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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, insurance, 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) |

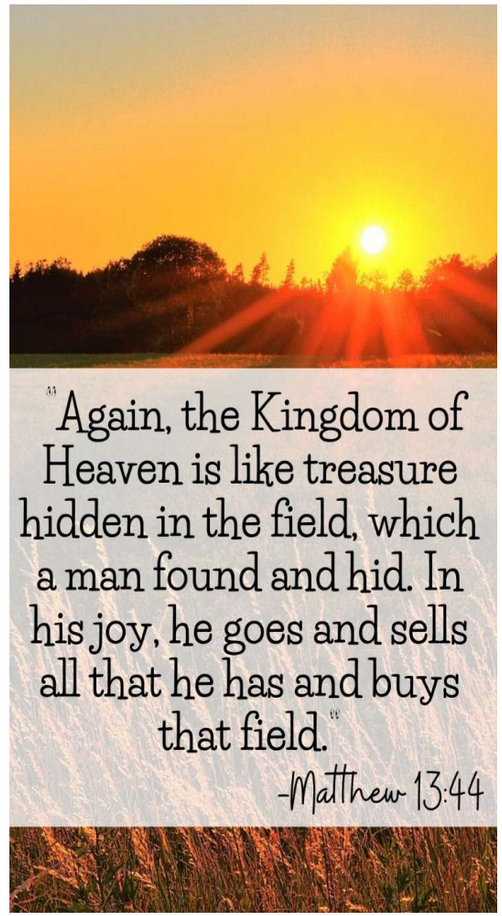
*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

# 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 26, 2026**
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**




**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

### Parish Contacts

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

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 26, 2026

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, July 27**

**Tuesday, July 28**

**NO MASS on Monday and Tuesday this week**

**Wednesday, July 29**
12:30 PM

**Thursday, July 30** **S.I. Father George Okoye**
12:30 PM Bernadette Burgess

**Friday, July 31**
8:30 AM followed by Adoration & Exposition

**Saturday, August 1** **S.I. Father George Okoye**
5:00 PM Carol Anne Gray

**Sunday, August 2**
10:00 AM For the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM at St. Frances of Rome **Paul Stevens, RIP**
Tanya Phillipps-Stevens

**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 for the intentions off:

The Spinosa Family

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Sunday, July 26, 2026

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15) – reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age.

Since its creation in 2021, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly has grown into a cherished tradition that teaches our communities to truly value the elderly, not through occasional gestures, but as a permanent, central part of our lives. This celebration helps us appreciate older generations as vital keepers of our history, witnesses to our faith, and teachers for our lives.

Let this Day be a tangible opportunity for everyone — especially young people —to spend time with their grandparents, the elderly in their families, and most importantly, those who are completely isolated.

To read the full message from Pope Leo, visit https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/grandparents/documents/20260615-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html

## Papal Intention for August – For Evangelization in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

## Prayer for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Holy Father
Who watches over every person
Watch over me too when I am elderly.
You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
And You were not discouraged by my frailties.
You hold me tenderly in your hands,
And You caress my lines.
You will never forget me! (see Is 49:15).

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;
Help me learn to love it
Just as You love it.
Help me learn to listen to it
Just as You listen to it.
Help me embrace it
Just as You have chosen it –
You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride and all division
So that we may live these years
united in You.
You will never forget us! (see Is 49:15)

Amen.

## A Heartfelt Thank You

As we celebrated together the 20th anniversary of my priestly ordination, I am filled with profound gratitude to God and to our parish family.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this celebration so memorable. From planning and promoting the event, selling tickets, decorating the school gym, preparing the venue, opening your homes to visiting guests, serving in countless ways throughout the evening, and cleaning up afterward, your generosity of time, talent, and dedication was truly inspiring.

The sold-out dinner and beautiful Mass celebration were a testament not only to careful planning but to the wonderful spirit of our parish community. So many people worked behind the scenes, often without recognition, to ensure that everything was welcoming, joyful, and successful.

I am deeply touched by your kindness, your prayers, your good wishes, and your presence. Your support over the past seven years I have been at St. Gregory's has been a tremendous blessing in my priesthood, and I thank God for the privilege of serving such a caring and faith-filled parish.

May the Lord bless each of you abundantly for your generosity and continue to strengthen our parish family as we journey together in faith.

With heartfelt gratitude,

## Thank You for Supporting Mount Olivet Cemetery

The Board sincerely thanks all who have donated to help maintain Mount Olivet Cemetery. Because our workers are volunteers, the cemetery relies largely on parishioner support. Your generosity keeps our grounds cared for and beautiful. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

Please visit St. Gregory's website for more information about Mount Olivet Cemetery, including 2026 prices.