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### Parish Bulletin Advertising Opportunity

A few advertising spaces are still available in our parish bulletin. Book your ad for the entire 2026 year for only \$135. This is a great way to support the parish while promoting your business or service. For details, please call the parish office at 613-476-6276 or email [stgregory@archkingston.ca](mailto:stgregory@archkingston.ca)



### Rite of Acceptance

We joyfully announce that Lin Zhang will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens at Mass this weekend. Please keep Lin in your prayers as she continues her journey of faith toward full initiation in the Catholic Church.

**"For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."  
—St. Teresa of Avila**



## 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

## January 4, 2026 Epiphany of the Lord



### An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,  
as once it guided the steps of the magi;  
that we, too, may be led into your presence  
and worship you, the Child of Mary,  
the Word of the Father, the King of  
nations, the Saviour of mankind;  
to whom be glory forever.—Amen

**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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Prince Edward County since 1836*

# Epiphany of the Lord – January 4, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday, Jan. 5</b> 1:00 PM	 <b>Funeral Mass for Julia Pereira</b>
<b>Tuesday, Jan 6</b> 12:30 PM	<b>Joe Stasko, RIP</b> The Bellas Family
<b>Wednesday, Jan 7</b> 12:30 PM	<b>Don Coggins, RIP</b> Gisele Roussel & Family
<b>Thursday, Jan. 8</b> 12:30 PM	<b>Walter Kessel, RIP</b> Barb & Bill Crane
<b>Friday, Jan. 9</b> 8:30 AM	Followed by Exposition & Adoration
<b>Saturday, Jan. 10</b> 5:00 PM	<b>SI, Mary Lambert</b> Nancy Covel
<b>Sunday, Jan. 11</b> 10:00 AM	<b>For the People of Our Parish</b>

## Prayer Requests

	Pray for the sick and homebound of our Parish.
	Pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of St. Gregory the Great Church
	Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of:  Anne Marie Kettle

## Prayer for a New Year of Blessings

Dear Heavenly Father, as we embark on this New Year, we lift our hearts in gratitude for Your unending love and mercy. Bless our journey with Your divine presence, guiding our steps and illuminating our path. May this year be filled with Your abundant blessings, showering us with grace, joy, and peace. Strengthen our faith, deepen our connection with You, and help us to reflect Your light in all that we do. Amen

## Safe Travels Father George

We wish safe travels to Father George as he departs on his annual retreat in January, followed by his well-deserved vacation back home in Nigeria. May God watch over him, bless him, keep him safe and return him to us in good health.

## Welcome Back Father Michael!

We warmly welcome back Father Michael, who will be our parish priest for the next couple of months while Father George is visiting his family back home in Nigeria. Many will remember Father Michael from when he was with us in January and February 2024. We are blessed to have him return to our parish and are grateful that our cold winters did not keep him away. God is good...

## Pope Leo: Since the Word was Made Flesh, Humanity Speaks



Pope Leo celebrated the Christmas morning Mass in St Peter’s Basilica, becoming the first pope to do so since Pope John Paul II more than thirty years ago.

In his homily, the Holy Father insisted that “a new day has dawned” and “we, too, are part of this new beginning, even if few as yet believe it: peace is real, and is already among you.”

Jesus, he said, sent His disciples as messengers of peace to reveal “the power to become children of God” who follow the Word that became human flesh – a Word that, in the Baby Jesus, “appears, but cannot speak.”

Pope Leo explained that “‘flesh’ is the radical nakedness that, in Bethlehem as on Calvary, remains without words – just as so many brothers and sisters, stripped of their dignity and reduced to silence, have no words today.”

And yet, he continued, since God’s Word became flesh, “humanity now speaks, crying out with God’s own desire to encounter us.”

“The Word has pitched His fragile tent among us. How, then, can we not think of the tents in Gaza, exposed to weeks of rain, and wind, and cold? And of those of so many other refugees and displaced persons on every continent? Or of the makeshift shelters of thousands of homeless people in our own cities?”

The Holy Father, recalled, too, the “fragility” of human flesh in all those suffering from war, and in the young people forced to take up arms, “who on the front lines feel the senselessness of what is asked of them and the falsehoods that fill the pompous speeches of those who send them to their deaths.”

It is when the fragility of others “penetrates our hearts, when their pain shatters our rigid certainties,” that peace has “already begun.”

This, he said, is how Christmas gives a fresh impetus to the missionary Church, urging her onto the paths traced out for her by the Word of God.”

“This is the way of mission,” the Pope said: “A path to others. In God, every word is an addressed word; an invitation to conversation, a word never closed in on itself. This is the renewal that Vatican II promoted, which will bear fruit only if we walk together with the whole of humanity.”



## Thank You to Our Decorators

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Liturgical Art & Environment Ministry and all the volunteers who so generously gave their time and talents to decorate our church for Christmas. The poinsettias, the crib, and every thoughtful detail beautifully reflect the joy and reverence of this holy season. Your work helped prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ, and we are truly grateful.



## Wine Gift Package Raffle – Last Chance!

Last chance to 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 this Sunday, January 4, 2026**. All donations will go to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your support.