



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
 386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1W7  
 705-742-5466

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024.

### MASSES FOR DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> – DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

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

Tuesday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Jack Morrissey, requested by Marie
Wednesday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & her parents, req. by the Estate
Thursday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & her parents, req. by the Estate
Friday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Lucia Colacci, requested by a friend
Saturday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & her parents, req. by the Estate
Sunday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ –	Francis Eugene Doris, requested by his son Gerard Eugene & Anna Antczak on the occasion of their 55 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, requested by family & friends

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Neave Alderson, Tim Ayotte, M.J.B., Gerard & Wanda Byrne, Pam Caravaggio, 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.

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The Christmas Schedule has now been [posted to our website](#).

Confessions are Saturdays 3:30 to 4:15 and Sundays 8:30 to 9:15 throughout Advent.

**OFFICE CLOSURE:** The parish office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PARISH FEAST DAY THIS SUNDAY:** There will be a special community Mass at 9:30 a.m. and Fr. Stephen DeCarlo will be the main celebrant. There will be no 11:00 a.m. Polish Mass that day. All are welcome!

**WELCOME, WELCOME:** Congratulations to **Jacob Joseph Kenney**, to be welcomed into the people of God this weekend through **baptism**.



**THE 2025 CATHOLIC FAITH CALENDAR HAS ARRIVED!** It will be available at the entrances to the church or from the parish office for \$10...the same price as last year. Interesting information in the back of the calendar: • The Ten Commandments • The Two Great Commandments • Commandments of the Church • The Seven Sacraments • The Seven Capital Sins • The Fruits of the Holy Spirit • The Beatitudes • Preparation for Confession • What is Fasting? • What is Abstinence? • ...and more!



**ADVENT BAKE SALE—OH, SO MUCH FUN!** We need “Bakers and Buyers” for our annual Advent Bake Sale the weekend of **December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** following all Masses. Come and check out our treats! Support our parish and get goodies to serve to your Christmas company! Your baking goods can be dropped off 30 minutes before Mass time.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT—SACRED HEART:** Friday, **December 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m., by The Sacred Heart Children’s Choir and Bellringers directed by Randy Mills. All are invited to attend.



**JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT WITH MARY** is the theme of this year’s Advent video series from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. These brief videos are a wonderful way to embrace the spirit of the liturgical season. This year’s presenter is Archbishop Francis Leo of Toronto, filmed from the sanctuary of St. Michael’s Cathedral. Each week, Archbishop Leo reflects on the Gospel from the upcoming Sunday Mass. As a Marian scholar of some note, he will have excellent insights to share. [VIEW VIDEO SERIES.](#)

**SIMBANG GABI:** The Peterborough FilCan Catholic Community Group will be having its annual Simbang Gabi—a nine-day Novena Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Anne’s parish. Dinner will be served after each Mass. **Schedule:** Dec. 15, 5:00 p.m., Dec. 16-21, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 22, 5:00 p.m. and Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. *(See poster on our bulletin board for more info.)*

**MASS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** A bilingual Mass (English/Spanish) will be held on Wednesday, **December 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe’s feast day. The Mass will be held at St. John’s Church, 300 Wilson Street, followed by a presentation and a potluck in the basement of the Church. Everyone is invited and please bring something to share. *(See poster on our bulletin board for more info.)*

### *November Financial Comparison & Financial Crisis*

	2024	2023	2022
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$15,170.82		
<b>Offertory Income</b>	\$ 10,336.10 (4 Sundays)	\$ 9,785.25 (4 Sundays)	\$ 9,375.25 (4 Sundays)




Since July, 2023, the monthly Offertory Comparison has listed the Operating Expenses, so that you can see that consistently our expenses **are on average \$4,000 higher than our income from offertory** (\$5,000 higher in the above comparison). We have been kept afloat by very substantial donations from a few very generous parishioners and these donations have now been expended.

#### **OUR OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE HAS NOW DROPPED TO ZERO!**

This crisis affects our ability to pay our bills (gas and hydro for the church and rectory, snow plowing, PUC, etc.), and has come about by (a) the continual annual rise in costs; and (b) the consistency of parishioner contributions that once set, typically tend not to change year-to-year.

As we approach the Christmas season, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing generosity and support of our parish. Your contributions enable us to sustain our ministries and care for our Church and facilities. However, now that we are currently facing a shortfall in donations of approximately \$4,000 each month, it places a significant strain on our ability to continue our mission and meet our commitments.

#### **So, our goal is to increase our monthly parish offertory by at least \$4,000 or we won’t be able to pay our bills ongoing. We have a solution!**

I kindly ask each of you to prayerfully consider **increasing your ongoing “weekly” offering even by \$10 =**  to help us address this need. Every gift, no matter the size, brings us closer to meeting our goals and ensures we can continue to thrive as a community of faith. Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to our parish. Together, I believe we can rise to this challenge and strengthen the future of our church.

In Christ,  
Fr. Jozef and the Parish Finance Committee

*PS: Let me assure you that any parishioner contributions toward the elevator/lift fund are safely tucked away in Royal Bank GICs, earning interest, so those funds are not affected.*