

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - A big thank you to St. Mary's School for their incredible support with the Thanksgiving food drive. The students held a fun competition where for every two food items donated, they earned a "feather" for their class. Their enthusiasm and generosity truly shone through — and thanks to their efforts, all of our cupboards are now full! We are so grateful to the students, staff, and families who made this drive such a success.

Your kindness will make a real difference for many in our community.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2025 will be celebrated this coming Sunday October 19. World Mission Sunday stands as a powerful testament to our shared Catholic identity. This special day unites Catholics across continents in a singular purpose: supporting the Church where it faces its greatest challenges. The central message for this Jubilee Year 2025 is "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples". Your prayers and donations provide essential resources for communities that cannot sustain themselves—funding church construction, pastoral care, education, and healthcare.

ST. MARY'S CWL - Last Sunday, Coffee After Mass was truly a happy hour. Parishioners enjoyed a comfortable chair, a hot coffee, a delicious snack and great conversation. True fellowship. CWL members received their CWL pins for years of service and a carnation. The carnation represents "love and admiration" that is evident in the CWL. Thank you to all CWL members and Father Martin, our CWL Spiritual Advisor, who assisted in the presentation. Thank you to Marcus & Elise de Graauw, students, who volunteered to help. Happy Thanksgiving to Fr Martin, CWL members, and all parishioners. Thank you God, for all the blessings that You bestow upon us, at St. Mary's.



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28th Sunday
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Ordinary
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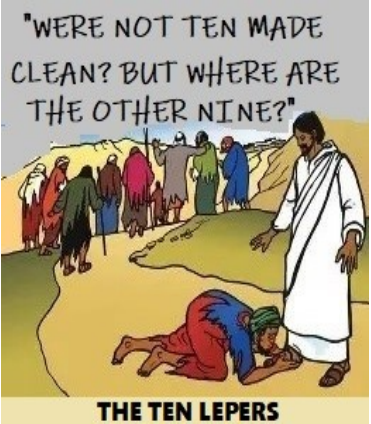
October 11-12, 2025



CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

WEEKEND
MASSES

SATURDAY
4PM
SUNDAY
10AM



Parish Committees & Organizations

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

Finance, *Alfons Casteels* - 905 269 2352

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Bingo Volunteers, *Jackie Innis*-905 349 2880

St Vincent de Paul, *Wes Krentz*-905 377 3263

Cemetery Board, *Francis Calnan* 905 269 0795

KC and Ushers, *Darrell Manley*-905 744 0865

Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905 396 2578

Development and Peace/Library, *Suzanne*
Liptay-905 372 3031

St Mary's Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905 269 2352

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Religious Articles, *Kathy Ancker*- 905-344-0048

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Jones (Principal)-905 349 2061

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

Oct 13, Mon - NO MASS

Oct 14, Tues 9am

Oct 15, Wed 9am (St. Teresa of Jessus, virgin)

Oct 16, Thurs 9am (St. Marguerite d’Youville, religious)

Oct 17, Fri 9am (St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr)

Oct 18 Sat 9am(St. Luke, evangelist)

Oct 18, Sat 4pm (29th Sunday) +Colleen Lawson by 3 sisters Brenda, Beverley & Barbara

Oct 19, Sun 10am (29th Ordinary Sunday) Memorial +Liam Askins by Tim & Liz Gilligan



Oct 18-19 WEEKEND MASSES

	4pm	10 am
LECTORS:	Jackie Innis	John Logel
EMHC:	Pat Rutherford	Michael Stephenson
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Ian Manley & Theo Mensen

Collections Weekend of Oct 4-5, 2025



Sunday Offering - \$2,140

Building Maintenance -\$420

Gaming - \$ 4,187.60

Balance - \$31, 500 (as of October 10, 2025)



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

THANKSGIVING is a time to reflect on God’s blessings. It’s a moment to cultivate gratitude in our hearts. On the occasion of our Thanksgiving celebrations, I am reaching out to wish you all Happy Thanksgiving. This holiday offers us a sacred time and unique opportunity to rediscover the spirituality of gratitude and renew our commitment to living a life rooted in our faith to an all-generous God who provides us with abundant blessings we need. *Fr. Martin*



MINISTRY RENEWAL DAY - (Readers, Choir members, EMHCs and Ushers) In the Southern Deanery, we are holding our Ministry Renewal Day - Saturday, October 18 from 10AM until 2PM—at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Newcastle. Our church reminds us our liturgy is the “source and summit” of our faith. This accomplishes many things: 1. welcomes all those who assist with Sunday Mass 2. invites them to meet other like-minded people from other parishes 3. accomplishes what our church calls us to do— in thanking liturgical ministers, we are also called to provide training to help them grow and be better at the ministry they provide 4. an opportunity for all priests to meet parishioners from other parishes 5. we build community in the southern deanery- lunch provided. Please write your name on the paper at the entrance if you are attending.

WHAT MAKES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DIFFERENT? (Key Aspects of Catholicism's Uniqueness): The Papacy, Sacramental Theology, The Eucharist, Tradition & Magisterium, Veneration of Saints and Cultural & Historical Impact) **Veneration of Saints:** The Catholic Church has a unique practice of venerating saints, particularly the Virgin Mary. This includes asking for intercession and recognizing their exemplary lives as models for the faithful. The process of canonization and the celebration of feast days highlight the communal aspect of faith and the belief in the communion of the saints.

THE IMPORTANCE OF LITURGICAL COLOR - Liturgical colors in the Catholic Church serve as a representation of the Church’s seasons and feasts, each color carrying specific meanings that enhance the worship experience. **White:** symbolizes purity, joy, and triumph. It is used during major feasts such as Christmas, and Easter, as well as for celebrations of mother Mary and non-martyr saints. **Red:** Represents the blood of Christ, martyrdom, and the fire of the Holy Spirit. It is worn on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Pentecost, marking significant events in the life of Christ and the Church. **Green:** Signifies hope and growth, used during Ordinary Time. Green represents the ongoing journey of faith and the growth of the church. **Violet:** Associated with penance, humility, and preparation. It is used during Advent and Lent, inviting the faithful to reflect and prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ and the celebration of Easter. **ROSE:** A lighter shade of violet, used to the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It symbolizes joy and hope, marking a moment of relief in the penitential seasons.

ALL SOUL’S DAY ENVELOPES - Envelopes for “All Souls’ Day” are available at the back. You may write the names of the souls of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Masses for their intention will be said on November 2 @ 9am and in all Fridays of the month of November.