

GREAT COMMISSION DAY OF FORMATION INVITATION - This special day of formation is open to all parish catechetical and ministry leaders and to anyone who is interested. On Saturday April 25 at Peterborough Cathedral, the day begins with prayer at 9:00 AM and concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00PM. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free. Those who wish to attend, please sign up on the paper at the church entrance not later than April 10, the deadline. The Great Commission One-Day Formation is a special opportunity to deepen our understanding of our mission as followers of Christ.

DIVINE MERCY FEAST INVITATION (April 12) - All are warmly invited to celebrate the Divine Mercy Feast on Sunday, April 12. Schedule: 2:30 PM – Confessions, 3:00 PM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Short presentation on Divine Mercy, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction. To remind us of this great opportunity there will be basket placed at the back of our Church, where you can drop your written intentions. The intentions will not be read, but the basket will be placed in front of the Image of Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday. “Jesus I trust in you.”



DEVELOPMENT & PEACE (March 29) Thank you for your Generosity to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s Share Lent campaign. This gives us an opportunity to follow the example of Jesus, who, Pope Leo XIV says, “identified” himself with the lowest ranks of society” and “confirms the dignity of every human being” through his love. It's not too late to add your contribution to our parish effort to assist in this Lenten project; please give.

BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM’S HOLY WEEK MESSAGE - The whole Church makes a kind of pilgrimage in Holy Week, journeying with our Lord through the mysteries of his passion, death and resurrection. Beginning with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, we step with him into the Upper Room on the night of the Last Supper and follow him to Calvary and his cross on Good Friday. But we are never in doubt about the end point of the journey, which is the bright dawn of Easter Sunday, the empty tomb and the angel who declares, “He is risen!” I pray that this Holy Week journey through the great mysteries of our faith may be a source of strength and hope for you. Our pilgrimage through life may have some twists and turns along the way, but we are always confident in the Lord who has gone before us, has defeated the powers of darkness, and who constantly invites us to follow him on the great adventure and journey of faith. May the Lord bless you abundantly this Holy Week and Easter.

ST.MARY’S CWL - The next CWL Meeting is April 13/26 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Members, please plan to attend. March 29 is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week and is the final Sunday of Lent. Remember to donate a lily for the sanctuary for Easter. Legend tells us that white lilies grew in the Garden of Gethsemane after the crucifixion of Jesus. Happy Easter Father Martin, CWL members and parishioners. Any members going to the CWL Diocese Convention March 30/26 is the deadline to register to attend.



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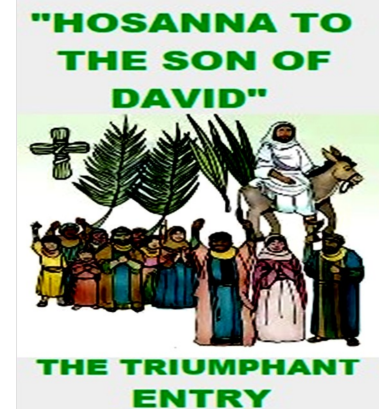


CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

WEEKEND
MASSES

SATURDAY
4PM

SUNDAY
10AM



Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
(Chairperson)- 416 300 8680
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Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905 396 2578
D & Peace/Library, *Suzanne Liptay*-289 829 0697
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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 March 29 - +Colleen Lawson

March 30, Mon (NO MASS) Chrism Mass in Peterborough Cathedral @ 2pm

March 31, Tues 9am

April 1, Wed 9am – All souls in Purgatory by Vicky Auger

April 2, Holy Thurs 7pm (MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER)

April 3, Good Fri 2:30pm (STATIONS OF THE CROSS, PASSION READINGS, VENERATION OF THE CROSS, COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND, HOLY COMMUNION)

April 4, Sat Easter Eve 7pm-+Gabrielle & Graham Stratford by Rich Stratford (BLESSING OF NEW FIRE, EXULTET, READINGS, BLESSING OF NEW HOLY WATER, RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

April 5, Easter Sunday 10am - +John & Jane Boreham by Melissa Lilje

April 4-5, 2026-EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

7pm

10 am

LECTORS:	D. Hughes & J. Mecozzi	M. Stephenson
EMHC:	Deirdre Arzheimer	Judith Goulin
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Ed Nemec & Joe O’Kane



Collections March 21-22, 2026

Sunday Offering - \$1,422

Share Lent (D&P) - \$510

Furnace - \$130, Easter Sunday - \$500, Easter Flower - \$70

A BRUTAL WEEK & CRUEL DAY BECAME A "HOLY" WEEK & "GOOD" FRIDAY - "In spite of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, this sacred week is called Holy, and the day of His crucifixion is remembered as Good Friday. What the world sees as tragedy, faith recognizes as grace. The cross, once a sign of shame, becomes the source of salvation. Christ's death is "good" because through it, sin is conquered, love is revealed, and humanity is given new life. Indeed, from the darkness of the cross shines the light of redemption."



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

FURNACE INSTALLATION LABOUR DONORS - We extend our sincere gratitude to parishioners who chipped in some amount and to the Gaming Group of Jackie Innis, for generously covering a large portion of the installation labor costs of the new parish furnace. Your support is deeply appreciated and a great blessing to our parish church.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION & PARISH FELLOWSHIP (April 12) - On Sunday, April 12, we celebrate a beautiful milestone in the lives of 9 of our children as they receive their First Holy Communion at the 10am Mass. Congratulations to them and to their parents. We invite the entire parish family, longtime members and newer faces alike, to join us afterward in the school gym at 11am for refreshments and celebration. Every ministry and group in our parish will have a sign table. Come meet the people behind them. Hear their stories. We will also take a moment to recognize the new parishioners who have become such an active part of the life of our parish family. Your presence is the welcome— you simply need to bring yourselves and whatever tells your story.



LILIES FOR EASTER DECORATIONS- As we prepare to celebrate the joyful feast of Easter, we invite parishioners to help beautify our sanctuary by donating Easter lilies. These flowers will help create a prayerful and festive atmosphere as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. Bring in the flowers to the church before Saturday morning of April 4. Thank you for your generosity and for helping the Easter celebration beautiful and meaningful.



THE HOLY WEEK - As we enter Holy Week, the Church invites us to walk closely with Jesus Christ through the most sacred moments of his life—his passion, death, and resurrection. From the joyful welcome of Palm Sunday to the solemn silence of Good Friday, and finally to the radiant hope of Easter Sunday, we are drawn into a profound mystery of love. In these days, Christ shows us that true greatness is found in humility, true love in sacrifice, and true life in giving oneself for others. Holy Week reminds us that suffering and darkness are not the end of the story. Through the cross, God brings redemption; through death, He brings new life. As believers, we are called not only to remember these events but to live them—by turning away from sin, forgiving one another, and trusting in God's mercy. May this Holy Week be a time of deep prayer, reflection, and renewal for all, as we journey with Christ from the cross to the empty tomb.