



## Seeking Volunteers to Form a New Liturgical Ministry

Those who assist in a Liturgical Art & Environment ministry dedicate their flair, skill, care and a few hours in preparing a special space within which we connect with our God and with each other, united in Christ.

Parishioners are invited to form a **Liturgical Art & Environment Committee** in our church commencing this September. The ministry will appeal to anyone inspired to bring creativity and solidarity in behind-the-scenes ways (including “decorating” the sanctuary); and to honour the beauty of God’s house and the community within.

Artistry is appreciated, not mandatory. Some brawn to lift and carry, and/or physical ability to climb a ladder sometimes, are equally welcomed and needed.

Please ponder if the Holy Spirit is calling you to this ministry, and then phone the Parish Office [613-476-6276](tel:613-476-6276) or send an email to [secretarystgregory@sympatico.ca](mailto:secretarystgregory@sympatico.ca). We will be in touch. Once we hear from interested parishioners, an initial meeting will be convened to review customary activities and responsibilities of a Liturgical Art & Environment Committee.

## Our Newly Painted Church Doors



A huge “thank you” to John Garside for sanding, priming and painting the church’s front doors. Not only did John volunteer his time to tackle this big project, he has also volunteered to tackle the same for the windows above the doors. This will be done in 2025. We are blessed to have John in our parish and will be forever grateful and appreciate of his time, his talent and his hard work. Thank you, John, and God bless – the doors look beautiful!

## The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

*It was the thief’s last prayer, perhaps even his first. He knocked once, sought once, asked once, dared everything, and found everything. When even the disciples were doubting and only one was present at the Cross, the thief owned and acknowledged Him as Savior.*

## Welcome to Our Visitors

We warmly welcome you to St. Gregory the Great and to St. Frances of Rome Catholic Churches. May your visit to family and friends, or to our lovely area, be filled with God’s blessing. Our prayers go with you when you return safely home and we look forward to seeing you again.



## St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church

7 Church Street, Picton ON K0K 2T0  
Web site: [www.st-gregory-picton.ca](http://www.st-gregory-picton.ca)

**Fr. George Okoye, SMMM**  
*Administrator*

## St. Frances of Rome Church (Summer Mission)

67 Belleville Street, Wellington ON K0K 3L0  
Weekend Mass @ 11:30am from May 26, 2024 – October 6, 2024

Church Email: [stgregory@sympatico.ca](mailto:stgregory@sympatico.ca)  
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*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day. John 6:54*

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 25, 2024**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 26</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 27</b>		<b>Memory of Mary Ellen Jefferies</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<i>at McFarland</i>	Requested by Pat, Larry, Greg & Ryan Rochefort
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 28</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Memory of John Beaudette</b>
			Requested by his children
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 29</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Memory of Patrick Lyons</b>
			Requested by Barb Lyons
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 30</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Intentions of Freddie Beaudette</b>
			Requested by her children
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 31</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Memory of Kevin Kelly</b>
			Requested by David & Colleen Downey
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Missa Pro Populo</b>
<b>St. Frances of Rome</b>		<b>11:30am</b>	

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**The Passion of Saint John the Baptist – August 29<sup>th</sup>**


Not much is known about John’s childhood other than what is stated in the Bible, “The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel” ([Luke 1:80](#)).

John’s life reached its earthly climax when he saw Jesus, the Son of God, approaching him in the desert while he was baptizing. John immediately exclaimed, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel...Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God” ([John 1:29–31; 34](#)).

On August 29<sup>th</sup> the Church commemorates one of the oldest feasts within the Church, the Memorial of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Just as John preceded Jesus in birth, preaching, and baptizing, so too did he precede Jesus in death, dying as a prefiguration of the one who would give His life sacrificially on the Cross.


John’s life was given to the mission to which he was called. He never wavered and willingly accepted even death, rather than shy away from God’s will. He introduced the Lamb of God to the world and led the way for Jesus by his preaching, baptism of repentance, and death, which prefigured Jesus’ own death.

PRAYER REQUESTS 




*Pray for the sick and homebound of our Parish, especially:*

Gerry Pillon  
Marlene Dupuis  
Enzo DiLorenzo



*Pray for the repose of the Soul of:*

Deceased members of  
St. Gregory the Great



*Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of:*

Owen Gray



**Your St. Vincent de Paul Committee needs YOU!**

Our current committee totals 7 women (men are welcome, too!). It is apparent that we need a few more active members so that we can continue to do our work.

Attention to the needy and a healthy dose of humility are two hallmarks of Saint Vincent de Paul's spirituality. He always believed "***Go to the poor, you will find God***" and suggested his disciples and humanity make it a practice to serve the poor.

Consider becoming an active member of your parish’s St. Vincent de Paul Committee. It is not a big time-consuming commitment and the work is rewarding.

If you have any questions and/or would like more information about this rewarding work, please phone me at the number below or call the parish office at 613-476-6276.

Barbara Burgess  
Chair of St. Vincent de Paul Committee  
613-399-2524

*“Let us do our duty well, let us go straight to God, let us work to become very humble, very patient, very mortified, and very charitable.”* Saint Vincent de Paul