





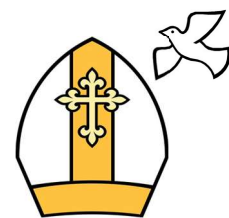


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St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church

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(613) 476-6276
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St. Frances of Rome Church (Summer Mission)
67 Belleville Street, Wellington ON K0K 3L0
Weekend Mass will resume in May 2026

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

"We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Matthew 4:42

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*



Welcome Back, Father George...and Happy Birthday!

We are happy to have Father George safely back from his vacation in Nigeria. As we welcome him back to St. Gregory's Parish, we also wish Father George a Happy Birthday on March 12th and wish him a year ahead full of good health, much happiness and God's continued blessings.



Lenten Prayer - Week 4: March 9-15 - A Prayer for Mercy and Forgiveness

Lord Jesus, You are rich in mercy. Forgive my sins and heal my heart. Help me to forgive those who have hurt me, just as You have forgiven me. Free me from bitterness and resentment. Amen.—40 Days of Lenten Prayers, novenastosaints.com

Third Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 9 NO MASS

Tuesday, March 10
10:00 AM at West Lake Terrace

Wednesday, March 11 **SI, Teresa Miller**
12:30 PM Bernadette Burgess

Thursday, March 12 **Brian Donovan, RIP**
12:30 PM Bernadette Burgess

Friday, March 13
8:30 AM Followed by Exposition & Adoration and Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14 **Liz (Lehigh) Rogerson, RIP**
5:00 PM Mickey and Jim Bond

Sunday, March 15
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 for the spiritual and material needs of our Parish.



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



The Feast of St. Frances of Rome – March 9th

Married at just twelve, Frances harboured a deep desire for monastic life. However, she embraced her marital role with grace, balancing her spiritual aspirations with her duties as a wife and mother. The couple was blessed with three children, but tragedy soon struck Frances, her family, and all of 15th-century Rome in the form of plague.

Frances lost two beloved children to the plague. Later, she lost her husband as well. Her loss plunged her into deep mourning, filled with intense suffering and spiritual questioning. But in that pain, she found a way to continually offer all her grief, and all of herself, to God. And God showed her a way forward. Frances turned sorrow into service, seeing the face of her lost children in the suffering poor and sick of Rome. She would go on to found the Oblates of Mary, a community of women dedicated to serving the poor.

She died on this day in 1440.

St. Frances of Rome, please pray for us.

—Dynamic Catholic



The Archdiocese of Kingston: 1826 - 2026

In the weeks and months ahead, we will share in our bulletin various milestones of this 200-year journey, including milestones leading up to 1826. The complete timeline can be found on the Archdiocese of Kingston website <https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/200thanniversary>

1857: The IBVM Loretto Sisters opened a convent school in Belleville. They leave the city in 1865. The Loretto Sisters return to teach in Belleville from 1876 to 1899.

January 8, 1858: Bishop Edward John Horan is appointed Bishop of Kingston, following the death of Bishop Gaulin on May 8, 1857. Bishop Horan serves as Bishop until May 28, 1874.

December 13, 1861: Founding of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul
The only religious congregation founded in Kingston, Ontario, the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul have a long history of service to the vulnerable. In the mid-19th century Bishop Horan of the Diocese of Kingston, was concerned with the number of poor in the city of Kingston. He invited the Sisters of Providence in Montreal to establish a new religious congregation in Kingston to work directly with those in need. On December 13, 1861 four Sisters of Providence from Montreal arrived in Kingston to found what is now known as the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul.



Thank You, Father Michael!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Father Michael for his generous service to our parish over the past two months while Father George was away. Through his prayerful leadership, inspiring homilies, and warm pastoral presence, Father Michael has been a true blessing to our community. As he prepares to leave us on **March 15**, we are deeply grateful for his dedication, kindness, and care. We wish him every blessing in his continued ministry and assure him of our prayers and gratitude.

If you would like to leave a good wishes card and/or token of appreciation for Father Michael, you will see a basket at the back of the church for you to drop off your thanks and well wishes. The basket will be at the back of the church for this weekend and next weekend.

Please also join us after Mass this Sunday, March 8 for coffee and light refreshments at the back of the church, to personally thank Father Michael and wish him God speed.

Thank you, Father Michael. May God continue to bless you in all your endeavours.



First Scrutiny for Our RCIA Candidate

This weekend, we celebrate the First Scrutiny for Lin Zhang as she continues her journey of faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The Scrutinies are special rites of healing and purification, marking a deeper commitment to Christ as she prepares for the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Please join us in prayer for Lin, that the Holy Spirit may continue to strengthen and guide her on her path to full communion with the Catholic Church.