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Prayer for Our Children's Light to Shine

God, there is a reason You tell us to have faith like that of a child. They are bursting with curiosity and full of love. Protect their innocence and preserve the spark in their eyes from the darkness of the world. Let them be little lights to their parents and teachers. Allow them to grow and have a fair opportunity to learn. May they be kind on the playground and quiet in the hallways. Protect our children from gossip and bullying. May they know and hear Your voice louder than all the others. Godly friends are important, and we pray that You bless our children with those friends today. May their friendships be innocent and light and filled with kindness, understanding, and compassionate consideration for one another.

Lucky Winner!

Congratulations to David Kettle, the lucky winner of the Handpainted Barn Quilt raffle draw! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for this draw, which raised $1,457.00 towards the maintenance of our Wellington church, St. Frances of Rome.

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

August 30, 2026
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things—St. Gregory the Great

Parish Organizations & Ministries

Catholic Women's League – Ann Galvin
Knights of Columbus – Dan Gannon
St. Vincent de Paul – Gioi Giovan
Parish Pastoral Council – Tim Ernst
Property & Finance Committee – Erin Walker
Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers–Gail MacDougall
Pastoral Care Outreach – Colleen Hill
Parish Choir – Sat. 5:00 PM – David Bongard
Parish Choir – Sun. 10:00 AM – Cheryl Moggridge
Becoming Catholic: RCIA – Tim Ernst
Youth Ministry – Gail MacDougall
Liturgical Art & Environment – Bea Papiz
Screening Committee – Tim Ernst
Mount Olivet Cemetery – Mary Dreifelds

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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 30, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29
5:00 PM

Sunday, August 30
10:00 AM For the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM at St. Frances **Joel Clark, RIP**
Liz Brown

Monday, August 31 **NO MASS**

Tuesday, September 1
12:30 PM

Wednesday, September 2
12:30 PM

Thursday, September 3 **Mary Frederick, RIP**
12:30 PM *St. Gregory the Great Feast Day* Joan Stacey

Friday, September 4
8:30 AM followed by Adoration & Exposition

Saturday, September 5 **Joel Clark, RIP**
5:00 PM Nancy Covel

Sunday, September 6
10:00 AM For the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM at St. Frances

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:

David Barry

"And to young people, I say: Do not be afraid! Accept the invitation of the Church and of Christ the Lord!".—Pope Leo XIV

Saint Gregory the Great's Feast Day – September 3

Saint Gregory the Great, born around 540 AD, grew up with a strong spirit of faith. Even in his youth, he cared for the poor and the needy. His gentle heart and wisdom marked him as one who would lead with love and understanding. Gregory always trusted in God and cherished the traditions of the Church.

Before becoming Pope, Gregory served the Church as a deacon and a priest. His deep prayers and kind counsel helped many people find God. When he was elected Pope, he reformed the liturgy and changed the way Christians worship. His work led to the creation of the famous Gregorian Chant, which fills churches with a voice that touches the soul.

Saint Gregory the Great left behind a legacy of charity and wisdom. His letters and teachings remind us to serve others with humility and to trust in God.

The following points show his lasting impact:

- **Pastoral Care**: He showed that true leadership means caring for every soul.
- **Liturgical Reform**: His work in renewing worship continues to inspire the Church.
- **Spiritual Guidance**: His writings teach us to seek God in everyday life.

Saint Gregory's life remains a beacon of light, inviting all to embrace a path of faith, service, and deep contemplation.

Farewell to Father Gabriel

Our parish extends heartfelt thanks to Father Gabriel, who has spent the past several weeks with us while visiting his friend, Father George. We are grateful for his joyful presence, his assistance at Mass, and the faith he shared with our community.

As he leaves us on September 7th and returns home to Nigeria, we offer Father Gabriel our prayers, our warmest wishes and for God's continued grace in his priestly work.

There is a card at the main entrance of the church for parishioners to sign and to wish Father Gabriel safe travels.

Knights of Columbus – Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 8th
Location: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 399 Victoria Avenue, Belleville.
Time: 7:00 PM
New members are welcome to attend!

Schedule of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers		5:00 PM	10:00 AM	11:30 AM
August 29/30	Lectors	Terry S. Maisie C.	Bea P. Annabelle M.	Liz B. Ray P.
	Eucharistic Minister	Dan G.	Shelley P.	
September 5/6	Lectors	Melissa G. Dan G.	Barb L. Erin W.	Skylar G. Gail M.
	Eucharistic Minister	Dan G.	Bea P.	

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

We need more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Coaching available. With enough volunteers, we hope to keep the commitment to once a month. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Gail MacDougall at 613-242-3684 (cell) or lectorsst.gregory@gmail.com
In the Body of Christ we all have gifts. Please share yours!

Papal Intention for September – For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Gift Store Re-Stocking

Are there items you wish St. Gregory's gift shop would sell? Do you have ideas for gift items? St. Gregory's gift shop is taking inventory and looking at restocking with new items. Let us know what you'd like to see, including gift items for special occasions – Christmas, First Communion, Baptisms, etc. Pop into the gift shop and speak to Shelley, Bea or Mary. Or contact the parish office to provide your suggestions. Thank you in advance for your creative ideas!