



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
 386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1W7
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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 2025.

MASSES FOR MARCH 18TH – MARCH 23RD

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

Tuesday, March 18 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Peter Ayotte, Sr., requested by the family
Wednesday, March 19 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Mary Dillon, requested by Jim
Thursday, March 20 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & parents, req. by the Estate
Friday, March 21 st	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & parents, req. by the Estate
Saturday, March 22 nd	4:30 p.m.	–	Karen Terrell, requested by Angie Brooks
Sunday, March 23 rd	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ –	Tony & Flossie Bovie, req. by John Bovie & Marie Moser <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Neave Alderson, Shelly Appleton, Tim Ayotte, M.J.B., Gerard & Wanda Byrne, Joanna Carlberg, Margaret Collins, 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, Andrew Morrison, Jo Morrison, Nixon Parsons, Dan Selby, 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.**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT: All are invited to a free St. Patrick's Day concert featuring Hugh Beresford, **Deacon Peter Bissonnette** and Dan Corkery, this Saturday **March 15th** at 5:45 p.m. in the parish hall of Saint Martin of Tours, Ennismore. *(See poster on our bulletin board for more information.)*

LECTURE ON THE NICENE CREED: To be held at St. Alphonsus Church on Thursday, **March 27th** at 7:00 p.m. Lecture given by Rev. Hubertus Drobner entitled "1700 Years Nicene Creed (325-2025): Sources, Meaning & Lasting Impact". The talk will analyze the exact meaning of the text of the Nicene Creed based on its theological tradition and show why it became such an undisputed success story up to our present days. The lecture will take place at *(See poster on our bulletin board.)*

CALLING ALL BAKERS: Our Palm Sunday Bake sale is **April 12th & 13th**. Which wonderful culinary treasure will you prepare? Our bake sales raise a significant amount for our parish coffers. Let's make this the best yet!

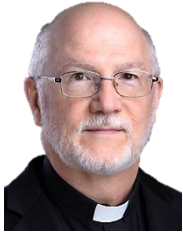


SAVE THE DATE: A Jubilee Mass for Youth will be held at St. Peter-In-Chains Cathedral on **April 27th**. Divine Mercy service begins at 2:30 p.m.; Adoration and Confessions; Mass at 5:00 p.m.; Blessing with a relic of our new Saint and celebration of the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutius. All are welcome!

PROJECT RACHEL: Project Rachel at St. Mary's Refuge is offering a weekend retreat, **May 2-4, 2025**, for women who have been hurt by abortion. You can speak with someone who understands and cares and have a chance to begin the healing from loss and grief. Phone **289-691-6840**, or e-mail ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org. *(See poster on our bulletin board for more information.)*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DEACON PETER BISSONNETTE: It is with great joy that we announce that Peter Bissonnette will be ordained to the priesthood on **May 30th**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. All are welcome! *(See poster on our bulletin board for more information.)*

40 CANS FOR FORTY DAYS: Is a Knights of Columbus charity program that connects traditional Lenten almsgiving with the nutritional needs of poor families in our community. The idea is simple: a straightforward one can (or non-perishable item) per-day donation during Lent inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. To encourage local Knights of Columbus councils to participate in the worthwhile program, the Supreme Council offers financial rebates to councils that donate food or money. The Supreme Council will refund \$100 for every \$500 donated, or for every 1,000 pounds of food that a council contributes to a parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen. The Knights will collect the food each week, weigh it and deliver it to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Boxes are at the entrances of the Church.



LITURGY NOTES BY FR. JOHN-MARK MISSIO— NOURISHED BY THE WORD

How well do you listen to the word of God when the readings are read at Mass? If we wish to mine every opportunity for an encounter with God that the Mass provides for us, we should examine from time-to-time how well we listen. Some people find it spiritually enriching to read over the scriptures in their personal Missal before the Mass. Others prefer to encounter them with no preparation other than an opening of the heart toward God's presence. If we have allowed our hearts to be opened by the actions of gathering as a living body of believers, and seeking forgiveness, and praising God for what he has done, then we can be assured that the Holy Spirit has now disposed us to hear

anew the sacred scriptures.

The Holy Spirit continues his work as we listen to the Old Testament, and as he moves our hearts to respond to God's history of saving a fallen race. We hear of covenants of love, and how to live them by right relationship with God, and we ourselves are moved when we recognize our own fallen condition. We recognize that we repeat the sins of our ancestors, and we see our need for the conversion of heart that the Spirit stirs up in us, as the holy scriptures are read. Then, turning to the New Testament, we hear the name of Jesus again and again, and listen to the glorious telling of his saving sacrifice for us. In the New Testament, we savour every word Jesus spoke and is speaking again to us as we listen. It could be said that, as we listen to the Gospel proclaimed at the Mass, where the Mystical Body of Christ is assembled, it is the closest that we will ever get in this life to hearing Jesus himself speaking to us. Let us listen and rejoice. (© Padre Piccolo)

FREE LENTEN STUDY: Online Lenten study through *Science of Sainthood*. Learn to pray like the Saints! Includes guided audio meditations. Watch the FREE Lent streaming of *Introduction to Real Prayer*. This incredible series teaches everything you need to know about prayer...not just what it is, but how to do it! [REGISTER](#)

CCCB—JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: The *Journey through Lent* video series, includes reflections on the readings for each Sunday in Lent including Palm Sunday. [VIDEO SERIES](#)

Way of the Cross

On Good Friday, **April 18th**, the young people will once again reenact the Stations of the Cross in the streets of downtown Peterborough! Beginning with a prayer service at the **Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains at 10:00 a.m.**, the young actors will don period-authentic costumes and re-present Jesus' Passion and crucifixion at each intersection along Hunter Street, concluding on the front steps of **Immaculate Conception Parish**. It is a powerful and moving testimony of faith from our young people and it is an inspiring event for both young and old. All are welcome to join in this deeply moving experience!



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"if you believe in the resurrection of Christ, then you know with certainty that no defeat and no death is forever."
—Pope Francis