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### Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	Wednesday, December 24	
	5:00 PM (Family Mass)	
	8:00 PM	
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	Thursday, December 25	10:00 AM
<b>Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>	Wednesday, December 31	5:00 PM
	Thursday, January 1	10:00 AM



The parish office will be closed from December 25 – January 5, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 6. If you are in need of a priest during this time, please phone the office and leave a message. Messages will be picked up daily.



## 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  
Weekend Mass will resume in May 2026

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Peace



**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*

## Second Sunday of Advent – December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, Dec. 8** NO MASS

**Tuesday, Dec. 9**  
12:30 PM

**Wednesday, Dec. 10** **Joe Skratt, RIP**  
12:30 PM John Hallam

**Thursday, Dec. 11**  
10:00 AM at West Lake Terrace

**Friday, Dec. 12** **John Wynen, RIP**  
8:30 AM Sonja Wynen  
Followed by Exposition & Adoration

**Saturday, Dec. 13** **Francisco Reyes Chantaca and Luz Maria Talamantes, RIP**  
5:00 PM Francisco Reyes

**Sunday, Dec. 14**  
10:00 AM **For the People of Our Parish**

### Prayer Requests



Pray for the sick and homebound of our Parish family, especially Lucie Brideau.



Pray for the repose of the souls of deceased members of St. Gregory the Great Church.



Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of:

John Wynen



### A Message from the Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Patroness of the Archdiocese of Kingston, will begin the celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese. On January 27, 1826, Pope Leo XII erected the Diocese of Kingston and nominated Alexander MacDonnell as the first Bishop of Kingston. With this Papal act, Kingston became the second diocese in Canada and the first Roman Catholic diocese erected in the British Empire since the Reformation. It so happens that the anniversary begins as

the Jubilee Year of Hope of 2025 comes to an end. It is our hope that the Jubilee will be a complement to the celebration of the anniversary with many combined graces for the Archdiocese.

To commemorate the anniversary, a special prayer has been composed, offering thanksgiving for the solid foundation of faith built over the past two centuries. The prayer reflects the core mission of our Archdiocese and the theme of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary: *“To know Christ and the power of His resurrection”* (Phil 3:10).—Archbishop Michael Mulhall

Copies of this anniversary prayer can be found in the church pews. Holy cards with this prayer are also available at the back of the church and at the side entrance for you to take. Pray it often so that all may come to know Christ and the power of His resurrection.

There is also a limited print supply of the fall issue of Journey, which is full of information about the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston. Journey can also be found online at <https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/journey>



### Parish Advent Confession Night

St. Gregory’s will have its annual Advent Confession Night on **Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Papal Intention for December – For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



### 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.



### 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 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**. Free-will donations go to the Back-the-Build campaign for the new hospital.



### 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.