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### Knights of Columbus Message

The Knights of Columbus would sincerely like to thank all of those who supported our Annual Religious Christmas Card Sales initiative. As of this date we have attained our goal by selling our entire stock of cards. This will enable the Knights of Columbus to support our charitable endeavours. Thank you also for "Keeping Christ in Christmas."



### Mount Olivet Cemetery - Winter Season Closure

The gates to Mount Olivet Cemetery will be closed for the winter season on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Any questions regarding the cemetery please call Mary Dreifelds at 613-476-6964. Thank you for your continued support of our cemetery!



### Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Father George

Congratulations to Father George on 5 years as our Parish Priest! Father George arrived in Picton to St. Gregory's Parish on December 2, 2019. We are blessed to have him with us and wish him many more years with St. Gregory's. God is good. God bless you, Father George.



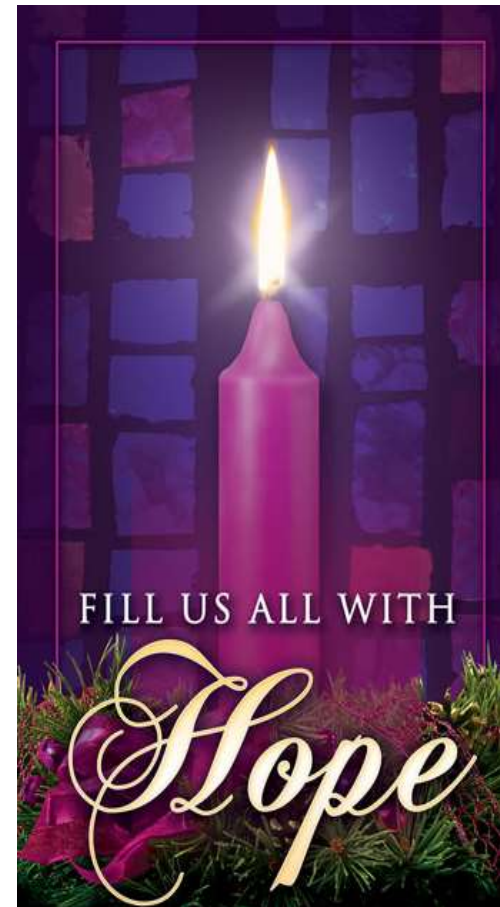
## St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church

7 Church Street  
Picton, ON K0K 2T0  
(613) 476-6276

[www.st-gregory-picton.ca](http://www.st-gregory-picton.ca)

**St. Frances of Rome Church (Summer Mission)**  
67 Belleville Street, Wellington ON K0K 3L0  
**Weekend Mass will resume in May 2025**

First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024



"Let us hold unwaveringly to  
the hope we profess, for He  
who promised is faithful."  
Hebrews 10:23

**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 Mass

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Daily - phone the office

#### Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday	10:00 am - 3:00 pm
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### Parish Contacts

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

# First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 2** No Mass

**Tuesday, December 3**

12:30 pm **George Higden, RIP** – Barb Lyons & Bill Crane

**Wednesday, December 4**

12:30 pm **Len Creamer, SI** - Frank Creamer

**Thursday, December 5**

12:30 pm

**Friday, December 6**

8:30 am followed by exposition & adoration  
**John Wynen, RIP** – Sonia Wynen

**Saturday, December 7**

5:00 pm **Miriam Kissel, SI** – Barb Lyons & Bill Crane

**Sunday, December 8**

10:00 am **For the People of Our Parish**

## Prayer Requests



Pray for sick and homebound of our Parish



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



Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of:  
St. Gregory's Catholic Women's League

## Parish Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council	Tim Ernst	613 476 2159
Parish Finance Committee	Erin Walker	613 331 0584
Pastoral Care Outreach	Colleen Hill	613 471 1283
Mount Olivet Cemetery	Mary Dreifelds	613 476 6964
Becoming Catholic: RCIA	Tim Ernst	613 476 2159
Screening Committee	Tim Ernst	613 476 2159
St. Vincent de Paul	Barbara Burgess	613 399 2425
Parish Choir – Saturday, 5:00 pm	David Bongard	613 476 7632
Parish Choir – Sunday, 10:00 am	Cheryl Moggridge	613 476 5555
Catholic Women's League	Mary Lynn Lester	613 393 2783
Knights of Columbus	Dan Gannon	613 476 3902
Youth Ministry	Gail McDougall	613 399 3439
Liturgical Art & Environment Ministry	Bea Papiz	613 393 3099

**We are always looking for volunteers to join our parish ministries and committees. Please contact the above individuals for more information.**



## Parish Advent Confession Night

St. Gregory's will have its annual Advent Confession Night on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. There will be three priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this time as it will be your only major opportunity before the celebration of Christmas.



## 2025 Offertory Envelopes Ready for Pick Up

Please be sure to pick up your 2025 Sunday Offertory envelopes at the back of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order by surname.

A few important notes:

1. **Please check that the name(s) and address on your envelope box are accurate. This is the name/address that will be used for tax receipts.** Notify the parish office of any changes/corrections.
2. Your envelope number remains the same as 2024 **for most parishioners**. If you have been assigned a new number, please put your name and address on the envelope for the first 2-3 weeks – thank you.
3. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office.
4. If you do not currently have offertory envelopes and would like a box of envelopes for the New Year, please contact or visit the parish office.

Important

***For parishioners who are on the Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit plan, still be sure to pick up your box of envelopes as it contains the Special Collection envelopes for the entire year.***



## Community Carol Event

Our St. Gregory Church Choir will be among many other choirs for an evening of Christmas carols, readings and featuring organist Murry Baer. All are invited!

The event is on **Sunday December 1st, at 6:30 pm**, at the Picton United Church. Free-will donations go to the Back-the-Build campaign for the new hospital.



## Tree of Giving

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Tree of Giving** will be set up inside the side door for the next two weekends (until December 8<sup>th</sup>). 'Tis the season for sharing and once again our two community food banks prepare Christmas hampers with special items for family members as well as a variety of nutritious food items. Please join the Pastoral Care and Outreach Ministry to collect new hats, scarves, mitts for men, women and children. Also, canned fish or meat, peanut butter, granola bars and Christmas treats would be welcomed. We will deliver these to the food banks on December 9<sup>th</sup>, the deadline for their Christmas donations.