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First Holy Communion Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the children who are receiving their First Communion this Sunday, May 3rd! We pray that you continue to keep that excitement to receive Jesus each week at Mass. A very special thank you to Gail MacDougall and helpers, and to all of our First Communion families for your support this year. You truly are the first teachers of the faith and these children are so blessed to have you to learn more about

Jesus and to keep a beautiful relationship with him through weekly Mass and daily prayer. Jesus said "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." God bless you all.



May = Moms and Babies Month

"Blessed are the poor..." Our CWL members invite you to add baby essentials to the bassinets at the doors of the church during the month of May. These diapers etc. will be given to the local food banks for distribution. "... for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven." Thank you.



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
Sunday Mass at 11:30 AM from May 31, 2026 – October 4, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter May 3, 2026

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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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"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

John 14:6

*A Catholic community of faith in
Prince Edward County since 1836*

5th Sunday of Easter – May 3, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 4	NO MASS
Tuesday, May 5 12:30 PM	Fr. Sabinus Iwu, RIP Dona Geggie
Wednesday, May 6 12:30 PM	
Thursday, May 7 12:30 PM	
Friday, May 8 8:30 AM followed by the Rosary and Adoration & Exposition	Fr. Sabinus Iwu, RIP Nancy Covell
Saturday, May 9 5:00 PM	Kathleen Stoddard, RIP Josephine Stoddard
Sunday, May 10 10:00 AM	For the People of Our Parish

Prayer Requests



Pray for the sick and homebound of our Parish, especially Owen Gray.



Pray for the repose of the souls of deceased members of St. Gregory the Great Parish.



Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of:
Fr. Sabinus Iwu, SMMM

May: The Month of Mary

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory



over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

We are encouraged to deepen our devotion through prayer, particularly by praying the rosary. The rosary is a powerful tool for meditation on the life of Christ and a way to seek Mary's intercession. Let us come together in prayer, asking Mary to guide us closer to

her Son, Jesus. May this month strengthen our faith and bring peace to our hearts.



There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, if you are willing to lead the Rosary at weekend Masses in May. Rosary begins 20 minutes before Mass. Thank you.

“The Rosary is the most beautiful and complete prayer.”—St. Louis de Montfort



National Palliative Care Week is from May 3rd–9th

This year's theme is 'Palliative Care Everywhere'. All parishioners are invited to spend 1 hour in prayer, at home or in the church for an increase in palliative care services in Canada. Many Canadians face significant challenges accessing this holistic care. Whether in hospice, in

hospital, at home or in long-term care, individuals facing serious end-of-life issues deserve the comfort, dignity and quality of life that palliative care offers. At present, MAiD is far more accessible in our country!

Prayer resources are available at the side entrance to the church, (e.g. Physicians Way of the Cross, Beatitudes for Caregivers). Please devote 1 hour of your time during the week of May 3-9 ... the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, personal prayer. Also, a copy of the CWL Resolution 'Federal Government To Complete Development of Office of Palliative Care' is posted.

The **Mount Olivet Cemetery** gates are now open! The Board members will meet on May 3rd at 1:00 PM for a spring cleanup at the cemetery. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join. Gloves and garbage bags provided. Bring a rake if you wish. Thanks in advance for your help!

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

At this past Sunday's parish meeting, the question of *Cathedraticum* came up. What is it? Why must we contribute? I will respond to these questions here.

The Cathedraticum is the regular contribution that each parish makes to support the wider Church and to the ministry of our bishop.

The Archdiocese does not operate as a single parish with its own weekly offertory. Instead, it serves all parishes by providing essential support to the mission of the diocese—providing for seminarians, assisting international priests and missionaries serving among us, sustaining various ministries, and helping parishes in need.

To carry out this mission, the diocese relies on contributions from individual parishes. In our Archdiocese, the Cathedraticum is set at 9% of the parish's ordinary Sunday collections, including Christmas, New Year and Easter, but excluding special donations (such as Repair & Maintenance), bequests, and designated project funds.

This practice is rooted in Scripture. In the early Church, believers shared what they had (Acts 2:44), placed their gifts at the feet of the apostles (Acts 4:35), and supported one another so that no one was in need (2 Corinthians 8:14). In that same spirit, our contribution helps support the mission of our archdiocese.

The Cathedraticum is not simply an obligation; it is a sign of our unity as one Body in Christ. It reminds us that we are not alone, but part of a larger Catholic family, called to care for one another.

Thank you for your continued generosity, which helps support both our parish and the wider mission of the Church, and for your faithful support.

Father George Okoye, SMMM