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### Be Part of Our Parish Family Album – Take 2

We're putting together a new Parish Photo Directory, and we want you to be a part of it! This is a wonderful way to help everyone put names to faces and strengthen our church community.

Please take a moment to book your portrait session—it's quick, free, and your participation makes a difference!

The new photo dates are June, 23, 24, 25 and 26. Sign up today to reserve your time. Simply log into the parish website - [www.st-gregory-picton.ca](http://www.st-gregory-picton.ca) - click on Announcements and you will see the information on how to book an appointment. Or contact Nancy Covell at the parish office to book your appointment. For those who have not signed up by June 8<sup>th</sup>, you may receive a call from Universal Portrait Studio to book your appointment.

Photos will be taken at the Church and will take no longer than 20 minutes. Those who participate in this parish initiative will receive a free Parish Photo Directory. You will also have options to purchase your portrait.



## 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  
Sunday Mass at 11:30 AM from May 25, 2025 – October 5, 2025

### Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025



He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**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

### Parish Contacts

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

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, June 2** No Mass

**Tuesday, June 3**  
12:30 PM

**Wednesday, June 4**  
12:30 PM

**Thursday, June 5**  
12:30 PM

**Friday, June 6** **Allan Stoddard, RIP**  
8:30 AM Josephine Stoddard  
Followed by Exposition & Adoration



**6:00 PM Sacrament of Confirmation**  
**Celebrant: Archbishop Michael Mulhall**

**Saturday, June 7** **S.I. Mary Frederick**  
5:00 PM Mary Dreifelds

**Sunday, June 8**  
10:00 AM For the People of Our Parish



### Ascension of the Lord – June 1, 2025

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the moment, forty days after the Resurrection, when Jesus was taken up into heaven in the presence of his disciples. It marks the completion of his earthly mission and the beginning of his exalted reign at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for us and prepares a place for his Church.

Traditionally, the Ascension has been celebrated on the Thursday of the sixth week of Easter, exactly forty days after Easter Sunday, following the chronology found in Scripture. However, in many regions the solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. This pastoral adaptation is intended to allow more of the faithful to participate in the celebration of this important mystery of the faith. Regardless of when it is celebrated, it is a holy day of obligation.

The feast of the Ascension has been observed since at least the 4th century. Saint Augustine, writing in the early 5th century, attested that it was of Apostolic origin and a universal observance in the Church, indicating that it had been so long before his time. This makes the feast of the Ascension one of the oldest and most significant celebrations in the liturgical calendar.

### Prayer Requests



Pray for the sick and homebound of our Parish.



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 Fernandes Family



### Sacrament of Confirmation - Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this **Friday at 6:00 PM**. We are honoured to welcome the **Most Reverend Archbishop Michael Mulhall** to preside over this special ceremony. We have 24 candidates being confirmed on this day. We ask that you please keep our candidates, named below, in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

All parishioners are warmly invited and, indeed, encouraged to join us in this joyful celebration of Confirmation.



### Blessing for Our Confirmation Candidates

Heavenly Father,  
Send down Your Holy Spirit upon these Your children, filling them with wisdom, courage, and joy. May they be strengthened in faith, guided in truth, and empowered to live as true disciples of Christ. Bless them with Your grace today and always, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Antonio Auciello	† Brooke Douglas	† Madelyn Minns	† Isaac Storing
† Matthew Bunnett-McCumber	† Julian Drazilov	† Effy Mulridge	† Sam Thompson
† Mila Cervoni	† Griffin Heffernan	† Lilith Mulridge	† Selina Visconte
† Klyde Chua	† Nathan Howe	† Raelyn Potts	† Meika Walker
† Spencer Clancy-Davidson	† Ryker Ivanic	† Abigail St. Germain	† Robbie Watson
† Bree Delaney	† Curtis McCamon-Dunphy	† Tessa Stenning	† Parker Wilkinson



### St. Gregory's Parish Census

It's time to be counted! There is a need to update records and accurately record our parish population. For the next three weeks there will be Parish Census forms available for parishioners to complete (one per household). Please take the time to fill these

out at home and return them to the Parish by dropping them off in the Parish Gift Shop or at the Parish Office. St. Frances of Rome parishioners can return them to Father George after Mass. **If you are a summer resident please take part in the census!** Thank you for your co-operation.



### St. Frances of Rome is Open!

A big **thank you** to Liz Brown, Frank Creamer and Don Geggie for cleaning the church to make it ready for parishioners. Our first Mass of the 2025 season was celebrated last Sunday and we have heard from many happy parishioners. Thank you!