



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1W7
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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23, 2025.

MASSES FOR MARCH 25TH – MARCH 30TH

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

Tuesday, March 25 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & parents, req. by the Estate
Wednesday, March 26 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Marie Lynch, requested by her niece
Thursday, March 27 th	8:30 a.m.	–	Special Intention, requested by a parishioner
Friday, March 28 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Gary Widdis, requested by Marie Morrissey
Saturday, March 29 th	4:30 p.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Sunday, March 30 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ +	Deborah Heath, req. by Randy & Rosemary Donaldson Stefanii Jakubiak & Teodor Sucharzewski, requested by their son, daughter & 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, 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.**

THERE IS LOTS OF INTEREST IN “1700 YEARS NICENE CREED”: A talk by Father Hubertus Drobner, being given at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church on Thursday, **March 27th** at 7:00 p.m. When Pope Francis announced the Jubilee Year, he took special note that it coincided with this major anniversary of the Nicene Creed, a foundational statement of our Christian faith. With Father Drobner’s expertise in ecclesiastical history and patristic studies, he is an ideal speaker on the sources, meaning and impact of the Nicene Creed. There is no need to register, just plan to attend and make this a part of your Lent! [SEE POSTER](#)

SUPPORT OUR BOTTLE DRIVE: Start saving now, to support our many parish maintenance projects. The Knights of Columbus will be collecting RETURNABLE liquor, wine, beer bottles and beer cans next Saturday, **March 29th** at the Rectory garage between 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (NO POP CANS PLEASE.). We appreciate your help!

OWNED FAITH: Kids can listen to a teacher talk about God's word week-after-week, year-after-year—but it is through experience that children come to own their faith. Each bible-based experience builds faith. Through multiple experiences, kids find their identity as beloved children of a loving Heavenly Father and brothers and sisters in Christ. We retain 90% of what we experience, compared to 10% of what we hear. What we experience becomes a part of us, deeply rooted in long-term memory.

Over time, that embedded knowledge shapes our lives. It is our senses that make experiences real. And that is why design is so important. The **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** program has created a learning environment (our atrium), where children can touch, taste, smell, hear and see things that will expand their understanding of who God is and how much He loves them. When children use all their senses to explore, wonder about, and celebrate God's love, their faith grows and flourishes. [MORE INFO & UPDATED GALLERY](#)





MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

March is the start of Lent, a time when we reflect on our faith and our commitment to living as we have been called to live as disciples of Jesus. It is a perfect time to discuss as a couple how your marriage, considered both a Sacrament and Vocation by the Church, is fulfilling its mandate to be the visible sign of God’s invisible love. Do you strive always to treat each other as God loves, in total self-giving, with mercy and forgiveness acting as strong pillars of your marriage? This Lent make your Lenten journey a time to pray together and to work as a couple to strengthen one of the most important parts of your life...your marriage.

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!



LITURGY NOTES BY FR. JOHN-MARK MISSIO— THE HOLY WORD OF GOD

After the Penitential Act and (often) the Gloria, our hearts have been opened to hear the holy scriptures. Everything up to this point – our gathering, expressing our unity of heart in singing, being drawn toward to altar by the entrance procession, greeting the priest, acknowledging our unworthiness, and praising God – all these are preparatory acts to make room for the Holy Spirit to dispose our hearts for a particularly intense encounter in the Mass: hearing the holy Word of God proclaimed. The Mass has two principal parts: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Mass is a progression from various preparatory acts to a living encounter with the

Word proclaimed, then to a transforming encounter with the divine Word of God in Holy Communion.

In theory, we could just walk into church and start with the readings from the holy scriptures. But would we really be at our best without allowing the Holy Spirit to draw us from all the cares and concerns of the world to something beyond our imagining? Without acknowledging our sins, would we be best prepared to hear the challenge to repentance and holiness the scriptures confront us with? The more we can abandon ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit before we hear the Word of God proclaimed, the greater the impact of the reading of the holy scriptures can be on our hearts. The preparatory rites should foster a hunger to hear the Word. The Liturgy of the Word will lead us further into a sacramental encounter with God in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These are the two great parts of the Mass, each with profound ways of encountering Christ. The Holy Spirit is very busy working on our hearts at all points, so let us treasure all the moments of encounter given to us in the Mass and seek to enter into all of them more deeply with the Spirit’s assistance. (©Padre Piccolo)

SPECIAL COLLECTION: There will be a Special Collection the weekend of **April 5/6** for Development & Peace and other Lenten Charities.

Easter Schedule

IMMACULATE LENTEN CONFESSIONS: In addition to the usual Saturday confessions from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Fr. Jozef will also be available on Saturday, April 5th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:15 p.m. Fr. Stanislaw will hear Polish confessions on Sunday, April 6th, from 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday (& Lenten Bake Sale)	April 12 th April 13 th	4:30 p.m. 9:30 (English) 11:00 (Polish)
Holy Thursday	April 17 th	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 18 th	3:00 p.m.
Blessing of Baskets	April 19 th	2:00 p.m. (Polish)
Easter Vigil	April 19 th	8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	April 20 th	9:30 (English) 11:00 (Polish)



“Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross.” —Pope Francis