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A Note from St. Gregory's Pastoral Care and Outreach Ministry

Our outreach ministers currently visit 7 homebound parishioners to bring Communion and fellowship. They may be residing in their own homes, seniors' residences or nursing homes, and are unable to get to church for Mass. Weekly bulletins are distributed to update them on parish activities and we try to provide a brief summary of Father's homilies. We often say that we receive much more from these individuals than we give during our visits.

Christmas can be a time of loneliness, grief and pain; also a time of bringing joy, peace and compassion. **We invite all parishioners for prayerful support for these individuals by writing a greeting in a Christmas card and signing it, to encourage their spirits and celebrations.** If you wish you may personalize cards by choosing from the names - Mary, Charles, Lenore, Jane, Lucy, Audrey, Rosemary - or just saying "Dear friend", "Thinking of you", or whatever words spring from your heart.

Cards may be dropped into the baskets at the doors of the church. The baskets will be available until Friday, December 19. We will personally deliver your cards on December 20 and 21.

Let us share the spirit of Christmas with these delightful faith-filled seniors to let them know they haven't been forgotten. We are all one family in the Body of Christ.



St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church

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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

Weekend Mass will resume in May 2026

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Hope



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

First Sunday of Advent – November 30th, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 1	NO MASS
Tuesday, Dec. 2 12:30 PM	Arlene Crane, RIP Bill Crane
Wednesday, Dec. 3	NO MASS December 3-5. Father George will be on a retreat.
Thursday, Dec. 4	
Friday, Dec. 5	
Saturday, Dec. 6 5:00 PM	SI Michael & Samantha Pulikunnel Sissy Pulikunnel
Sunday, Dec. 7 10:00 AM	Family Mass For the People of Our Parish

Prayer Requests

	Pray for the sick and homebound of our Parish.
	Pray for the repose of the souls of: Larry Ryan Sharon Branscombe
	Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of: John Beaudette

What is the Meaning of Advent?

Within the Catholic faith, the season of Advent holds profound meaning. It serves a twofold purpose:

- **Preparation for the Birth of Christ:** Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the arrival of Jesus. We reflect on the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament, their fulfillment in Jesus our hope (1 Tim. 1:1), and thus the mission of salvation he's given to us as members of the one Church he founded.
- **A Call to Conversion:** It's also a season of introspection and renewal. The liturgical colour purple reminds us of our imperfections and the need for repentance. By acknowledging our shortcomings, we open ourselves to God's grace and prepare ourselves to receive the gift of Christ. Also, penance—such as through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—helps us quiet and discipline our hearts for the joy of Christmas (see *Catechism* 1434). In that light, without an Advent fast it's harder to prepare for a Christmas.

In essence, this season is a bridge between the past, present, and future. It allows us to look back on the hope for the Saviour of the World, experience anew the joy of his arrival and also his reign in the present through his Church, and to prepare ourselves for his glorious return at his Second Coming. —Catholic Tracts



Parish Advent Confession Night

St. Gregory's will have its annual Advent Confession Night on **Friday, December 12th at 6:00pm**. There will be three priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this time as it will be your only major opportunity before the celebration of Christmas.



2026 Offertory Envelopes Ready for Pick Up

Please be sure to pick up your 2026 Sunday Offertory envelopes at the back of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order by surname.

Your envelope number remains the same as 2025 **for most parishioners**. If you have been assigned a new number, please put your name and address on the envelope for the first 2-3 weeks – thank you.



Children's Sacramental Preparation

Families wishing their children to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are invited to attend a short information meeting following the **Family Mass on Sunday, December 7**. Timelines and program details will be reviewed, and registration forms will be distributed.



Parish Steps Update

We are pleased to share that our fundraising effort for the new parish steps has raised a final total of **\$72,104**. Thank you to everyone for your generous support. These funds should fully cover the costs, including any unforeseen contingency funds needed.

Due to the onset of cold weather, construction on the new steps will be delayed until the spring. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to ensure the project is completed safely and properly.



Our **Parish Photo Directory** will be available early in the New Year. Everyone who participated in this directory by having their photo taken by Universal Portrait Studios for the directory, or by submitting their own photo, will receive a free copy. For those who did not participate but would still like a copy of the directory, directories may be purchased for **\$25** (includes HST). If interested, please email or phone the parish office **no later than Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025**. **Directory orders will not be available after this date.**



CWL Bake and Craft Sale

The CWL will be holding a bake and small craft sale after the **Dec 6 and 7** Masses. Cash only. The Silent auction items will be open for bidding until Sunday Dec 7 at 9.30 AM.



Community Christmas Carol Singing Event

Join in a joyful evening of singing, with multiple choirs, including our St. Gregory Church Sunday Choir, and scripture readings at Picton United Church on **Sunday December 7th** at 6:30 PM. Free-will donations go to the Back-the-Build campaign for the new hospital.



Happy 6th Anniversary to Father George

Congratulations to Father George on 6 years as our Parish Priest! Father George arrived in Picton to St. Gregory's Parish on December 2, 2019. We are blessed to have him with us and wish him many more years with St. Gregory's. God is good...