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### Safe Travels for Father George

Father George is away on a retreat and will then be flying home to Nigeria for his vacation. Please pray for his safe travels and safe return to Picton at the end of February. Until then, we are blessed to have Father Remigius (Remy) with us and will look forward to getting to know Father Remy over the weeks ahead. God is good...



### Raffle Draw Success - Thank You!

Another successful bucket draw with \$550 raised. Thank you to Laurie Rosebush for the barn quilt, and to Morandin Wines and Ontario Street Pottery for their generous donations to the gift basket. Thanks to everyone in the parish for your contributions. Congratulations Jeanne Marlow (basket) and Krystle Chua (barn quilt). #02378626 & 02378721



**Attention Parishioners:** The Archdiocese of Kingston has assigned each parish a new email to be used going forward. We will still receive emails sent to the old emails ([secretarystgregory@sympatico.ca](mailto:secretarystgregory@sympatico.ca) and [stgregory@sympatico.ca](mailto:stgregory@sympatico.ca)) for a time, however, going forward, please update your records and start using our new email address: [stgregory@archkingston.ca](mailto:stgregory@archkingston.ca)



## 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**

### Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025



This is my beloved son, with  
whom I am well pleased.  
Matthew 3:17

**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 Masses

#### 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

Administrator: **Fr. George Okoye**, SMMM  
Office Assistant: **Nancy Covel**

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

# Baptism of the Lord – January 12, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, January 13** No Mass
- Tuesday, January 14**  
11:00 am **Funeral Mass for June Ethel Kehoe**
- Wednesday, January 15 – School Mass**  
12:30 pm **Bonnie Carrol, RIP** – St. Gregory’s School Community
- Thursday, January 16**  
12:30 pm **John Shulga, RIP** – Dorothy Shulga
- Friday, January 17**  
8:30 am followed by Exposition & Adoration
- Saturday, January 18**  
5:00 pm **Joe Stasko, RIP** – Mary Stasko and Family
- Sunday, January 19**  
10:00 am For the People of Our Parish

## Prayer Requests



Pray for sick and homebound of our Parish and for those who love and minister to them.



Pray for the repose of the soul of:

June Ethel Kehoe



Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of:

Joe Stasko



## Feast of the Baptism of Christ

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin. —Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas



## 2024 Tax Receipts

Thank you to everyone who makes an offertory donation to our parish. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Please note that your 2024 parish tax receipts are being processed and will be available for pick up at the back of the church by the end of January. They will be sorted in alphabetical order by surname for you to pick up. Tax receipts not picked up mid-February will then be mailed.



## Pastoral Care and Outreach Ministry

Our parish has an active Pastoral Care and Outreach Ministry. These Eucharistic Ministers provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend church due to illness, disability, hospitalization or age. If you or someone you know would like a visit from this Ministry, please call the Parish Office. A visit from Father George can also be arranged.



## Our Weekly Collections

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

<b>January 5 Regular Offering:</b>	\$1,595.00
<b>Repair &amp; Maintenance:</b>	\$ 900.00
<b>Other:</b> (e.g. donations, gift shop)	\$2,545.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,040.00</b>

## Parish Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council	Tim Ernst	613 476 2159
Parish Finance Committee	Erin Walker	613 331 0584
Pastoral Care Outreach	Colleen Hill	613 471 1283
Mount Olivet Cemetery	Mary Dreifelds	613 476 6964
Becoming Catholic: RCIA	Tim Ernst	613 476 2159
Screening Committee	Tim Ernst	613 476 2159
St. Vincent de Paul	Barbara Burgess	613 399 2425
Parish Choir – Saturday, 5:00 pm	David Bongard	613 476 7632
Parish Choir – Sunday, 10:00 am	Cheryl Moggridge	613 476 5555
Catholic Women’s League	Mary Lynn Lester	613 393 2783
Knights of Columbus	Dan Gannon	613 476 3902
Youth Ministry	Gail McDougall	613 399 3439
Liturgical Art & Environment Ministry	Bea Papiz	613 393 3099

**We are always looking for volunteers to join our parish ministries and committees. Please contact the above individuals for more information.**