

**ST. PHOTINA (The Samaritan Woman)** In the Gospel today of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well, Christian tradition tells that she was later baptized by the apostles with the Christian name Photina, meaning, "the enlightened one." Photina came to the well carrying the burdens of her past and the thirst of her heart. Yet in meeting Jesus, she encountered the One who offers



“living water,” the grace that truly satisfies the human soul. What began as a simple request for water became a moment of profound transformation. The woman who once came quietly and alone to the well became a courageous witness, leading many people to believe in Christ. St. Photina reminds us that no past is too broken and no life too complicated for God's grace. When we encounter Christ personally, our hearts are changed, and we too are sent to share the Good News with others. She died as martyr for her passion to preach Christ as Saviour. May her example inspire us to seek the living water of Christ and to become joyful witnesses of his love in our daily lives.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE** ( March 8) - After a 20-year-struggle, *Justiça nos Trilhos* managed to have a community of 312 families relocated a safe distance away from these troubles. These people can finally raise their children in peace and safety. Such transformations are only possible because donations from people like you allow Development and Peace - Caritas Canada to support partners like *Justiça nos Trilhos*.

**ST. MARY'S CWL** - The next CWL meeting is April 13/26 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. The Peterborough Diocese Convention is Apr. 18 & 19, 2026 at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, Cobourg. If you wish to attend take one of the Convention Forms from the bulletin board as you enter the church. All the instructions are listed for you to register along with fees to be paid. There are mailing instructions as well. Registration closes on March 30/26. Thank you to all who attended World Day of Prayer and supported the organization with a donation. Thank you to all parishioners who purchased Easter cards last Sunday which were created, Mary Sawyer. Mary donated the monies from the sales to St. Mary's CWL which will be used to buy gifts for the students who are celebrating their First Communion & Confirmation this spring. Thank you, Mary, for your donation, and parishioners, for your generosity.



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**"SIR, GIVE ME THAT LIVING WATER"**



## Parish Committees & Organizations

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

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St. Mary's Elementary School, 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 @ 8:00am.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions today March 8 - +Greg Blick

March 9, Mon (NO MASS)

March 10, Tues 9am

March 11, Wed 9am

March 12, Thurs 9am and @11am is School Mass

March 13, Fri 9am- Intention for Claude Boulanger by Maria Marszal

March 14, Sat 9am - +Catherine Willet by Vince Kelly

March 14, Sat 4pm ( 3rd Sun of Lent) +Sandi Farwell by Joan & Tony Farwell

March 15, 10am (3rd Sun of Lent) +Jane Boreham by Melissa Lilje

### March 14-15, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4pm

10 am

LECTORS:	Dave Hughes	Bernadette Murray
EMHC:	Pat Rutherford	Dennis Goulin
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Joe O’Kane & Theo Mensen

### Collections March 1, 2026

Sunday Offering - \$ 2, 590

Building Maintenance - \$335

Flowers - \$80



### HOLY WEEK MASSES & ACTIVITIES

ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT @ 9:30am - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MARCH 27, FRIDAY 7pm, SATURDAY 2pm - PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

MARCH 28 PALM SUNDAY 4pm MASS

MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY 10am MASS

APRIL 2 HOLY THURSDAY 7pm - MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY 2:30pm - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION

APRIL 4 SATURDAY, 7pm - EASTER EVE MASS

APRIL 5 SUNDAY, 10AM - EASTER SUNDAY MASS



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

Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki

## FROM THE PA STOR’S DESK

**HOLY WEEK LITURGY MINISTERS** - To all assigned liturgy ministers during Holy Week, you will find a separate paper list in the Bulletin Board at the entrance. With it you will be reminded not to miss the designated date & time of your duty. Thank you.

**CHURCH FURNACE** - You may have noticed recently, especially during the very cold weather, that our church has not had enough heat. This was because our furnace (Old Bessie) became very unwell and was finally diagnosed with *Secondary Congestive Rustation Plugation*. Sadly, we had no choice but to put Bessie down. Fortunately, since the old furnace was still under warranty, the Cold Creek Heating Company has provided us with a brand-new furnace. However, we are responsible for the installation labor cost of \$735.00. We welcome and deeply appreciate any financial assistance toward this installation expense. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish.

**INVITATION FOR FELLOWSHIP ON APRIL 12** - Join us on Sunday, April 12, as our parish family gathers to celebrate our children receiving their First Holy Communion. Following the 10am Mass, we invite everyone — longtime parishioners and newer faces alike — to join us in the school gym for coffee, refreshments, and celebration. Every ministry and group in our parish will have a table. Come and meet the people behind them. Ask questions. Hear their stories. Discover what belonging to something can look like. No pressure. No commitment required. Just come as you are. Pray that the Holy Spirit points you and your family in the right direction — and then come see what He might be pointing you toward.

**SAVE THE DATE (August 14)** - The date for our Annual Parish Golf Tournament at Shelter Valley Golf Course is already booked on Friday, August 14th at 3:00 PM! More details to follow. We hope to see you on the course!

**DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME** - Today marks the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. As we move our clocks forward by one hour, we also begin to enjoy longer evenings and more daylight. This extra light reminds us of the gift of time and the beauty of God’s creation, encouraging us to make good use of each day that the Lord gives us. May the longer days ahead inspire us to live with renewed energy, gratitude, and hope.

**CHURCH—A DIVINE & HUMAN INSTITUTION** - The Church is divine because it was founded by Jesus Christ and continues his saving mission in the world through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is human because it is made up of people—bishops, priests, religious, and lay faithful—who live and work within the limits of human weakness and history. Pope Leo said, "The Church lives in this paradox. She is a reality that is both human and divine, which welcomes the sinful man and leads him to God. An ideal and pure Church, separated from the earth, does not exist; only the one Church of Christ, embodied in history."

