

St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church

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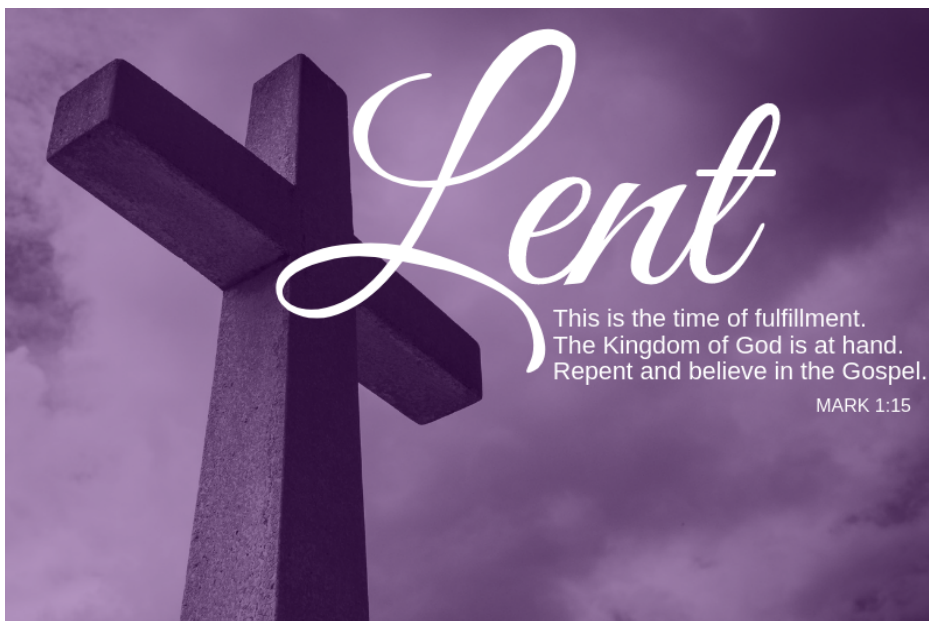
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Weekend Mass has concluded and will resume May 2024

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March 3, 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent - March 3, 2024

Saturday	March 2	5:00pm	<i>Memory of Annie Thissen</i> <i>requested by Mary Dreifelds</i>
Sunday	March 3	10:00am	Missa Pro Popula

Monday	March 4	NO MASS	
Tuesday	March 5	12:30pm	<i>Intention of Trustee Peter McEnery</i> <i>requested by Jackie Fernandes.</i>
Wednesday	March 6	12:30pm	<i>Memory of Sybil Mc Bride</i> <i>requested by Conley Family</i>
Thursday	March 7	12:30pm	<i>Memory of Anna Faye Clancy</i> <i>requested by Ray Clancy</i>
Friday	March 8	8:30am	
		9:00-9:15am	Exposition & Adoration
Saturday	March 9	5:00pm	<i>Memory of Fr. Peter Murphy</i> <i>requested by Mickey & Jim Bond</i>
Sunday	March 10	10:00am	Missa Pro Popula

PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for the sick and home bound of our Parish especially: Margery Drechsler & Trustee Peter McEnery



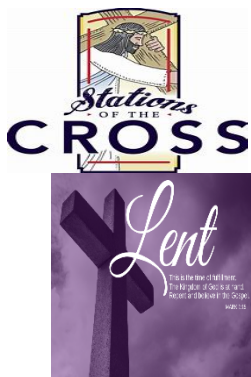
Pray for the repose of the Soul of:

Rev. Fr. Peter Murphy



Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of:

Norine Holmes



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
We will have the Stations of the Cross
after the Friday 8:30am Mass
Lenten Confessions

*Fr. George and Fr. Michael will be available to hear Lenten confessions: **March 10 at 6pm.** If you can't attend on March 10 you can call the parish office 613-476-6276 to make an appointment for confession.*

Pope's Prayer Intentions: For the new martyrs –

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

St. Gregory the Great Parish Gift Shop

7 Church St. Picton, Ontario, K0K 2T0



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Hours: Saturday after 5pm Mass & Sunday after 10am Mass

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Softening Our Hearts this Lent

I admire those who keep steady and committed Lenten observance. I have no problem with the fasting. My Lenten reality is not desert enough. The psalms continue to point me in the right direction: "O today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts." I ask myself where can I listen to his voice? The answer is: It is everywhere.

Signs of spring are starting to appear. God's voice speaks to me through the songs of the birds that are reminding us that spring is around the corner. Despite any losses or grief that we have, Lent reminds us that there is a third day. It is around the corner. Joy and new life come to us again.

"If today you hear his voice..." We hear it every day. Lent is a time to be aware and make room to deliberately soften our hearts. In these last few weeks of Lent, may we all hear God's voice and open our hearts to transformation and goodness.

.....Jan Bentham, retired Religious Coordinator with the Ottawa Catholic School Board.

Rev. Fr. Peter Murphy



Father Peter H. Murphy passed away at The Windsor Retirement Residence in Amherstview, on Sunday, February 25, 2024 in his 94th year.. Father Peter was born in Elgin, Ontario, on August 5, 1930, and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 26, 1957 in a memorable ceremony at the Kingston Community Centre. He has been a devoted and dedicated priest for 67 years serving in many parishes in the Kingston Archdiocese: St. Carthagh's, Tweed, (1957-61), St. Michael's, Belleville, (1961-63), St. John's, Flinton (1963-70), Sacred Heart of Mary, Madoc (1970-83), St. Mary's, Carleton Place (1983-88), Annunciation Parish, Enterprise (1988-2008). He retired to Napanee (2008-23) where he continued to do priestly

service. Vigil Prayers being offered at 7 pm. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Friday, March 1, at 11:00am.

God's Promises to you.

Patience

God is often more patient with us than we are with ourselves. We assume that if we fall, we aren't born again. If we stumble, then we aren't truly converted. If we have old desires, then we must not be a new creation.

If you are anxious about this, please remember, "God began doing a good work in you, and I am sure he will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again."
(Philippians 1:6)Max Lucado

Spiritual Reflection

The image in today's Gospel of Jesus overturning tables is in forceful contrast to the gentle images of our Lord with children and healing the sick. In the temple Jesus witnesses the injustice taking place in his Father's house and is moved to take a stand. Animals for sacrifice were being sold to travellers for unfair prices. The temple was no longer a holy place where one could encounter God. Like the merchants in the Gospel today, we can lose sight of the peace that comes from simply being in the all-loving presences of God. As we continue our Lenten journey towards the resurrection, may we cleanse our hearts of the greed, gluttony and selfishness that form a barrier between us and the true love of God.

May our hearts be converted to love peace and new life.