

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JAN 18-25 - The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 is an annual ecumenical observance celebrated by Christians around the world from January 18 to January 25, 2026. It's a time set aside for prayer, reflection, and joint worship across denominational lines, inviting all Christians to pray together for the unity Christ desires for his Church. "There is one body and one Spirit" is this year's theme, emphasizing that, in Christ, all believers share one Body, one Spirit, and one hope, despite the diversity of traditions and expressions of Christian faith. The 2026 prayers and reflections were prepared ecumenically by Christian communities in Armenia, including the Armenian Apostolic Church, Armenian Catholic Church, and various Evangelical churches.



TAX RECEIPT 2025 - Your Tax Receipt 2025, which reflects your contribution during the year is now available at the church entrance. Our sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for your generous financial support to our church. Please know that your generosity is deeply valued and does not go unnoticed. Beyond the practical assistance your gift provides, it is also a powerful expression of trust, stewardship, and love for the Church. May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings, good health, and peace of heart. Should you have any questions or you notice any discrepancies on your donation tax receipt, or you don't find yours, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. We will be happy to correct it and assist you. With sincere thanks and gratitude, *Fr. Martin*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, GRAFTON - The Grafton St. Vincent De Paul volunteers would like to thank all and everyone for your monetary and food donations in 2025. Without your generosity we could not serve so many in need. May God bless you for your enduring faithfulness to our mission here at St Vincents and may His grace strengthen your commitment to continue to support the less fortunate in our community in this new year. Thanks, Wes.

ST. MARY'S CWL - The next CWL meeting is Feb.02/26 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. For your information: 2026 Conventions: a) Diocese Convention - April 18 & 19, Cobourg b) Ontario Provincial Convention - July 5 - 8, Thunder Bay c) National Convention - August 9 - 12, Halifax. Jan 18-25, 2026 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All 2026 CWL memberships have been paid. Thank you for renewing your membership and paying your fees in a timely manner. Remember, if you are unwell stay home until you feel better, before you venture out.

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**2nd Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time**

January 18, 2026



Parish Committees & Organizations

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

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions today Jan 17 + Brian Krulicki

Jan 19, Mon (NO MASS)

Jan 20, Tues 9am

Jan 21, Wed 9am (St. Agnes, virgin & martyr)

Jan 22, Thurs 9am

Jan 23, Fri 9am - +Brooke Calnan by Ian Manley

Jan 24, Sat 9am(St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor) + Hermine Zverina by Ian Manley

Jan 24, 4pm(3rd Sun Ordinary Time) For the People of the Parish

Jan 25, 10am (3rd Sun Ordinary Time) + Colleen Lawson by Bruce Lawson

January 24-25, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4pm

LECTORS: Dave Hughes

EMHC: Deirdre Arzheimer

USHERS: Darrell & Nick Manley

10 am

Kathleen Ancher

Bernadette Murray

Joe O’Kane & Rob Ugolini



Collections Jan 10-11, 2026

Sunday Offering - \$2, 285

Cemetery - \$100



POPE LEO XIV MEANIGFUL WORDS: “Peace is not born from silence, but from justice rooted in truth.” “To adore Christ is to allow Him to change the direction of our lives.” “Faith that does not move us to charity has not yet reached the heart.” “Mary teaches the Church that humility is never weakness, but the dwelling place of God.”



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Greg Blick, Tass Corbier, Terry Korotki

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK



ORDINARY TIME, ITS SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE- In the Church’s liturgical calendar, the season of Ordinary Time may sound unremarkable, but in fact it is one of the most spiritually rich seasons of the year. The word “ordinary”, meaning “order” or “sequence” refers to the ordered, steady unfolding of the mystery of Christ in our daily lives. It is the season in which we walk with Jesus in the rhythms of everyday life. Unlike Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter, which focus on particular events, Ordinary Time focuses on growth — the slow, faithful maturing of our relationship with God. Spiritually, this season reminds us that holiness is not found only in dramatic moments, but in daily faithfulness. Most of our lives are lived not in great celebrations or intense trials, but in ordinary days filled with work, family, prayer, and service. It teaches us that God is deeply present in these simple moments. Just as plants grow quietly and steadily, our faith is meant to deepen gradually through prayer, the sacraments, and living the Gospel. Ordinary Time invites us to keep going, to stay rooted in Christ, and to allow Him to shape us day by day.

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD - When the priest proclaims, “Behold the Lamb of God,” echoing the words of John the Baptist, the Church makes the greatest introduction ever spoken to a Person. At that moment, we are not merely recalling Jesus of the past; we are being introduced to Jesus truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This is why the Church invites us to kneel. It is an act of faith and adoration. Before us is not an ordinary person, but the Lamb who was slain, the One through whom all things were made, the Savior who takes away the sins of the world. This is the most solemn introduction because it introduces us to the most important Being in the universe, humbly present under the appearance of bread. In that sacred moment, we are invited not just to look, but to worship, to recognize who stands before us, and to respond with the words of humility and faith: “Lord, I am not worthy...”



ST. MARY’S CEMETERY BOARD - The parish extends its sincere appreciation to Francis Calnan for his years of dedicated leadership as Chair of St. Mary’s Cemetery Board. His commitment and faithful service have contributed greatly to the respectful care and administration of our cemetery. We also warmly thank Tina Mullin for stepping forward and for willingly accepted the responsibility of the Chair. We are grateful for her generosity of time and service and wish her every success and blessing in this role to continue to care for this sacred space.

“THE ENDLESS UNIVERSE MIRRORS GOD’S INFINITY - “Just as the universe is endless, so God is infinite in power and glory. When we gaze at the night sky and glimpse the vastness of creation—countless stars, distant galaxies, and horizons without end—we are reminded that all of this flows from the hand of God. In the face of such grandeur, we are called not to fear our smallness, but to trust in a God whose power is limitless and whose love is personal. The endless universe lifts our eyes upward, but the infinite God draws His heart down toward us.”