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Church Steps - Fundraising Progress

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our parish community, our fundraising campaign for the replacement of the church steps is progressing beautifully. We are deeply grateful for every contribution—large and small—that has helped us move closer to our goal.

As we prepare to move forward with the next phase of this project, we are in the process of obtaining updated quotes for the repairs, **which will now include much-needed new handrails for the steps**. Due to rising material costs, we anticipate that the final amount needed may be higher than originally estimated.

Once we get the final quote, we will update the progress chart. We kindly ask that you continue to support this important initiative. Every donation helps ensure that our church remains safe and welcoming for all who enter. Let's keep the momentum going!

Thank you for your continued faith, generosity, and commitment to our parish.

Congratulations and Thank You

Congratulations to Linda Cornell, who is the winner of the beautiful Porch Prop! And a big thank you to Laurie Rosebush, who designed, painted and donated this beautiful porch prop that raised almost \$1,200 for our church steps! God is good...



St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church

7 Church Street
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
Sunday Mass at 11:30 AM from May 25, 2025 - October 5, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2025

Strive to enter through the narrow gate

SAINT LUKE 13:22-30

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 24, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 25 No Mass

Tuesday, August 26
10:00 AM at McFarland

Wednesday, August 27
12:30 PM

Thursday, August 28
12:30 PM

Friday, August 29
8:30 AM Followed by Exposition & Adoration

Saturday, August 30
12:00 PM  **Wedding of Michelle & Loranse**

5:00 PM

Sunday, August 31
10:00 AM For the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM at St. Frances of Rome

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 in memory of:

Earl Fernandes



Parish Retreat

Parish Retreat – Save the Date!

Our parish retreat will be held on September 20 and 21 and is fast approaching. Father Charles Enyinnia will be our guest priest on Saturday, September 20th. Father Charles, originally from Nigeria, is currently the Pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Perth. He has been a priest with the Archdiocese of Kingston for 20 years and was appointed Dean of the Northern Deanery in 2021.

Saturday's retreat day will be from 10:00am – 1:00pm and will include an address by our guest priest and speaker, Father Charles, as well as time for Exposition and Adoration and Confessions. Sunday's retreat day will start with a Jubilee Mass at 10:00am followed by a Parish Buffet Brunch. There will be no 11:30am Mass that day in Wellington.

Come and be renewed – More details to come!



Your Photos Have Arrived!

Your professional photos taken by Universal Portrait Studios back in May have arrived! You may pick them up at the Parish office during business hours. The Parish Photo Directories will be available later in the Fall.



Your St. Vincent de Paul Committee Needs Your Help

We are once again asking for your assistance – both financially and personally.

Financially, we are starting to struggle to the point that we are now asking clients not to call us for assistance for four months between visits, rather than three months, which was our previous time period between visits. We have received a total of \$7,602 in donations from parishioners and visitors this year thus far, of which we are extremely grateful. We have seen forty-one families and nine single people for assistance during this same period. We gave out \$10,332 in food and Second Time Around vouchers. Our expenses to date are \$898, most of which is for our telephone line. You can see that we are giving out to those in need far more than what we are receiving in donations. The need for assistance in our community continues to be great and is growing.

The weekend of September 7th is our yearly special collection. We recognize that this year there has been a big request for donations for the front steps of St. Gregory the Great Church, but we are hopeful that you will also be able to help St. Vincent de Paul once again. We rely on your generosity to help us feed those in need.

Our other request is the personal one. We are asking you to please consider joining our team, as we try to help those in need in Prince Edward County. The time commitment is small, and you will find this rewarding work helping those who are desperate to feed their families.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Barb Burgess at 613-243-2524, or call the Parish Office for further information.

Thank you and God Bless.

“Go to the poor: you will find God.” ~St. Vincent de Paul

Reflections of Pope Leo XIV...

Pope Leo XIV responded to a letter from a woman named Laura, who wished to share the joys and struggles of her faith.

With Mary, every uncertainty can be faced.

In response to the questions of this wife and mother about how to face difficulties, the Pope urged Laura to name them clearly and to share her personal experience.

Laura wonders, and asks the Pope for advice, how to overcome the temptations that seem to take over, despite the great love she receives from her husband and her three beautiful daughters, who are being raised in the Christian faith—a faith that she herself describes as "stronger than ever."

She wonders whether this faith is lacking in solidity.

Pope Leo emphasizes: "Your enthusiasm for the faith and the truth of your heart are a blessing for you and your family. [...] If your point of reference is Mary, you will be able to face every uncertainty. [...] Sharing projects of Christian love is fundamental for spiritual progress and for cooperating with the grace and the will of God."

This is one excerpt from what the Pope writes. For more reflections, visit vaticannews.va/en

