



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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January 12, 2025.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR JANUARY 14TH – JANUARY 19TH

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

Tuesday, January 14 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & her parents, req. by the Estate
Wednesday, January 15 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Emmett O'Donoghue, requested by Tim Ayotte
Thursday, January 16 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Jack Morrissey, requested by Marie
Friday, January 17 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Kevin O'Brien, requested by Paul & Mary O'Brien
Saturday, January 18 th	4:30 p.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Sunday, January 19 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ +	Helen Morrissey, requested by Marie Morrissey Lidia Sucharzewska, requested by her daughter & family

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

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

THANK YOU!

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who participated in the success of our Christmas and New Year's celebrations: choirs, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, altar servers, ushers, church decorators, and all those who in any way contributed toward creating a faith-filled celebration. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated. —Fr. Jozef

ALMOST SOLD OUT! Beat the February Blues by attending a fantastic Roast Beef Dinner in the Immaculate Conception parish hall on Saturday, **February 1st**. Social hour at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Limited number of tickets: Adults \$25, under 12: \$15. Call the parish office **705-742-5466** now to book your tickets.



ALPHA IS BACK! St. Alphonsus Ligouri Alpha Program invites you to meet others and chat about some of life's big questions: Is there a God? Why am I here? Where am I going? All are welcome! It starts in **February** for 11 weeks. Each session begins with a meal, followed by a short video and then small group discussions. To register, contact: St. Alphonsus at: office@stalphonsus.net

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: The diocesan Marriage Preparation Course will take place online on Saturday, **May 10th** with presentations on video being sent out for three weeks previous. Couples can sign up now. [REGISTRATION FORM](#)



FUN QUIPS FROM FR. PETER: A little girl walked to and from school daily. One day, though the weather that morning was okay, by afternoon the winds had whipped up, bringing thunder and lightning. The little girl's mother was worried and got in her car and drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along the sidewalk. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile. The mother pulled up next to her daughter, opened the door, and asked, "What are you doing Honey? Why are stopping and smiling every time there is lightning?" The child answered, "Why shouldn't I? God keeps taking pictures of me!"

"I urge everyone to become pilgrims of hope, setting tangible goals for a better future. Let us not forget to keep 'the little details of love'." —Pope Francis

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Family time matters, as much when our children age as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly. Traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys: pizza and movie nights; a special breakfast after attending Mass; games night—anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan your together time weekly and remember to share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that has to be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older!



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: *“When my grandson was a babe, I learned about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. I knew that I wanted him to be part of this rich child-focused Catholic formation program. The atrium is a unique and reverent space, full of experiences to delight and inspire the little ones. I am grateful for the love for our faith that is modeled by the outstanding Catechists.”*— Patty Apac. Spaces are available! Please join us weekly on Saturday mornings 9:30-11:30 a.m. Contact Ruth Ann [613-884-6007](tel:613-884-6007) for an atrium tour. Our brochure, schedule and new registration form [can be found online.](#)



JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE: A Jubilee Year is traditionally proclaimed by the Universal Church every 25 years. It is a particular year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of their sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew a focus on the spiritual life. In the Hebrew tradition, as recorded in Leviticus, a Jubilee was celebrated every 50 years with the freeing of slaves and the forgiveness of debts. In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Christian Jubilee, and since then the Church has designated each new Jubilee as a special year of grace and forgiveness, offering the faithful an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence.

His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm has issued a **Jubilee Year Indulgence Decree** for the Diocese of Peterborough [[READ DECREE](#)]. The Decree states that four churches throughout the diocese may be visited by the faithful to fulfill the requirements for the indulgence: **St. Michael the Archangel** in Cobourg; **Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary** in Lindsay; **St. Patrick's** in Kearney; and principle among them, the **Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains** in Peterborough. May this Holy Year be a source of hope, rich in spiritual fruit for all the situations that are dear to us, especially for local and global situations in which hope seems to succumb in the face of so much evil and suffering in the world.

December Financial Comparison

We appreciate your continued support to cover basic parish expenses.

	2024	2023	2022
Operating Expenses	\$21,375.88	← (*See below for explanation.)	
Offertory Income	\$ 14,829.55 (5 Sundays)	\$ 12,810.30 (5 Sundays)	\$ 9,742.50 (4 Sundays)
Christmas Collection	\$ 4,854.75	\$ 4,511.55	\$ 5,616.75



* December 2024 Operating Expenses include the Annual Boiler Inspection of \$475, December snowplow bill of \$3,202 and other year-end annual charges from the Diocese, for example: Immaculate's share of Bank Charges, IT Support, Hospital Chaplaincy Wages, etc.

GOOD NEWS: You can see that our December Offertory hit the \$14,000 mark that is our average monthly expense! If parishioners continue to meet Father's plea for an extra \$10 per week, let's see if we can meet our expenses going forward. Also, you can add \$3,641.06 which is 75% of the Christmas Collection (25% goes to Diocese) to total December contributions of \$18,470. Our Operating Account is no longer at zero but is still very low.

BAD NEWS: However, December expenses are inflated (see above explanation), which still left us with a \$2,900 shortfall. And there will be over \$10,000 additional expenses coming soon: a \$4,200 payment for our recent roof repairs; and a \$6,000 insurance payment. Also, our church vacuum just died!