

**THE FOUR LAST THINGS (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell )** Meditating on these 4 Last Things helps us orient our lives to what truly matters in this world and knowing the reality of our future can help us make better choices in the present moment. With death and an afterlife in the picture, our lives have the chance to change, forcing us to consider the eternal consequences of our actions. Death: Nobody knows when we will die, but it's going to happen. So live accordingly! In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (ccc 1007) we read: "Death is the end of earthly life. Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life. That aspect of death lends urgency to our lives: remembering our mortality helps us realize that we have only a limited time in which to bring our lives to fulfillment". In death, God calls man to himself. Therefore the Christian can experience a desire for death like St. Paul's: 'My desire is to depart and be with Christ. My earthly desire has been crucified; ... there is living water in me that murmurs and says within me: Come to the Father. I want to see God and, in order to see him, I must die. I am not dying, I am entering life'". *To be continued in Judgment.* **THE**

**INVISIBLE AND INDELIBLE WOUNDS OF WAR** - The wounds of mass violence are enormous and their impact on the health and mental health of a trauma survivor can last a lifetime. Almost all citizens in a war zone experience massive anxiety, sadness, and distress. In the conflicts of mass violence that exist today, children and adolescents are deeply affected by violence including physical harm, death of loved ones, and forced displacement. Violence is unacceptable at all levels of society. And as St. Augustine preached, injustice is ugly. Our goal is to live and create a just and more empathic world. We are in fact biologically wired to achieve this social miracle. .

**ST. MARY'S CWL**

1. The Mass on April 26/24 is for the "Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel" for the intentions of St. Mary's CWL Council Members. Our Lady of Good Counsel was named the Patroness of the CWL of Canada in 1923.

2. The CWL Word of the Week is CONFIDENCE. The CWL relies on the teachings of the Catholic Church to guide it. As a member you can be confident that what you do will further God's Kingdom here on earth.

3. ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: ST. MARY'S CWL PARKING LOT YARD SALE takes place on June 15/24. Set aside (at home) all items that you will donate to the sale. Please NO ITEMS that require gasoline to operate. Make sure all items are in good condition.

4. Congratulations to CWL member Melissa Lilje on her Sacramental marriage to John on April 20 /24 in Port Hope. God bless you both!

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**Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary**  
Parish Secretary,

**4th SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**April 20-21, 2024**



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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 & 4:30 pm, or anytime on request.

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

## THE WEEK OF APRIL 21 AT THE ALTAR

April 22, Mon. 9 am - NO MASS TODAY

April 23, Tues. 9 am - For our Civil Leaders by Ian Manley

April 24, Wed. 9 am

April 25, Thurs. 9 am - St. Mark - Holy Souls in purgatory by Ian Manley

April 26, Friday 9am - Intentions of St. Mary's CWL council members

April 27, Saturday 9 am

April 27, Saturday 4 pm - For the people

of the parish

April 28,

Sunday 10 am - Intention of Armand Auger by Victoria Auger

### Liturgical



### April 27 & 28 Weekend Masses

4 pm

10 am

### Ministers

LECTORS: **Dave Hughes**

**Margaret Harry**

EMHC: **Sr. Donna Smith**

**John Logel**

USHERS: **Nick & Darrell Manley**

**Ed Nemeč & Rob Ugolini**



### WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Weekend "For God loves a cheerful giver."

Sunday Offertory - \$1, 476

2 Corinthians 9:7

Building Maintenance - \$25

Balance - \$12, 336



PRAY FOR SICK and SHUT IN

**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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** — World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed today Sunday, April 21, 2024 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Let us pray for more men and women to respond generously to God's call, dedicating themselves to His service. World Day of Prayer for Vocations also invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** - To all members, the PPC is going to meet tomorrow, Monday April 22nd 6:30 in the evening at the rectory.

**FALLING TREES** - Ed Nemeč is busy these days supervising the cutting and disposing the fallen trees around church and rectory yards, making our surrounding nice & ready for summer. Thanks, Ed.

**THE MAGISTERIUM OR TEACHING AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH** - "By the Magisterium we mean the teaching office of the Church. It consists of the Bishops in communion with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. Catholics believe that the pope and the bishops in union with him can be trusted because of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit upon them, guiding them in the process of proclaiming certain "dogmas" and in judging the authenticity of certain traditions. Vatican II taught: "The task of authoritatively interpreting the word of God, whether written or handed on [Scripture or Tradition], has