



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 24TH – DECEMBER 29TH

English Rosary: Saturday 4:10 p.m. / Sunday 9:10 a.m. / Polish Rosary: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 24th CHILDREN'S MASS CHRISTMAS EVE MASS	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i> <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Wednesday, December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i> <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Thursday, December 26th		...	NO MASS
Friday, December 27th		...	NO MASS
Saturday, December 28th	4:30 p.m.	+	Linda Kellar, Tiny & Jimmy Walker, Terry Wilson, Ted & Marlene Lane, Joey Scollard, Kim McCormack, Greg & Fran Scollard and Don & Helen Forestall, requested by Joe, Kathy & Christine Scollard
Sunday, December 29th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+	Joan Capp, requested by her sister-in-law, Madeline – <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Neave Alderson, Tim Ayotte, M.J.B., Gerard & Wanda Byrne, Margaret Collins, Mark Corkery, Gloria Crowley, John Dawson, Michael Dawson, Marian Dlugosz, Brian Eberle, Donna Ellis, Marie Green, Sawyer Growden, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Rachelle Kennedy, Cathy Lochner, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Barb McKinnon, Pat McPhail, Jo Morrison, Nixon Parsons, Paul Sullivan, Linda vanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sally Weglarz, Clint Young and those who have no one to pray for them. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.**

OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 24TH, RE-OPENING JAN. 2ND

Christmas Message from Fr. Jozef



"Today in the city of David, a Saviour, Christ the Lord, was born to us!" (Lk 2, 11).

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Saviour, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your kindness and generosity over the past year. Your willingness to share your blessings has helped sustain our parish and create a welcoming community rooted in faith and love. This generosity reflects the spirit of Christmas, when we are reminded of the incredible gift of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Christmas is a time to give thanks for the blessings we have received and to reflect on how we can share those blessings with others. I encourage you to carry this spirit of generosity into the coming year, supporting not only those in need, but also our parish community so we may continue to be a light of Christ in the world.

May the Lord Jesus bless you during this wonderful Christmas and New Year as you rejoice with family and friends. May you open and cherish His gifts of peace, joy, and love and share blessings with all around you. Please know that you and your loved ones are in my prayers, and I pray that God blesses you abundantly for your goodness.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2025. — Fr. Jozef Vano





BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Christmas, like all those before, is a celebration of joy and hope, as it proclaims the wondrous love of God for us. In a Christmas homily a few years ago, Pope Francis reminded us that the birth of Christ brings people hope and courage in troubled times. A Christmas carol lyric puts it even more poetically: *“the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.”* The coming of God to redeem us, promised so long ago, proclaims that we are precious and beloved. This knowledge invites us to face the future with courage and confidence, despite any challenges or fears that may afflict us.

The theme of hope is even more pronounced this Christmas, as Pope Francis will inaugurate the Jubilee year on Christmas Eve at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The Church celebrates such Jubilees every twenty-five years, and the Holy Father has declared this holy year to be a Jubilee of Hope. We are invited, with the universal Church, to embark on this celebration, and to embrace the great virtue of hope—one that will be lived out in our desire for peace, our respect for life and our loving care for those who suffer in any way.

The Solemn Opening of the Jubilee in our diocese will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 29th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, an event that I am looking forward to celebrating. Though it is a busy time of year and not all of you live close to Peterborough, I invite and encourage you to join me for this Mass, as we initiate the Jubilee of Hope in our diocese.

May this great Christmas season, when we celebrate God's love revealed in “a child born for us”, instill in our hearts an ever-deeper hope and inspire us to bring hope to others. May the joy of Christ's birth, the foundation of our hope, be with you and yours this Christmas.

Yours in Christ,

+Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough

“Let us pray, asking for the joy of Christmas. Let us give thanks to God for the good things he has given us, above all, faith.” —Pope Francis