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"We don't get together on Sunday mornings to act holy—we get together so that someday, after a long life of prayer and Christian fellowship and good works and all the rest, we might actually be holy."

—Jon Leonetti
Mission of the Family



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
Weekend Mass will resume in May 2026

January 11, 2026 Baptism of the Lord



After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:16-17

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

Baptism of the Lord – January 11, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 12 11:00 am		Funeral Mass for Veronica Tripp
Tuesday, Jan 13 10:00 AM at West Lake		Gilles Roussel, RIP Gisele Roussel & Family
Wednesday, Jan 14 12:30 PM		SI, Mariam Kessler Barb & Bill Crane
Thursday, Jan. 15 12:30 PM		
Friday, Jan. 16 8:30 AM		Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Saturday, Jan. 17 5:00 PM		
Sunday, Jan. 18 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 the deceased members of St. Gregory the Great Church.
	Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of the deceased of our parish.



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – January 11, 2026

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of

John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.



Pope Leo: The New Year is 'a Journey to be Discovered'

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace".

Pope Leo opened the homily at his first Mass of 2026 by reflecting on this blessing from the Book of Numbers, taken from the day's first reading. The blessing, he said, was addressed to the people of Israel, who had just been liberated from slavery in Egypt, and had been offered a "rebirth", an "open road toward the future".

In this way, the Pope noted, the day's liturgy reminds us that "every day can be the beginning of a new life, thanks to God's generous love, his mercy and

the response of our freedom."

We should thus view the coming year, the Pope urged the roughly 5,500 faithful in attendance, as "an open journey to be discovered".

The day's liturgy marked both the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and the World Day of Peace. In his homily, the Pope explored the tight relationship between the two celebrations. With Mary's co-operation, he said, God arrived amongst us "naked and defenceless", a "newborn in a cradle."

"He does this", the Pope explained, to teach us that the world is not saved by violence but by "tirelessly striving to understand, forgive, liberate and welcome everyone, without calculation and without fear."

"In Mary's divine motherhood", the Pope emphasised, two 'unarmed realities' come together: "that of God, who renounces every privilege of his divinity to be born in the flesh, and that of a human person who, trustingly and fully, embraces God's will."

2025 Jubilee: 'Forgiveness received and given'

The Pope brought his homily to a close by reflecting on the 2025 Jubilee Year, which will come to an end on the 6th January. He did so by citing the words of his predecessor Pope St John Paul II, at the closure of the 2000 Jubilee:

"How many extraordinary occasions the Great Jubilee has offered to believers! In the experience of forgiveness received and given, in the commemoration of the martyrs, in listening to the cry of the world's poor... we too have glimpsed the saving presence of God in history. We have, as it were, physically felt his love which renews the face of the earth."



Thank You for Your Generosity

Our recent raffle in support of the St. Vincent de Paul ministry raised \$1,016 thanks to the kindness and participation of our parish community. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and continued support of this important work. Congratulations to our two prize winners, Doug Smith and Freddie Beaudette, both who won beautiful wine baskets, with award winning wines, compliments of Morandin Wines.



Our **Parish Photo Directory** is expected to be delivered to the parish by the end of this month. Stay tuned for updates.