

**EASTER FLOWERS OR CASH DONATIONS FOR CHURCH DECORATIONS-** We welcome and appreciate flower or cash donations towards church decorations during Easter Sunday & Easter season. In the spirit of gratitude, a special Mass will be celebrated to honor and thank the decoration donors, and the repose of the souls of their departed loved ones will be included in the intention of the said holy Mass. Please write the donor's name & the deceased.

**HOLY WATER** - Holy water holds a special place in the Catholic Church, serving as a powerful sacramental. It reminds believers of their baptism—the moment when they were cleansed of original sin and welcomed into the family of God. Each time Catholics use holy water, it reinforces their identity as children of God and their call to grow in holiness. The use of holy water at the entrance of a church originates from the Jewish ceremony of washing oneself to purify oneself and ask God to be admitted into his home. The Catholic Church teaches that this use of holy water and making a sign of the cross when entering a church reflects a renewal of baptism, a cleansing of venial sin, as well as providing protection against evil.

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WEBSITE AND LINKS**

1. **"Journey through Lent 2024 "** - (for third Sunday of Lent) <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>
2. **Ignatian Solidarity Network** - Subscribe for FREE daily reflections to refresh our souls and our imaginations. Enjoy reading the reflections & watching the video clips and be refreshed!
3. **The Chosen** - No matter where you are at in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you! Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on Earth with him – the disciples, Mary, the Pharisees, the children, and those he healed.
4. **Franciscan Media** - Franciscan Media strives to inspire a loving world that embraces the Franciscan spirit of harmony, joy, and simplicity.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE** (Week 3: March 3)

**Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria.** Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands.

**ST. MARY'S CWL**

1. Thank you to all parishioners who donated monies to the CWL Fundraiser "TheBakeless Bake Sale". All funds will go toward CWL, Church and community projects.
2. Next CWL meeting – March 04/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
3. The CWL celebrates the conclusion of the fundraiser with "Coffee After Mass" in the school gym after the 10:00 am Mass on Mar. 03/24. To follow is the guest Speaker Stephen Kylie who will give a presentation on Estate Planning, probates and leaving money to the church in your will.
4. PS. If you have forgotten to return your Fundrasier envelope you may put it in the offertory basket next week.

**Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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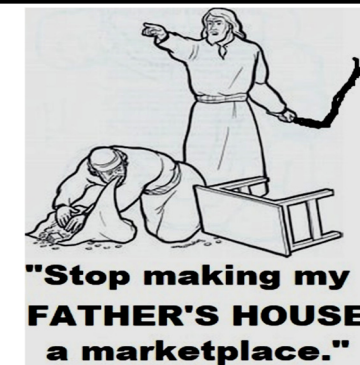
Diocesan Website: [www.peterboroughdiocese.org](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org)

**Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest**

**Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary**

**3rd Sunday  
of Lent**

**March 2-3, 2024**



**Parish Committees & Organisations**

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

Finance Committee, *Dennis Goulin*-905 372-7684

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905239-2504

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905-744-0865

Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905-396-2578

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Religious Articles, *Alta Vance*-905-344-7443

St. Mary's Elementary School, Grafton:

*Angelo Costa* (Principal)-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 MARCH 3 AT THE ALTAR

March 4, Mon. 9am

March 5, Tues. NO MASS

March 6, Wed. 9 am

March 7, Thurs. 9 am

March 8, Fri. 9 am – Mass & Stations of the Cross -Intention of Jane Penney  
by Tracey Loveless

March 9, Sat. 9 am

March 9, Sat. 4 pm - 4th Sunday of Lent - People of the parish

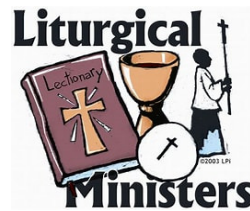
March 10 Sun. 10 am - 4th Sunday of Lent - +Deceased members of Auger  
family by Victoria Auger

4 pm

March 9 & 10 Masses

10 am

LECTORS: Greg Blick  
EMHC: Sr. Donna Smith  
USHERS: Nick Manley &  
Darrell Manley



Melissa Lilje  
Bernadette Murray  
Rob Ugolini &  
Ian Manley



**Last Weekend**  
Sunday Offertory- \$1,015  
Balance- \$10, 813.94  
Building Maintenance- \$50  
POP- \$715 (February)  
E-Transfer- \$369.65 (February)

*“For God loves a  
cheerful giver.”*  
2 Corinthians 9:7

**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.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**STEPHEN KYLIE** - Today (March 3), after the Mass, we invite you to come to the school gym to attend the short presentation by our special resource person, a Catholic Lawyer Stephen Kylie, who will educate us on Estate Planning, probate, and ways to leave more money to charity and less to the government. Please join, learn, and feel free to ask him questions to explore your options on how to leave your assets. It would be a wonderful legacy to be able to continue to support the church for future generations with the help of our bequests. We thank our parish CWL for generously hosting this gathering with coffee & cookies.

**DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME** – This coming Sunday March 10, starts Day Light Saving Time, with clock to be moved one hour forward.

**DEVOTIONAL CANDLE** - As the cost of almost everything is going up, the Parish Pastoral Council has decided at the last meeting to increase the votive or devotional candle to \$5 each.

**TAX RECEIPTS** - As much as possible we avoid mailing out your Tax Receipts in order to save the \$1 stamp for every envelope. Find your tax receipt at the entrance, and you may also pick up and hand to your relatives or neighbours their Tax Receipts. In that way, you help save more mailing stamps.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH** (For New Martyrs) - “Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.”

**LAMINATED LEAFLETS**- A laminated leaflets containing Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed are now available for use at the side of the pews. We are grateful to St. Mary's Catholic School for allowing us to use their printing materials & equipment for free. We also thank Tina & Michael Mullen of their initiative to get the school principal's approval for this purpose.

### LENTEN, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

March 22, Friday 6:30pm- Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Confession Service

March 23, Saturday 4pm- Passion (Palm)- Blessing of Palms

March 24, Sunday 10am- Passion (Palm)- Blessing of Palms

March 25, Monday 2pm– Chrism Mass at Peterborough Cathedral

March 28, Thursday 7pm- Mass of the Last Supper (Washing of Feet, Transfer of Blessed Sacrament & individual Vigil)

March 29, 3pm- Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Stations of the Cross, Passion Readings, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion)

March 30, 7pm- Saturday Easter Eve (Blessing of New Fire, Exultet, Blessing of new Water, Renewal of Baptismal Vows)

March 31, 10am- Easter (Resurrection) Sunday (renewal of Baptismal vows)

**MARCH  
10, 2024**



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