

THANK YOU AND HAPPY EASTER - My dear parishioners, with heart full of gratitude and hope, I extend my sincere thanks to each one of you for your faithful journey through the holy seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Your active participation, prayerful presence, and generous support in all our liturgical celebrations and parish activities have truly made this sacred time meaningful and grace-filled. I am especially grateful to our dedicated Pastoral Council, CWL, Lectors, EMHCs, Parish Choirs, Ushers, Chaplet Group, Volunteers. Special thank you also goes to our financial Sponsors and Easter Lilies Donors. Your commitment, time, and service have enriched our worship and strengthened the spirit of our parish community. As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, may the joy of Easter renew our faith, deepen our love, and inspire us to continue walking together as one family in Christ. May the risen Lord bless you and your loved ones with peace, hope, and abundant grace. Christ is Risen! Alleluia! With gratitude and prayers, *Fr. Martin*

SPEAK LORD Sunday Liturgy Sheets for Children are available for children at the back of the Church. A new Sunday Liturgy Sheet is available each week, with crayons for younger children, who just prefer to colour, to be found at the back table, opposite Mary's Cupboard provided by the St. Mary's CWL. This program was recommended to me by Joanna Mecozzi, who had used it for the Sunday School Program in past years. If you would like to peruse the Liturgy Sheets yourself, simply go to the website: www.sdc.me.uk

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.

ST.MARY'S CWL - Congratulations to the Eleven candidates who are celebrating their First Communion today at 10am Mass. The CWL is presenting each student with a gift marking this special occasion. A special thank you to Tina & Michael Mullin & Joanne Mecozzi who are the teachers for the First Confession and First Communion Class. The next CWL meeting is Monday, April 13/26 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. The CWL Peterborough Diocese Convention is April 18 & 19, 2026 at St. Mary CSS, Cobourg. Welcome all parishioners to "Coffee After Mass" on April 12/26 following the 10:00 am Mass. There will also be displays in the gym set up by various church organizations to keep everyone informed about what each does at St. Mary's. Please set aside items at home that you are collecting for the CWL Parking Lot Sale on June 13, 2026.



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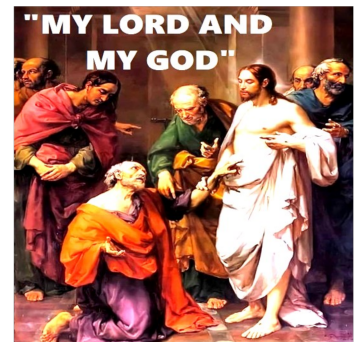
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WEEKEND
MASSES

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*
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 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 April 12 - +John Boreham

April 13, Mon (NO MASS)

April 14, Tues 9am

April 15, Wed 9am - +Gabriel & Arthur Auger by Vicky Auger

April 16, Thurs 9am & 11am-School Mass

April 17, Fri 9am - Int. for Auger family members by Vicky Auger

April 18, Sat 9am

April 18, Sat 4pm (3rd Easter Sunday) +James and Mary Meehan by Kathleen Ancker

April 19, Sun 10am (3rd Easter Sunday) +Colleen Lawson by Bruce Lawson



April 18-19, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS:

Jackie Innis

Melissa Lilje

EMHC:

Deirdre Arzheimer

Dennis Goulin

USHERS:

Darrell & Nick Manley

Theo Mensen & Joe O'Kane



Collections March 4-5, 2026

Sunday Offering - \$2,242

Building- \$350

Holy Land - \$1,111

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL (For priests in crisis) "Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer. "

POPE LEO: "We have a worldwide economic crisis, an energy crisis, and a situation in the Middle East of great instability, which is only provoking more hatred throughout the world." "Let's remember, especially, the innocent: children, the elderly, the sick, so many people who have already become, or will become, victims of this continued warfare—and to remind all that attacks on civilian infrastructure are against international law, and that they are also a sign of the hatred, division, and destruction that the human being is capable of."

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

Prayer Vigil for Peace

Pope Leo XIV will be leading a prayer vigil for peace on Saturday, April 11th, in St Peter's Basilica.

PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE DOUBTING THOMAS ("MY LORD AND MY GOD") The Gospel of the Second Sunday of Easter presents us with *Doubting Thomas*, who struggled to believe in the risen Lord. His doubt, however, became a doorway to a deeper faith. When he finally encountered Jesus and was invited to touch His wounds, Thomas made one of the most profound professions of faith: "*My Lord and my God.*" This moment is not a rebuke, but a revelation of Divine Mercy. Jesus did not reject Thomas for his doubt; instead, He met him where he was and led him to faith. In the same way, our own doubts, weaknesses, and struggles can become opportunities to experience God's mercy more deeply. Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that: God does not condemn sincere seekers of truth. Doubt can lead to a stronger, more personal faith. Encountering Christ transforms uncertainty into conviction. Like Thomas, we are invited to move from doubt to faith, from fear to trust, and to proclaim with our lives: "*My Lord and my God.*"

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION - Today, we joyfully congratulate the 11 children as they receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion for the very first time. This is not only a special day for these young boys and girls, it is the beginning of their beautiful journey of friendship with the Lord. If they continue to welcome Jesus often in holy Communion, their lives will grow in goodness, and they will become a blessing to their families, their community, and the whole Church. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents. May God reward their dedication in being the first teachers of faith to their children. We as well don't forget to sincerely thank our dedicated catechists Tina, Michael and Joanna for their loving guidance in helping the children grow closer to Jesus through the preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Their patience, care, and faith-filled teaching have truly made a difference in children's spiritual journey.

INVITATION FOR REFRESHMENTS & FELLOWSHIP - All are warmly invited to gather in the school following our 10:00am Mass today for refreshments and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with both old and new parishioners, as well as our summer parishioners. Come and enjoy a time of community, friendship, and shared joy.

DIVINE MERCY FEAST CELEBRATION - Everyone is invited to celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday today here in the church. This special feast is a beautiful opportunity to encounter the infinite love and mercy of Jesus Christ. The celebration will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 PM. To follow are short reflection on Divine Mercy, the praying of the Chaplet and conclude with Benediction. All are encouraged to come, pray, and entrust their intentions to the Lord. You may also place your special prayer requests in the basket at the church entrance.

