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### A Prayer for Lent

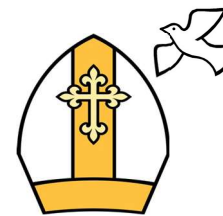
Lord, I thank You for Your boundless mercy and love. As I seek Your forgiveness, I ask for the strength to forgive others as well. Help me to let go of any bitterness or resentment and to embrace Your peace. May this Lenten season be a time of healing and renewal in my life. Amen.

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*—1 John 1:9



### Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting in the parish meeting room on **Tuesday March 10th at 7:00 PM**. All members are encouraged to attend."

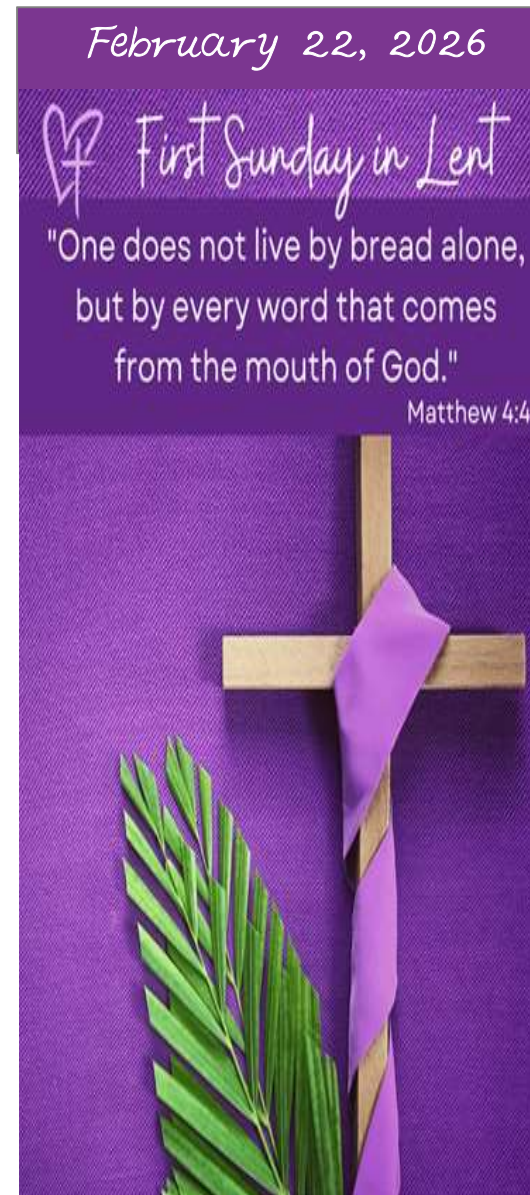


## St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church

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



**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*

# First Sunday of Lent – February 22, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, Feb. 23** NO MASS

**Tuesday, Feb. 24**  
10:00 AM at McFarland

**Wednesday, Feb. 25**  
12:30 PM




**Thursday, Feb. 26** **Helen Creamer, RIP**  
12:30 PM Frank Creamer

**Friday, Feb. 27**  
8:30 AM Followed by Exposition & Adoration and Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, Feb. 28** **Orfelia Spinosa, RIP**  
5:00 PM The Spinosa Family

**Sunday, March 1**  
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 parish.
	Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of:  Lenore Bongard



We will have the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent following the 8:30 AM Mass and Exposition & Adoration.



### The Three Pillars of Lent

The Church invites us to live Lent through three essential spiritual practices:

#### 1. Prayer

Prayer deepens our relationship with God and opens our hearts to His grace. During Lent, Catholics are encouraged to spend more intentional time with the Lord through Scripture, silence, and traditional devotions.

#### 2. Fasting

Fasting teaches self-discipline and reminds us that God alone satisfies our deepest hunger. It is not about punishment, but about freedom—loosening our attachment to things that distract us from God.

#### 3. Almsgiving

Almsgiving turns our hearts outward, helping us see Christ in others. Acts of generosity, kindness, and service are concrete expressions of love that reflect the heart of the Gospel.

Together, these three pillars guide us toward spiritual renewal.



## The Archdiocese of Kingston: 1826 – 2026 Milestones

In the weeks and months ahead, we will share in our bulletin various milestones of this 200-year journey. The complete timeline can be found on the Archdiocese of Kingston website <https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/200thanniversary>

**November 21, 1841: Arrival of the Congregation of Notre Dame in Kingston**  
Brought to Kingston from Montreal by Bishop Gaulin to teach Catholic girls, the Congregation of Notre Dame opened their first English mission with a school in the upper floors of the Kingston Whig Building. Their first class, consisting of 12 pupils, began on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1841.

**September 2, 1845: Arrival of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph**  
Four Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph arrived from Montreal to found the Hotel Dieu Hospital and Orphanage at the behest of Bishop Gaulin, arriving in Kingston on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1845. They opened their hospital in a small limestone building on Brock St. The following week, with a second house serving as their convent.

**June 25, 1847: Creation of Diocese of Bytown**  
The boundaries of the Diocese of Kingston were again diminished when the Diocese of Bytown was erected on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1847. The Diocese of Bytown was renamed the Diocese of Ottawa on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1860.



### 2025 Tax Receipts

The window to pick up your 2025 parish tax receipt is quickly closing. Any tax receipts not picked up by this weekend will be mailed. If you do not receive your tax receipt by the end of February – or if you have any questions about your tax receipt - please contact the parish office.



### Rite of Election (RCIA)

The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of names of all the Catechumens in the Archdiocese seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens, their sponsors and families gather at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Kingston. The Catechumens publicly express their desire for baptism to the diocesan bishop. Their names are recorded in a book and they are called the Elect.

Please pray for our elect, Lin Zhang.



This year's World Day of Prayer service is led by the women of Nigeria, a western African country with a rich heritage and diverse ecosystem. All are welcome to join us on **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great RC Church, 7 Church St., Picton** as we pray and reflect on the theme "I will give you rest: come." (Matt 11:28-30)

We look forward to welcoming Christians from 10 different churches in Prince Edward County. Join us in welcoming them to our parish home!