



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23, 2025.

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 25TH – MARCH 2ND

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

Tuesday, February 25 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Tim Moloney, requested by the family
Wednesday, February 26 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Jack Morrissey, requested by the Ron Pinto family
Thursday, February 27 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Doreen Foley, requested by Paul & Mardi Ayotte
Friday, February 28 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Mary Shaughnessy, requested by her children
Saturday, March 1 st	4:30 p.m.	+	Thomas, Mae & Marie McCarthy, requested by the Estate
Sunday, March 2 nd	9:30 a.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
	11:00 a.m.	+	Jan & Maria Dlugopolscy (parents) & Jan (brother) & all deceased family members, requested by the Tryba family

+ 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, 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.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Reminder that there will be a Special Collection this weekend, **February 22/23** in support of Camp Northern Lights. There is no special envelope in your offertory box, but special blue envelopes will be available at the entrances to the church. Complete your name and address, so this contribution will be included with your 2025 income tax receipt.

BOTTLE DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus will be collecting RETURNABLE liquor, wine, beer bottles and beer cans this Saturday, **February 22nd** at the Rectory garage between 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (NO POP CANS PLEASE.)

SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER: Our Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, **March 4th** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$4 a person or \$10 per family. Come on out and join us for some delicious pancakes and socialize with our parish community.

PALMS TO ASHES: It is hard to believe that Lent is just around the corner. Everyone is encouraged over the next three weeks to bring in their old palms. They will provide the ashes for the Masses on Ash Wednesday, **March 5th**. There will also be a special **7:00 p.m. Mass** that day.



OUR PROVINCE GOES TO THE POLLS ON FEBRUARY 27: The Archdiocese of Toronto has some helpful resources available for Catholics as we form our consciences and decide how to vote. Both the guide by “*Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto*” and the resource by “*Catholic Conscience*” help us to consider various issues through the lens of Catholic social and moral teaching. [VIEW RESOURCES](#)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH



February is known as the month of love, but love needs to be part of our thinking 24/7! Love is an action word, so take some time to reflect on your own contribution to your married relationship. Do you use kind words, compliment your spouse, apologize when necessary, show love through action in the things you do, pray for your spouse daily and make the time to be together and share your day? These will all build love and keep it strong.

WAY OF THE CROSS CASTING CALL: Any interested teenagers or young adults (15-22) are invited to attend a casting call for the upcoming *Way of the Cross* passion play being held on April 18th, 2025. Young people need no prior acting experience, and we will find roles for everybody! The casting call will be held on **March 1st** at 12 noon at the St. Alphonsus Church Hall at 82 Frank Street. Contact the director Tom, at **705-313-9846** for more information. (See poster on our bulletin board.)



LITURGY NOTES BY FR. JOHN-MARK MISSIO—ETERNAL, COSMIC, GLORIOUS BEYOND IMAGINING

What is the liturgy? You would think that this would be the first question in the Catechism's section on the Mass. You would expect an orderly definition, and a point-by-point description. But this is not how the Catechism begins its section on our worship. It does begin with questions, but rather different ones, such as: Who celebrates the liturgy? (1135) Why start here? It starts with "who", not "why", because the Mass does not begin with us. It begins in God himself, wherein the eternal worship of the Father by the Son in the Holy Spirit is the primordial act of worship that is eternal, cosmic, and glorious beyond imagining.

It does not begin when we make the Sign of the Cross; it has been going on in the heart of God before creation ever was, and this cosmic worship has been attended to by all the angels and saints since creation began. We glimpse this divine worship briefly when we come to Mass; but we are entering into something heavenly that was begun long before we arrived, and will continue long after we are gone. So, the Catechism does not begin with dry definitions, but with a realization that worship of God is a mystery greater than our understanding; yet God invites us to enter into the mystery. Next time you look at the windows of all the saints around the church, remember that they are not simply reminders of people who lived in the past. They are signs of those who are worshipping in heaven with us, praising God with cries of joy, and we echo their voices on earth, giving voice to every creature under heaven through our human voices, when we pray and sing at the Mass. We might leave at the end of Mass, but their worship carries on unceasingly. (© Padre Piccolo).

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE 2025 NATIONAL SHARE LENT LAUNCH WEBINAR: Saturday, **March 1st** 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In-person: St. Joseph Church, 127 Liberty Street South, Bowmanville (potluck lunch). Please RSVP to Michelle Lange mroselange@yahoo.ca; Online: Please register here: [Turn Debt into Hope | National launch webinar | Development and Peace](#)

Catholic Netflix !



LENT IS JUST TWO AND A HALF WEEKS AWAY! Even though it starts late this year, it still kind of snuck up. If you haven't yet dipped your toe into "FORMED," the library of great Catholic online videos, this is a wonderful time to start—or a time to start watching again. They have a great four-part series "How to Lent," which is a fine lead-up as we prepare for this season of penance, prayer, charity and spiritual renewal. Remember, this resource is free to all our parishioners because of our Diocesan subscription. Simply use the instructions below to sign up if you are a first-time user. Or dust off your log-in credentials if you are returning after a while! It is a real blessing to have these resources free for our use, especially with Lent soon upon us. — Bishop Miehm

- Go to [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org)
- Select the *Formed for Individuals* button
- Type in your email and click *Submit*
- For *Find your Parish* type "Immaculate Peterborough" and select us from the dropdown list
- Click the *Next* button
- Type your Name and Email address and click the *Sign Up* button
- Then begin exploring the engaging and professional content. You will find excellent videos on saints, some fine children's programming, and "The Search" which is a great exploration of the Catholic faith—among many other resources. And did I mention it's all free?

"Christian hope, fulfilled in Jesus and realized in His kingdom, needs us and our commitment; needs our faith expressed in works of charity, needs Christians who do not look the other way." —Pope Francis