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Financials Update for the First Six Months of 2026

The below chart provides financial information to show the parish income and expenses for the first half of 2026. Income includes offertory collections and other sources of income, such as votive candles, repair and maintenance, Masses, gift shop purchases. Expenses include bills to pay (e.g. gas, hydro, water, phone), salaries, property taxes, church and altar supplies, office supplies, etc.

The expenses include $9,968 relating to the new camera security system for which we received a $7,500 government grant the prior year.

Excluded from the expenses will be any construction costs for the new Church steps.

Parish Financials Overview: January – June 2026

Income	$103,377
Expenses	$125,020
Net Loss	($21,643)

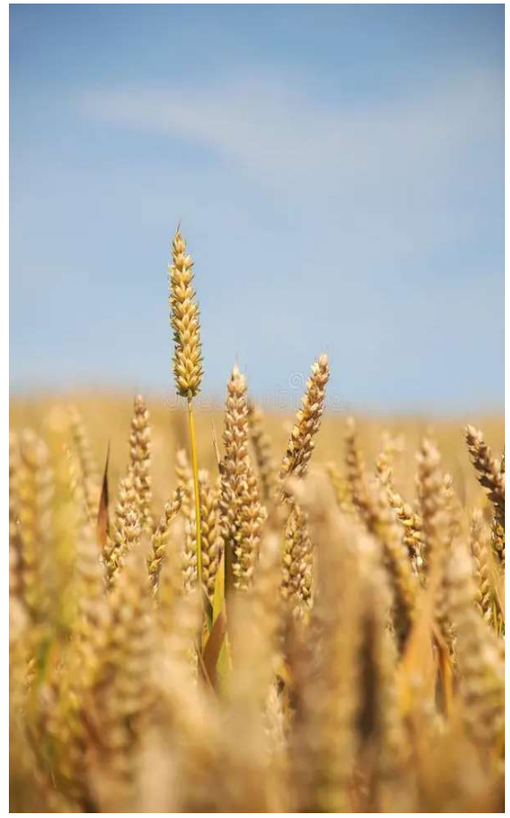
Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

July 19, 2026
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man."—Matthew 13:37

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 19, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 20 **NO MASS**

Tuesday, July 21
10:00 AM Hallowell
10:40 AM MLP

Wednesday, July 22 **S.I. Father George Okoye**
12:30 PM Dona Geggie

Thursday, July 23
12:30 PM

Friday, July 24
5:00 PM Father George's 20th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, July 25
5:00 PM

Sunday, July 26
10:00 AM For the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM at St. Frances of Rome

Prayer Requests

Pray for the sick and homebound of our Parish,

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

Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of:
John Beaudette

St. James the Greater Feast Day – July 25th

The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater."

Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again.

When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight.

Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He travelled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain.

Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die.

In the ninth century his remains were discovered and moved to a tomb in Santiago de Compostela. Today, his remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago.

Because Santiago de Compostela is the most frequently visited place pilgrims migrate to following Rome and Jerusalem, Pope Leo declared it a shrine.

Please Pray for Father George

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priest, Father George Okoye. Through him, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help Father George to be strong in his vocation. Set his soul on fire with love for your people. Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom. Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel. Allow him to experience joy in his ministry. Help him to be an instrument of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

May the love of the Lord be with you always. Blessings on the anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood, Father George!

Our Lady of Knock Shrine 69th Pilgrimage – August 23, 2026

This year's pilgrimage to honour Our Lady of Knock will be held on Sunday, August 23rd, 2026 in Mayo, Quebec, Archdiocese of Gatineau. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 11:00 AM in English by Archbishop Paul-Andre Durocher assisted by Father John Braganza of St. Malachy's parish.

For more information contact mayopilgrimage@gmail.com. Please also see the poster at the back of the church for more information.

Join us in celebration on Friday, July 24, 2026

We joyfully congratulate Father George's 20th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. A special Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 pm this Friday.

A reception and dinner in the school gym follows at 6:30 pm.

Dinner Tickets are currently sold out. In the event ticket holders have last-minute emergencies or cancellations and tickets become available, please contact the parish office if you wish to be put on a waitlist.

Volunteers Needed — St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul ministry is seeking new volunteers to help support individuals and families in need within our community. By volunteering, you become part of a mission that brings hope, dignity, and Christ's love to those facing hardship. If you can offer a few hours a month, we would be grateful for your help. **Please contact the parish office for details or to sign up.**

Note: We meet as a ministry once a month. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, August 6th at 10:30 AM** in the parish meeting room in the basement. We invite you to join us at this meeting to "try us out".

Enter to Win a Handpainted Barn Quilt!

All proceeds go directly to our Mission Church in Wellington – St. Frances of Rome.

Tickets: $5 for 1 or $10 for 3
Draw Date: August 23, 2026

Purchase your tickets before or after any weekend Mass up to and including August 23. Your generosity helps towards the costs of running St. Frances of Rome (e.g. insurance, maintenance, repairs).