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A Christmas Message from Father George

As we gather to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, let us reflect on the profound love and grace that His arrival brings into our lives. This season of joy and hope invites us to renew our faith and embrace the teachings of our Lord with open hearts. Let us also remember to extend our love and compassion to those in need, sharing the true spirit of Christmas through acts of kindness and generosity.

A huge “thank you” to all our volunteers who work so tirelessly for our parish. Please know that I appreciate you and all that you do for our parish! I cannot thank you enough...

God bless you and your families on Christmas and always, and may many blessings be bestowed upon you throughout the New Year!

Father George



St. Gregory the Great
Roman Catholic Church

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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

The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2024



Do not be afraid: for see, I am bringing you Good News of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. - Luke 2 : 10-11

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

Parish Contacts

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

The Nativity of the Lord – December 25, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 24
5:00 pm **Kathleen & Allan Stoddard, RIP** – Josephine Stoddard
8:00 pm **Garry McNamee, RIP** – Dona Geggio

Wednesday, December 25
10:00 am

Thursday, December 26

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28
5:00 pm

Sunday, December 29
10:00 am For the People of Our Parish

There will be no Mass on Dec. 26 and Dec. 27

Prayer Requests



Pray for sick and homebound of our Parish



Pray for the repose of the souls of deceased members of St. Gregory the Great



Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of:

Garry McNamee



Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
Tuesday, December 31 5:00 PM
Wednesday, January 1 10:00 AM

Pray for us, oh Holy Mother of God! May we be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



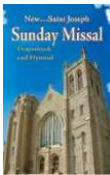
The Catholic Origin of the Christmas Tree
“Oh, Christmas Tree! Oh, Christmas Tree...”
It has been said that an evergreen tree sprang forth from the centre of an oak tree cut down by St. Boniface. The oak tree symbolized paganism, and its death brought an end to the old ways. The new tree was “the sign of endless life, for its leaves are evergreen”. St. Boniface took this as a sign of the Christian faith. In our present day, the act of decorating a Christmas tree offers us an opportunity for family prayer.
Prayer:
We praise you God for the beauty of this tree. May its evergreen branches remind us of your unending care for all people. May its lights illuminate the darkness of the winter nights. Any may its presence in our home bring cheer and hope for all people. Amen.



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.



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. If you need envelopes for 2025, please contact the parish office – thank you.



2025 Missals Are Going, Going, Going....
There is still a small supply of the 2025 Missals available to purchase for a **minimum donation of \$5.00**. Missals are at the back of the church on the side table next to where the 2025 envelopes are located. You may also purchase a Missal at the Parish office during office hours.



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 Father George will respond.



A Catholic Cackle
Knock, Knock! Who’s there?
Mary! Mary, who?
Mary Christmas!

