



St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church

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St. Frances of Rome Church (Summer Mission)

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Weekend Mass will resume in May 2026

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Joy

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*

Third Sunday of Advent – December 14th, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 15 NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 16 **SI Stasko Family**
10:00 AM at Hallowell Mary Stasko
10:40 AM at MLP

Wednesday, Dec. 17 **John Beaudette, RIP**
12:30 PM *School Mass* Freddie & Family

Thursday, Dec. 18 **Joan McRoberts, RIP**
12:30 PM Liz Brown

Friday, Dec. 19 **Michaelangelo, Giorgio, RIP**
8:30 AM Spinosa Family
Followed by Exposition & Adoration

Saturday, Dec. 20 **Sharon Branscombe, RIP**
5:00 PM Family

Sunday, Dec. 21
10:00 AM **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 deceased members of St. Gregory the Great Church,

Sharon Branscombe



Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of:

Carol Anne Gray



Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass	Wednesday, December 24	
	5:00 PM (Family Mass)	
	8:00 PM	
Christmas Day Mass	Thursday, December 25	10:00 AM
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)		
	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.



The Significance of the 3rd Sunday in Advent

The 3rd Sunday in Advent holds profound significance within the liturgical calendar, embodying a spirit of rejoicing and anticipation as we journey towards the celebration of Christ's birth. This pivotal moment, also known as Gaudete Sunday, derives its name from the Latin word "gaudete," which translates to "rejoice." It serves as a poignant reminder of the joyous anticipation that permeates the hearts of the faithful as they prepare to

commemorate the birth of Jesus.

This 3rd week in Advent also serves as a powerful reminder of the transformative impact of Christ's imminent birth. It encapsulates the profound message of God's abiding love for humanity, heralding a season of rejoicing and gratitude for the gift of salvation. This Sunday offers a moment of respite, allowing believers to pause and reflect on the profound joy that emanates from the promise of redemption and the fulfillment of God's divine plan.



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.

For parishioners who are on the Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit plan, still be sure to pick up your



Thank You Parishioners

The Gospel reminds us of the necessity of taking care of the less fortunate. One particular way of doing so is by providing for a basic need of every person, and that is nutrition. Another is providing comfort. Your donations of food, winter clothing and personal hygiene items make a difference to individuals and families in need within our parish boundaries. Thank you

also to service and outreach volunteers and drivers who deliver the bounty to local food banks. Everyone's generosity and support is appreciated.



Gift Store –Still Time before Christmas!

Drop by our parish gift store before and after Mass to see the many beautiful items for sale. From Christmas ornaments to wall calendars, medals, books, Mass Cards, rosaries, statues and more – find many ideas for gift giving...for others or for yourself!



Wine Gift Package Raffle

Start your New Year by winning a beautiful wine package. Tickets are \$5 for one and \$10 for three. Tickets will be sold before and after weekend Masses at the parish gift shop, where you can also view the beautiful prizes. The draw will take place after Mass on Sunday, January 4, 2026. All donations will go to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your support.

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Parish Choir – Saturday, 5:00 pm	David Bongard	613 476 7632
Parish Choir – Sunday, 10:00 am	Cheryl Moggridge	613 476 5555
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**We are always looking for volunteers to join our parish ministries and committees.
Please contact the above individuals for more information.**

