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Our Weekly Collections

Thank you for your generous offerings, which help us meet our operating costs.
We are blessed with our parishioners.

December 8th Regular Offering:	\$1,935.00
Repair & Maintenance:	\$ 170.00
Christmas Donations:	\$ 500.00
Other: (e.g. donations, flowers, gift shop)	\$ 325.00
Total:	\$2,930.00



Office Closed

Please note the parish office will be closed from
December 25 – January 2. If you are in need of a priest during
this time, please phone the office and leave a message. Messages
will be picked up daily.



St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church

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

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

Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024



Rejoice in the Lord always. I
shall say it again: Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4

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*

Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 16 No Mass

Tuesday, December 17
10:00am at Hallowell House
10:40am at MLP

Wednesday, December 18
12:30 pm **John Shulga, RIP** – Dorothy Shulga

Thursday, December 19
12:30 pm **Lillian Papiz, RIP** – Bea Papiz

Friday, December 20
8:30 am followed by exposition & adoration

Saturday, December 21
5:00 pm

Sunday, December 22
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 for the intentions of:
Carol Anne Gray



Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The term *Gaudete* refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Saviour means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.



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 – go to On Air / Archive, and follow the buttons.



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



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. **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.

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.



Gift Shop Ready for Christmas

Our gift shop is ready for Christmas! Take time to have a look at our stocking stuffers, from books, tree ornaments and cards.

Raffle Time - Remember your chances are doubled this year with two raffle prizes! Tickets are 3 for \$5 or elbow length for \$10. The draw date is December 29th.



Update on All Souls Day candles – 44 candles were sold during the month of November: 16 large candles and 28 small candles. Our altar shone bright for all our loved ones. Candles are still available to purchase in the gift shop.



Giving Tree Success

Thank you to parishioners for donations of hats, mitts, socks, scarves and food items to brighten Christmas for families in our local community. The items were delivered in person by members of our Parish Pastoral Outreach ministry to the Picton and Wellington Food Banks. God bless your works of mercy. This is "bread" that multiplies.



CWL's Generosity Shines

The CWL delivered donations of personal hygiene/toiletry items to Picton's *Alternatives for Women*, an organization that advocates on behalf of women and children and provides public education about the issues that concern women who have experienced domestic violence. Staff at *Alternatives for Women* want everyone to know that the toiletries are particularly needed and very appreciated at this time.