

**THE CHURCH IS BOTH DIVINE & HUMAN INSTITUTION** - The Church is divine in its origin & mission because it was founded by Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit until the end of time. At the same time, the Church is human because it is built upon human beings who are weak and imperfect. For this reason, throughout history there have been traces of human shortcomings within it. Yet these human imperfections do not destroy the Church's divine foundation. Rather, it reminds us that God continues to work through ordinary people to accomplish his extraordinary plan. As members of the Church, we are called not only to belong to it, but also to help make its holiness visible in the world through our faith and our lives.

**FIRST COMMUNION AND 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. This event will also give us opportunity to recognize & acknowledge those new registered parishioners and summer parishioners, who have been active participants in the life of St. Mary's parish.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE** ( March 15) - Next Sunday we will have our annual Solidarity collection for Development and Peace - Caritas Canada. Your Lenten gift will make a real difference by helping hundreds of communities like the one in Brazil. It will further our mission of addressing the root causes of poverty and help build a more just and compassionate world. Above all, it will uphold the dignity of the very sorts of people whom Christ came to save.

**ST. MARY'S CWL** - The Council extends a very special birthday wish to CWL member, Min Naylor, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 20, 2026. Min has been a CWL member for 75 years and very active at St. Francis DeSales Church, Colborne and here at St. Mary's Church over the years. She is having an Open House on March 14, 1:00 - 6:00 pm at the Colborne Legion to celebrate her big day. The next CWL meeting will be held April 13, 2026 @ 9:30 am in the rectory. Any member interested in attending the Peterborough Diocese Convention, please take a Registration Pack from the bulletin board. All instructions are stated in the pack. The convention is being held at St. Mary Secondary School, Cobourg on April 18 & 19, 2026. Students in the area will enjoy their March Break Holiday from March 13 - 20, 2026. Thank you to all who attended The World Day of Prayer Service on March 07, here at St. Mary School. It was a very successful and informative service which was hosted by St. Mary's CWL Council. Thank you to all members who assisted.



## Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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**4th  
Sunday  
of Lent  
(Laetare Sunday)**



CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

WEEKEND  
MASSES

SATURDAY  
4PM

SUNDAY  
10AM

**"DO YOU BELIEVE IN  
THE SON OF MAN?"**



**"YES, I BELIEVE"**

## Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*  
(Chairperson)- 416 300 8680  
Finance, *Alfons Casteels* - 905 269 2352  
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Cemetery Board, *Tina Mullin* 905 409 3433

KC and Ushers, *Darrell Manley*-905 744 0865  
Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905 396 2578  
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St Mary's Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905 269 2352  
Building Maintenance Supervisor, *Ed Nemec*-  
905 349 2923  
Religious Articles, *Kathy Ancker*- 905-344-0048  
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 15 - Jane Boreham

March 16, Mon (NO MASS)

March 17, Tues 9am - + Greg Blick by St. Vincent de Paul

March 18, Wed 9am - Int. Rett Willadson by Lynn & Marie McVety

March 19, Thurs 9am - Souls in purgatory by Nick Manley

March 20, Fri 9am - Souls in Purgatory by Ian Manley

March 21, Sat 9am - Health intention of Fr. Gerardus Hauwert by Ian Manley

March 21, Sat 4pm (4th Sun of Lent) + Elizabeth Ugolini by Rob and Kathleen Ugolini

March 22, 10am (4th Sun of Lent) +John Boreham by Melissa Lilje

### March 21-22, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4pm

10 am

LECTORS:	Ian Manley	Kathleen Ancker
EMHC:	Deirdre Arzheimer	John Logel
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Rob Ugolini Ed Nemec

### Collections March 8, 2026

Sunday Offering - \$970

Building Maintenance - \$20

Furnace - \$100



### 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

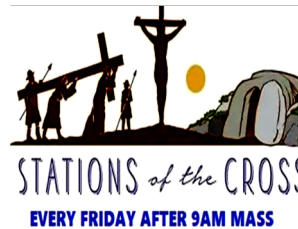
MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY 10am MASS

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

**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT** - Reminding everyone to attend the special Parish Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Joseph Lourdusamy, a Franciscan Capuchin priest, on *Friday, March 27 at 7:00pm, then on Saturday, March 28 at 2:00pm, Confession at 3pm, and Holy Mass at 4pm.* This retreat offers a meaningful opportunity for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal as we journey through Lent together as a parish community. We look forward to welcoming you to this grace-filled Lenten experience.

**FLOWER LILIES FOR EASTER** - As we prepare to celebrate the joyful feast of Easter, we invite parishioners to help beautify our church by donating Easter lilies for the sanctuary. You may offer your donation in cash or in kind (actual lilies). These flowers will help create a prayerful and festive atmosphere as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make our Easter celebration beautiful and meaningful.

**DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY CELEBRATION (April 12)** All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Divine Mercy Feast Day Celebration on Sunday April 12 at 3:00pm. The celebration will include adoration of Blessed Sacrament, prayers to the Divine Mercy (Chaplet), reflection, as we place our trust in the infinite mercy of the Lord. This special devotion reminds us of Jesus' message to St. Faustina, calling all people to trust in His mercy and to show mercy to others. Come and experience the grace and peace of God's boundless mercy. "Jesus I trust in you".



**CHURCH FURNACE** - Our old church furnace, still under warranty, has been replaced recently with new one. However, the company charged us for the installation labor cost of \$1,173 including tax. We welcome and deeply appreciate any financial assistance toward this installation expense. You may mark your donation envelope "Furnace" and your name for tax receipt purposes. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

**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.

**GREAT COMMISSION DAY OF FORMATION** - Lay leaders in the parish, Parish council, Finance, CWL, Greeters, EMHC, Lectors, KC all are welcome to attend. There is no cost to participate, snacks and lunch provided. Saturday, April 25, 2026, 9am-3pm at the Cathedral of Saint Peter In Chains, Peterborough. Those who wish to attend, please sign up on the paper at the back before or on April 10 (deadline).

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT** - "The greatest miracle is not only when our eyes can see, but when our hearts are opened to recognize God. Once healed from spiritual blindness, we begin to see the world differently, live more faithfully, and follow Christ more closely. The healed person grows closer to God through prayer, worship, and a sincere desire to follow Christ."