

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** - The inclusion of devotions such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Sacred Heart and the Holy Rosary during the First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist was originally intended for the Jubilee Year only. However, given the rich spiritual fruits and the genuine spiritual needs of our parish community, it is a good and worthwhile practice to continue these devotions throughout the year. We trust that this extended time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will deepen our faith, strengthen our devotion, and draw us closer to the Lord. All are warmly encouraged to participate and pray together for the needs of the Church, our parish, and the world. Divine Mercy will be assigned for the First Friday in February.



**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE (Feb 2)** The Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life to give thanks to God for the gift of men and women who dedicate their lives to Him reminding us of Christ's presence in the world and their mission of prayer, service, and charity that strengthens the life of the Church. Today let us pray for all religious sisters, brothers, and consecrated persons, that they may continue to be faithful signs of hope, love, and holiness.

**THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL (FEAST Jan 25)** -The conversion of St. Paul is one of the most powerful moments in the history of Christianity, revealing how God's grace can completely transform a human life and redirect it for His saving purpose. Formerly Saul of Tarsus, he was a fierce persecutor of Christians. But his conversion shows that no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy. God does not merely forgive Paul—He entrusts him with a mission. This reminds us that grace does not just erase the past; it redeems and transforms it. The conversion of St. Paul proclaims that no life is too far gone, no heart too hard, and no past too dark for the transforming power of Christ. It is a feast of hope, grace, and new beginnings for the whole Church.

**25 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY (January 27)** - 81 years ago today, the Auschwitz German Nazi Concentration Camp was liberated. In this camp alone, more than one million people were murdered, the majority of them Jews. 2026 is the 25th anniversary of the creation of this day. From the horrors of the second World War and the Holocaust, the United Nations was born. Its goal is to maintain international peace and security, provide humanitarian aid to people in need, safeguard human rights, and uphold international law. The theme for this 25th anniversary is "Holocaust Remembrance for Dignity and Human Rights". This remembrance dignifies the victims and survivors, keeping alive their memories of the communities and traditions and loved ones the Nazis sought to erase.

**ST. MARY'S CWL** - St. Mary's CWL Council will host the World Day of Prayer Service 2026, Saturday, March 07. The service will be held at St. Mary School in the gym at 10:00 am followed by a social hour. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. The next CWL meeting is Feb. 02/26 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Feb.16/26 is Family Day. It is a statutory holiday in Ontario and a school holiday.

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February 1, 2026



WEEKEND  
MASSES

SATURDAY  
4PM

SUNDAY  
10AM



## Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*  
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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 Feb 1 - Increase of Vocations

Feb 2, Mon 9am (NO MASS)

Feb 3, Tues 9am - +Walter Vaz by Nita Vaz

Feb 4, Wed 9am - Int. of Auger family & Souls in purgatory by Vicky Auger

Feb 5, Thurs 9am (St Agatha, virgin & martyr) +Hetty Colaco by Nita Vaz

Feb 6, Fri 8:30am (Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs) First Friday Benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet) Intention for Liam Calnan

Feb 7, Sat 9am - +Stella & Alice Saldanha by Nita Vaz

Feb 7, 4pm (5th Sun Ordinary) B-day & healing intention for Greg Blick by Marie McVety

Feb 8, 10am ( 5th Sun Ordinary) +Jane Boreham by Melissa Lilje

### February 7-8, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4pm

10 am

LECTORS: Michael Mullin

John Logel

EMHC: Deirdre Arzheimer

Dennis Goulin

USHERS: Darrell & Nick Manley

Rob Ugolini & Ian Manley



### Collections Jan 24-25, 2026

Sunday Offering - \$960

**POPE LEO XIV MEANINGFUL WORDS:** “Like the first disciples, we are called to embrace the Lord’s invitation with joy, trusting that every time and every place in our lives is permeated by his presence and his love.” “A world that forgets God soon forgets the value of the human person.” “The Gospel is always demanding, but it is never without mercy.” “Human solidarity is grounded not on power but on care; not on profit but on gift; not on suspicion but on trust.”



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

**Greg Blick, Tass Corbier, Terry Korotki**

## FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY** (For children with incurable diseases) “Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. “

**THE BEATITUDES, CHRIST’S ROADMAP TO HOLINESS** - What makes the Beatitudes truly compelling is the promise that comes with them. Each Beatitude carries a promise: comfort for those who mourn, mercy for the merciful, the vision of God for the pure of heart, and heaven itself for those who remain faithful despite suffering. Though living the Beatitudes can be challenging and often countercultural, Jesus guarantees that no sacrifice is ever wasted. The Beatitudes remind us that what the world may see as loss is, in God’s eyes, gain. Because the reward is certain and eternal, choosing to live the Beatitudes becomes a path of true wisdom, hope, and lasting joy—the joy of heaven, where God is our ultimate reward.



**THE PRESENTATIONS OF THE LORD, Feb 2 (Blessing of Candles)** - On February 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

This feast commemorates the event narrated in Luke 2:22-40, when Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem, in obedience to the



Law of Moses. In the Temple, Jesus is recognized by Simeon and Anna as the long-awaited Messiah. On this feast the traditional blessing of candles flows directly from Simeon’s prophetic words: “My eyes have seen your salvation....a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Christ is the Light of the world. Candles represent faith enlightened by Christ. They signify hope in darkness, guidance in confusion, and God’s presence among His people. Families are encouraged to take blessed candles home and use them during prayer, in times of illness, moments of trial, or at the hour of death, as a reminder that Christ’s light is always with us.

**BLESSING OF THROAT (Feb 3)**- The Blessing of the Throat, traditionally received on the feast of St. Blaise (Feb 3), is more than a prayer for protection from illnesses of the throat. It is a reminder of God’s loving care for the whole person—body, mind, and soul. The throat is the channel of our words, prayers, and witness. Through this blessing, we ask not only for physical healing, but also for the grace to use our voices to proclaim truth, speak with kindness, defend justice, and glorify God. Through the intercession of St. Blaise, we place our trust in Christ, the Divine Healer, who desires to restore us and make us instruments of His love. May this blessing strengthen us to live as faithful witnesses, using our voices to build up the Body of Christ.

