

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS - Sunday, November 2, 2025, 2am clocks are turned backward 1 hour. There will be more light in the morning and less light in the evening.



CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHING ON SUICIDE - It is God who created us and sustains us, at *every moment* of our lives, in his omnipotence and omnipresence. We are entirely his, whether we believe it and act like it or not. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, “everyone is responsible for his life before God who has given it to him. It is God who remains the sovereign Master of life. We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for his honor and the salvation of our souls. We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of”(2280). The *Catechism* itself also gives us hope: “We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives.”

ALL SAINTS’ DAY - On this day, the Church honors all saints, both those formally canonized and others who have attained heaven (Heb. 12:22-24). These saints are individuals who have lived lives of extraordinary faith and dedication to God, serving as role models for Christians. Whether officially recognized by the Church or not, these saints have played a significant role in spreading Christianity and leading others toward holiness. This feast serves to inspire God’s believers reminding them of the importance of living a life of holiness and serving others. It encourages God’s believers to look to the lives of the saints as example of faithfulness, courage and charity. The day emphasizes the connection between the living and the dead, as well as the communion of the saints, which hold that all believers are spiritually connected.

HALLOWEEN, rooted in Catholic tradition as ALL HALLOWS’ EVE, (all saints’ eve) is seen as a time to honor the saints and the faithful departed, though its modern celebration often diverges from its original meaning. While Halloween has been embraced by popular culture, its true substance belongs to the Catholic Church. It is time for Catholics to honor the saints and the faithful departed, reflecting on the themes of mortality and redemption. The Church encourages a celebration that aligns with its teaching focusing on the positive aspects of the holiday rather than the darker elements that have been prevalent in modern celebrations.



ST. MARY’S CWL - November is almost here and that means membership time for the CWL is near. Fees are the same as last year. Membership envelopes will be sent out the first week of November. Please follow instructions in the envelope to pay your fees. Fees are due by November 30/25. The next CWL meeting is Nov.03/25 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. There is a chill in the air. Stay warm. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home.

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October 25-26, 2025



CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

WEEKEND
MASSES

SATURDAY
4PM

SUNDAY
10AM



Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
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Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905 396 2578
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Parish Handyman, *Ed Nemec*-905 349 2923
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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 for today: Saturday, Oct 25- +Al and Mildred de Souza, Sunday, Oct 26- Memorial for Tom, Willy & Reyni Meekes

Oct 27, Mon - NO MASS

Oct 28, Tues 9am

Oct 29, Wed 9am

Oct 30, Thurs 9am

Oct 31, Fri 9am

Nov 1, Sat 9am (All Saints' Day) - +All Souls in Purgatory by Ian Manley

Nov 1, Sat 4pm (All Souls' Day) +Olaf Arzheimer by Deirdre Arzheimer

Oct 2, Sun 10am (All Souls' Day) +Colleen Lawson by Brenda, Barbarra & Beverley



Nov 1-2 WEEKEND MASSES

4pm

10 am

LECTORS: Greg Blick Bernadette Murray

EMHC: Deirdre Arzheimer John Logel

USHERS: Darrell & Nick Manley Theo Mensen & Rob Ugolini



Collections Weekend of Oct 18-19, 2025

Sunday Offering - \$1,295

World Mission -\$105



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Terry Korotki, Gladys Leclerc, Dalton McDonald

POPE LEO XIV – (This month of October, Pope Leo invites the faithful to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world and to be faithful instruments of reconciliation in their daily lives) “As we begin October, the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in our world. May you be faithful instruments of reconciliation in your daily lives, become missionaries of peace and mercy, witnesses of peace and love greater than our failures or divisions." **HEEDING THE CALL OF THE POPE, HOLY ROSARY IS SAID 10 MINUTES BEFORE EVERY MASS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

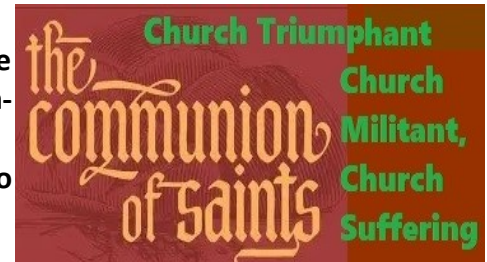
ALL SOUL'S DAY ENVELOPES - Envelopes for “All Souls’ Day” are available at the back. You may write the names of your deceased loved ones and put the envelope back to the box or drop it in the collection basket before November 2nd. Masses for their intention will be said on November 2 @ 9am and in all Fridays of the month of November. Offering Mass for the dead is a practice rooted in the belief in the power of intercession and the communion of the saints. The Mass is a mysteriously spiritual experience that not only unites us with the Church on earth, but also to all those suffering souls in purgatory. The Church has taught for many centuries that our prayers at Mass for the dead can help them complete their "time" in purgatory.



WHY CATHOLICS START AND END PRAYERS AND WORSHIP WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS - The Sign of the Cross holds deep theological importance for Catholics. It is a concise summary of the Christian belief in the Trinity—one God in three Persons. By naming the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Catholics affirm this central doctrine and acknowledge being baptized in the three divine persons of one God. The cross shape recalls Jesus’ crucifixion, the cornerstone of salvation in Catholic teaching. This act ties believers to the Paschal Mystery—Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection. It also serves as a prayer in itself, asking for God’s blessing and protection. The Catechism of the Catholic Church highlights its role in sacramental life (CCC 2157). Through this gesture, Catholics express trust in God’s saving power. It connects the individual to the broader mystery of faith. In essence, it is both a profession and a plea.



CHURCH DOCTRINE ON COMMUNION OF SAINTS – “The communion of saints is a timely topic as we enter the month of November, the month we celebrate All Saints (Nov. 1) and All Souls (Nov. 2). This core belief is stated in the Apostles’ Creed: “I believe in the communion of saint.” The communion of saints is all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church. We have this connection because, as Jesus tells us, God “is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive”. Because all of those who have died in friendship with God are alive in Christ, and we are also alive in Christ, we are connected in a very real way. As a result, it is possible to pray for the souls in purgatory and to the blessed in heaven. Thanks to the great gift Jesus has given us, our relationships don’t have to end when our loved ones die. We can even form friendships with the saints who have gone before us whom we never knew in this life. We can also do good for the dead through our prayers. Friendship with Jesus calls us out of ourselves and into relationship with so many others. And that includes the whole Church, those on earth, in purgatory, or in heaven.



CLERGY STUDY DAY - Priests of the diocese of Peterborough will be attending the yearly Study Day on Tuesday November 4 to Thursday Nov 6 to be held at Nottawasaga Inn Resort in Alliston, On. Please offer prayers for us your pastors and for the success of the said Study Day.

