

COUNTERS - While Melissa is not yet available to work in the parish office, assigned Counters of the week are kindly asked to not only count but also sort out the money offerings ready for bank deposit the next day. We thank Wes for doing the depositing.

NICENE CREED & APOSTLES' CREED - The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) allows the use of either the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed. Ultimately, the choice of which one to use is up to the discretion of the presiding priest. The Roman Missal offers the celebrant a little guidance: "Traditionally, the Apostles' Creed is used during the season of Lent, Easter Sunday and the season of 'Ordinary Time'. Nicene Creed is traditionally used at all feast days and during the celebratory seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Easter".

CANDLE MASS (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2) It is a traditional weather prediction rhyme that has been passed down through generations. According to the rhyme, "If Candlemas day be sunny and bright, winter again will show its might. If Candlemas day be cloudy and grey, winter soon will pass away. If Candlemas day be fair and bright, winter will have another flight. If Candlemas day be shower and rain, winter is gone and will not come again." However, it is important to note that the weather on Candlemas day does not necessarily predict the weather for the rest of the winter season. The weather is influenced by many factors and can be unpredictable.

ST. VINCENT THE PAUL

All of us here in St. Vincent De Paul Grafton want to sincerely thank you, the many Grafton parishioners, who contribute to us each month. You are our lifeline and enable us to assist and help many in need. Please note that if you find our 2nd Sunday monthly collection not convenient, as an option there are St. Vincent envelopes at the back of the church you may use. Just put them in the collection basket and they will be given to us.

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. **BILL S-210 PROTECTING YOUNG PERSONS FROM EXPOSURE TO PHONOGRAPHY ACT** - The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Women's League of Canada need your help to lobby the government of Canada to pass Bill S-210: Protecting Young Persons from Exposure to Pornography. Bill S-210 would make it an offense for internet companies to allow children and young people access to sexually explicit material by requiring them to use "meaningful age verification measures" on their websites.
2. The CWL word of the week is "VOICE". If you only knew....the CWL has a VOICE to create change! Backed by thousands of CWL women – it meets with government and influences laws, stands up for social justice and speaks up for those who do not have a voice. Is there a cause or issue you would like to see brought to the attention of government? Your VOICE matters – the CWL can help.
3. The next meeting of the CWL is Monday, February 5 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.

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**5th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time**

February 3-4, 2024



**"And He cured many
who were sick or
possessed with
demons."**

Parish Committees & Organisations

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

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Religious Articles - *Alta Vance* Tel. 905-344-7443

St. Mary Cemetery Board - *Melissa Lilje* Tel. 905 349-2504

Counters - *Wes Krentz* Tel. 905-396-2578
Parish Library – *Margaret Harry* Tel. 289-439-0764

Development and Peace - *Suzanne Liptay*
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St Mary's Choir - *Alfons Casteels* Tel 905-349-2250

Ushers - *Darrel Manley* Tel. 905-744-0865

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Tel. 905 349-2504

St. Mary's Elementary School, Grafton:

Angelo Costa, Principal Tel. 905 349-2061

St Mary's Secondary School, Cobourg:

Jason Roberts, 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 & 4:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5TH AT THE ALTAR

Feb 5, Mon 9am – NO MASS

Feb 6, Tues. - St. Paul Miki & Companions

Feb 7, Wed. 9 am

Feb 8, Thurs. 9 am

Feb 9, Fri. 9 am

Feb 10, Sat. 9 am - St. Scholastica

Feb 10, Sat. 4 pm - 6th Sunday Ordinary Time - People of the Parish

Feb 11, Sun. 10 am - 6th Sunday Ordinary Time - + Fr. Allan Hood by
Mensen family

February 10-11, 2024	4 pm	10 am
Lectors	Jackie Innis	Joanna Micozzi
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Paula Blick	Dennis Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	Nick Manley/ Rob Ugolini	Theo Mensen/ Ed Nemec

E-TRANSFERS -The Parish is able to accept e-transfers. If you forget your envelope or you are visiting and want to make a one time donation, you can log onto your mobile banking after Mass and send your donation to office@assumptiongrifton.ca. Make sure to put your envelope # or name and address in the message section of the transfer. The transfers are auto deposit so no need to set up a password.

PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	
Sunday Collection	\$1, 805	
Building Maintenance	\$25	
Balance	Update of the balance upon Melissa's return	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - February 11 (the feast of our Lady of Lourdes) was declared The World Day of the Sick. The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. The observance of this Day recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to help restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. In observance of the World Day of the Sick, a “Pray over & Holy Anointing” will be administered to those who feel the need for either physical or spiritual healings after both the 4pm and 10am Masses this coming weekend.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY (For The Terminally ILL) - “Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.”

“**LET YOUR SPEECH ALWAYS BE GRACIOUS**” is a pastoral letter released by the Canadian Bishops this week on the use of Social Media. While recognizing the great potential for good in social media, it also points out how it “can play on the worst of our human tendencies, leading to online environments that violate the core Christian values of truth and human dignity.” The bishops go on to recommend seven commitments we can make together to build healthy online environments that serve the common good. In a world that is more and more influenced by social media, this brief letter with its practical advice is well worth a read.

POPE FRANCIS HAS SET THE STAGE FOR A NEW CANADIAN SAINT. Earlier this week Pope Francis signed a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis, who founded the Little Sisters of the Holy Family. She died in Sherbrooke, Quebec in 1912 and was beatified by St. Pope John Paul II on his visit to Canada in 1984. Sister Marie-Leonie felt called to found a new religious order with the specific task of helping the priests and seminarians, dedicated to service, which would be home-grown Canadian. Today her sisters work in over 200 institutions of education and evangelization in Canada, the United States, Italy, Brazil, Haiti, Chile, Honduras, and Guatemala.