himself to us. What begins as a burning heart through the Word is completed in opened eyes through the Eucharist. The Emmaus story is our story. We, too, experience moments of doubt, disappointment, and uncertainty. Yet Christ never abandons us. He walks with us, speaks to us through Scripture, and reveals Himself in the breaking of the bread.



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



THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS OF THE EASTER SEASON - The Easter season is one of the richest times in the Christian life. Its spiritual value is not just in celebration, but in transformation—how we live differently because Christ is risen. Easter joy is not superficial happiness. It is a quiet but powerful assurance that God is alive and present. Even in trials, this joy remains. Easter teaches us that life is stronger than death, grace stronger than sin, and hope stronger than despair. To live the Easter season well is to allow the Risen Christ to transform our hearts—so that we become people of hope, joy, mercy, and mission.

