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### Our Weekly Collections

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Offering:** \$1,971.30  
**Repair & Maintenance:** \$ 939.00  
**Other** (e.g. Donations, Gift Shop): \$ 0.00  
**Total:** **\$2,910.30**



### Welcome Back, Father George...and Happy Birthday!

We are happy to have Father George safely back from his vacation in Nigeria. As we welcome him back to St. Gregory's Parish, we also wish Father George a Happy Birthday on March 12<sup>th</sup> and wish him a year ahead full of good health, much happiness and God's continued blessings.



## St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church

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[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

1st Sunday of Lent  
March 9, 2025

Lent



A TIME TO  
RENEW

**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*

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 9, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, March 10 – No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 11**

12:30 PM

**Wednesday, March 12 – SI Freddie Beaudette**

12:30 PM

The Beaudette Children

**Thursday, March 13 – Gord Moran, RIP**

12:30 PM

Mickey and Jim Bond

**Friday, March 14**

8:30 AM followed by Exposition & Adoration and the Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 15 – Gilles Roussel, RIP**

5:00 PM

Gisele Roussel & Family

**Sunday, March 16**

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:

Gord Moran



Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of:

Kim McGee



We will have the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent following the 8:30 AM Mass and Exposition & Adoration.



### Prayer for Peace—St. John Paul II

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, “Peace to you” – please grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our

rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters.

May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. Psalm 56.3

# GRATITUDE!!!

To dear Fr. George Okoye SMMM and the cherished parishioners of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Parish, Picton, Ontario, As my January and February holidays draw to a close, and I prepare to depart, my heart is filled with a profound sense of gratitude and a deep affection for the time I’ve spent amongst you. These past weeks have been more than just a respite; they have been a spiritual pilgrimage, a time of shared faith and genuine connection.

The warmth of your welcome, the sincerity of your prayers, and the vibrant spirit of your community have truly touched me. I have witnessed the living Gospel in your acts of kindness, in the steadfastness of your faith, and in the quiet devotion that permeates St. Gregory’s.

I have found in Picton a place where the light of Christ shines brightly, a testament to the dedication of Fr. George Okoye SMMM and the unwavering commitment of each parishioner. The conversations we shared, the liturgies we celebrated, meals, outings and the moments of quiet reflection have enriched my own spiritual journey in ways I cannot fully express.

I will carry the memories of St. Gregory’s with me, a reminder of the beautiful tapestry of faith that binds us together as one body in Christ.

May God continue to bless this parish, to strengthen your community, and to fill your hearts with His peace. Know that you are in my prayers, and I hope that our paths may cross again.

With heartfelt gratitude and blessings,

Fr. Remigius Onyedikachi Okonkwo SMMM



The Prince Edward Community Care for Seniors Association is looking to reengage St. Gregory’s Parish for the month of May to have volunteers for its Meals on Wheels programs. If you are interested and willing, please contact Nancy Covell at the Parish office to obtain further details.