



Dear Parishioners,

My name is Mackenzie Danahy and I'm from St. Michael's Parish in Belleville. I would love to share with you some exciting news!

I just finished my year with NET Canada and I felt God calling me to do another year on mission serving NET in Ireland. It is estimated that within 25 years, the religion in Ireland will be "no religion". Many young people in Ireland are losing their Faith by the time they leave high school. That's why NET Ireland exists. Our mission is to encourage young people to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church.

As I start my NET year, I've been asked to raise € 9,000 this summer. Today, I would like you to prayerfully consider financially supporting and helping me reach my goal. For more information, or if you feel called to support, here is the website: <https://www.netministries.ie/missionaries/mackenzie-danahy>.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact me by phone at 613-921-9600 or by email at [mackenzie.danahy@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzie.danahy@gmail.com). As well, you will be able to receive NET Newsletters and updates from me throughout the year! God Bless!

*"Evangelising is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize."- Pope Paul VI (Evangelii Nuntiandi)*



### COME SING WITH US

The Sunday Choir is looking for singers. No need to read music. Practices are on Thursday at 3:30 pm.

Come meet us after mass, or contact Cheryl Moggridge at [cmoggridge@kos.net](mailto:cmoggridge@kos.net) or 613-476-5555 for more information. If you love to sing, we'd love to have you sing with us!



### Thank you from Mount Olivet Cemetery

The Board of Mount Olivet Cemetery would like to express our sincere thanks to the parish for your generosity once again in giving to the yearly collection this month. It is a privilege to look after the cemetery and we

could not do it without your help. We look forward to installing a columbarium in the cemetery in the Fall and details will follow as we progress with this project.

Any questions about the cemetery, please contact Mary Dreifelds at 613-476-6964.

Once again, thank you!

## *St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church*

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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)*

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*Weekend Mass @ 11:30am from May 26, 2024 – October 6, 2024*

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*You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you satisfy all our needs. Psalm 145*

***17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 28, 2024***

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 30</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Memory of Immacolata Garofalo</b> Requested by Mike & Judith Circelli
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Memory of Walter Healey</b> Requested by Danny & Linda Whalen
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 1</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Memory of John Beaudette</b> Requested by Roy Goodridge
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 2</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Memory of Norine Holmes</b> Requested by Dona Geggie
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 3</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Memory of Joe Stasko</b> Requested by the Kobetich Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 4</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Missa Pro Populo</b>
<b>St. Frances of Rome</b>		<b>11:30am</b>	

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**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

The 4<sup>th</sup> World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is celebrated on **July 28, 2024**. This annual observance, established by Pope Francis in 2021, falls on the Sunday

closest to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, who were Jesus' grandparents. The theme for this year's celebration is *"Do not cast me off in my old age,"* taken from Psalm 71. It serves as a reminder to combat loneliness and cherish the contributions of grandparents and the elderly within our communities. Let's show our tender love for them and spend time with those who may feel disheartened, offering hope for a different future.


As the Catholic Church prepares for the Holy Year 2025, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to focus on prayer, which is why he chose the prayer of an elderly person from the Psalms for the theme, the Vatican said in a statement released earlier this year.

"By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and the contribution they make to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every ecclesial community to forge bonds between the generations and to combat loneliness," the statement said.

To read Pope Francis' full message, you are invited to go to the following link:


[2024 WDGP Holy Father Message-ENG.pdf \(ecatholic.com\)](https://www.ecatholic.com/2024-WDGP-Holy-Father-Message-ENG.pdf)






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

Cecile Murphy



*Pray for the repose of the Soul of:*

Deceased members of St. Gregory the Great



*Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of:*

Owen & Carol Anne Gray

**Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

Lord, faithful God,  
 You who created us in Your image,  
 You who never leaves us alone  
 and who accompanies us through every season of life,  
 Do not abandon us, take care of us,  
 And grant us, once again,  
 The ability to discover ourselves  
 and recognise that we are Your children.  
 Renew our hearts with your Word  
 And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.  
 May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness  
 And teach us to say:  
 "I will not abandon you!"  
 To those we meet on our journey.  
 With the help of your beloved Son,  
 may we not lose the taste for fraternity  
 And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.  
 Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,  
 And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
 A day without loneliness, and a day abundant  
 with the first-fruits of Your peace.

Amen