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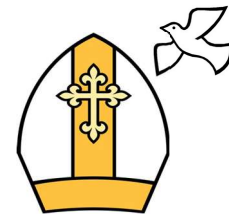
### Our Weekly Collections

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

**February 16 Regular Offering:** \$1,165.00  
**Repair & Maintenance:** \$ 0.00  
**Other** (e.g. Flowers, Gift Shop): \$ 233.24  
**Total:** **\$1,398.24**

### Praying for the Full Recovery of the Holy Father, Pope Francis

May the Lord, through Our Lady's powerful intercession, grant him renewed strength, health, and energy in his vocation to serve the Church as the Successor of Peter and the Vicar of Christ on earth.



## St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church

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**St. Frances of Rome Church (Summer Mission)**  
67 Belleville Street, Wellington ON K0K 3L0  
**Weekend Mass will resume in May 2025**

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 23, 2025



The Lord is kind and merciful.  
Psalm 103:8

**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 - 4:00 pm
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### Parish Contacts

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

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 23, 2025

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, February 24 – No Mass**

**Tuesday, February 25**

10:00 AM at McFarland

**Wednesday, February 26**

12:30 PM

**Thursday, February 27**

12:30 PM **Helen Creamer, RIP** – Frank Creamer

**Friday, February 28**

8:30 AM followed by Exposition & Adoration  
**Orfelía Spinosa, RIP** – The Spinosa Family

**Saturday, March 1**

5:00 PM **S.I. Maureen Jackson** – Colleen Hill

**Sunday, March 2**

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 souls of deceased members of St. Gregory the Great Parish



Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of the parishioners of St. Gregory the Great Parish



### The Season of Lent

Lent is fast approaching, with Ash Wednesday just over one week away, on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Lent is observed during the 40-day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. It is a time to set aside our wants and needs to come humbly and meek before God, recognizing our need for a Saviour above all. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, reminds us that we

are from dust and return to dust. (Genesis 3:17-19). Ash Wednesday serves as a reminder that we will die and face the consequences of sin. The meaning and purpose of Lent are to reflect on our sinful nature and praise God for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to serve, live, and die for our sins. Lent ends on the glorious day of Easter when we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. We are no longer cursed to the grave, but our sins are forgiven.

Many choose to observe Lent with fasting and prayer. Fasting is simply abstaining from something to focus on something else. When we give up something, such as food, social media, or TV, we are given time to reflect on our faith and grow our relationship with God. As we sacrifice something we often turn to, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Fasting and prayer during Lent also symbolize the 40 days and nights Jesus fasted in the desert as the devil tempted him. Through Lent, we come to the realization of our sin, connect with Jesus during his temptation, and experience freedom from sin through his death and resurrection.



### How to Lent

*How to Lent* is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose.

Use this series to prepare for Lent, which starts on **Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025**.

A reminder that it's free and easy to sign up for FORMED! Visit: [FORMED.org/signup](https://FORMED.org/signup) on your internet browser. Type in **St. Gregory**. There will be a few St. Gregory's so find our address. Click on our **St Gregory**. Register your name and email and you are in. Use your browser, or download the app on Android or Apple devices, Roku, FireTV and Apple TV, too!



### World Day of Prayer 2025

Please join us for World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands.

### World Day of Prayer – March 7, 2025

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women that began in the U.S. and Canada in the 19th century and became worldwide in 1927. The continuing motto for this very special day is "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action." This day is no longer celebrated only by women; many men

and children participate, too. Each year on this day, Christians of many cultures, traditions, and races in over 170 countries around the world unite in prayer. All people are always welcome and encouraged to participate.

The focus this year is the Cook Islands "I Made You Wonderful". World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at the **Emmanuel Baptist Church, 240 Main Street, Bloomfield at 1:00 PM on March 7<sup>th</sup>**. This service is organized by the Churches in Prince Edward County.



### Confirmation 2025

The Sacrament of Confirmation takes place every two years at St. Gregory the Great RC Church. This year's ceremony will take place on June 6<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> the Confirmation candidates will be presented to our parish during the 10:00 AM Mass.

*"Confirmation, like every sacrament, is not the work of men but of God, who cares for our lives in such a manner as to mould us in the image of his Son, to make us capable of loving like him."* — Pope Francis

"Christianity asserts that every individual human being is going to live forever, and this must be either true or false. Now there are a good many things which would not be worth bothering about if I were going to live only seventy years, but which I had better bother about very seriously if I am going to live for ever." —C.S. Lewis