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### Our November Collections

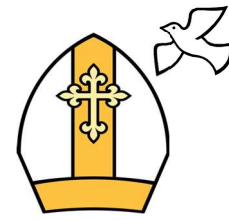
Thank you for your generous offerings, which help us meet our operating costs.

<b>November Regular Offering:</b>	\$10,755.60
<b>Repair &amp; Maintenance:</b>	\$ 1,329.00
<b>Other:</b> (e.g. donations, gift shop)	\$ 5,873.75
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$17,958.35</b>

### Christian Heritage Month

Toronto, along with 35 other municipalities, has officially declared December as Christian Heritage Month – a remarkable milestone in recognizing the faith, culture and contributions of the Christian community. The Christian Heritage Month initiative is a dynamic, multi-denominational movement dedicated to celebrating the vibrant cultural, social and artistic contributions of Canada's Christian community. Under the leadership of Jay and Molly Banerjei (directors of Christian Music Festival), along with a passionate team of volunteers, this initiative unites diverse voices and fosters a sense of belonging, enriching our nation's identity and promoting inclusivity for all, in Jesus Christ.

Visit [www.christianheritagemonth.ca](http://www.christianheritagemonth.ca) to learn more, including how you can add your name to the petition to strengthen our collective voice.



## St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church

7 Church Street  
Picton, ON K0K 2T0  
(613) 476-6276

[www.st-gregory-picton.ca](http://www.st-gregory-picton.ca)

### St. Frances of Rome Church (Summer Mission)

67 Belleville Street, Wellington ON K0K 3L0

**Weekend Mass will resume in May 2025**

### Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

**Our Mission:** We are a Catholic Parish in Prince Edward County committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Our Vision:** To foster Christian Stewardship as a "Way of Life" in which individuals more fully live their baptismal call to discipleship through intentional, planned, proportionate giving of time, talent and treasure in response to God's generosity.

### Parish Hours

#### Daily Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday* – Thursday	12:30 pm
Friday**	8:30 am
* Refer to weekly bulletin for any changes	
** Adoration and Exposition follows Friday Mass	

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Daily - phone the office

#### Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
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### Parish Contacts

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*A Catholic community of faith in  
Prince Edward County since 1836*

## Second Sunday of Advent – December 8, 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 9** No Mass

**Tuesday, December 10**

12:30 pm **John Shulga, RIP** – Dorothy Shulga

**Wednesday, December 11**

12:30 pm **George Higden, RIP** – Barb Lyons & Bill Crane

**Thursday, December 12**

12:30 pm **John Beaudette, RIP** – Freddie & Children

**Friday, December 13**

8:30 am followed by exposition & adoration

**Saturday, December 14**

5:00 pm **George Higden, RIP** – Liz Brown

**Sunday, December 15**

10:00 am **For the People of Our Parish**

### Prayer Requests



Pray for sick and homebound of our Parish



Pray for the repose of the soul of:

John Shulga



Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of:

John Wynen



### Parish Advent Confession Night

St. Gregory's will have its annual Advent Confession Night on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. There will be three priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this time as it will be your only major opportunity before the celebration of Christmas.



### 2025 Offertory Envelopes Ready for Pick Up

Please be sure to pick up your 2025 Sunday Offertory envelopes at the back of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order by surname.

A few important notes:

1. **Please check that the name(s) and address on your envelope box are accurate. This is the name/address that will be used for tax receipts.** Notify the parish office of any changes/corrections.
2. Your envelope number remains the same as 2024 **for most parishioners**. If you have been assigned a new number, please put your name and address on the envelope for the first 2-3 weeks – thank you.
3. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office.
4. If you do not currently have offertory envelopes and would like a box of envelopes for the New Year, please contact or visit the parish office.

Important

***For parishioners who are on the Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit plan, still be sure to pick up your box of envelopes as it contains the Special Collection envelopes for the entire year.***

### Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve Mass** Tuesday, December 24  
5:00 PM (Family Mass)  
8:00 PM

**Christmas Day Mass** Wednesday, December 25 10:00 AM

**Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Tuesday, December 31 5:00 PM  
Wednesday, January 1 10:00 AM



### Celebrate Christmas Radio Program on 99.3 County FM

Listen to Christmas Carols and Scripture readings presented by parishes and faith communities in the County. St. Gregory Catholic Church Sunday Choir and a reader will be participating! The 1-hour radio program will be broadcast on Christmas Eve at 8:00 PM, and again on Christmas Day at 12:00 Noon. It will also be accessible online at [www.993countyfm.ca](http://www.993countyfm.ca) – go to On Air / Archive, and follow the buttons.



### Tree of Giving

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Tree of Giving** will be set up inside the side door until December 8<sup>th</sup>. 'Tis the season for sharing and once again our two community food banks prepare Christmas hampers with special items for family members as well as a variety of nutritious food items.

Please join the Pastoral Care and Outreach Ministry to collect new hats, scarves, mitts for men, women and children. Also, canned fish or meat, peanut butter, granola bars and Christmas treats would be welcomed. We will deliver these to the food banks on December 9<sup>th</sup>, the deadline for their Christmas donations.



### Mount Olivet Cemetery - Winter Season Closure

The gates to Mount Olivet Cemetery will be closed for the winter season on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Any questions regarding the cemetery please call Mary Dreifelds at 613-476-6964. Thank you for your continued support of our cemetery