



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
 386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1W7
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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 2025.

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 11TH – FEBRUARY 16TH

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

Tuesday, February 11 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Marc Guerin, requested by his mother, Norma
Wednesday, February 12 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Reg Shaughnessy, requested by his children
Thursday, February 13 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & her parents, req. by the Estate
Friday, February 14 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Cathy Scott, requested by a friend
Saturday, February 15 th	4:30 p.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Sunday, February 16 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ –	James & Clara Moser, req. by John Bovie & Marie Moser Angelika Wyrotek & family, requested by Stanislaw & Danuta

+ 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, 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.**

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5th: It is hard to believe that Lent is just around the corner. Everyone is encouraged over the next four weeks to bring in their old palms. They will provide the ashes for the Masses on Ash Wednesday.

ANOTHER AWESOME ROAST BEEF DINNER: Our annual roast beef dinner was a huge success. A great crowd, an outstanding communal and festive atmosphere, succulent beef, delicious food and desserts. Thank you to all who prepared the meal, set up the hall, helped serve, and of course cleaned up. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus who donated the food and the parishioners who came out to support this fundraiser. The icing on the cake was a total of **\$4,330** raised for the parish. Thank you again.

ROSARIES: Feel free to take any of the rosaries that may be hanging on our bulletin board.

TAX RECEIPTS: If you live locally, your 2024 tax receipts may be found on the table in front of the reconciliation room at the back of the church. Otherwise, your receipts are in the mail! Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Included is a New Year's message from Father Jozef and a Financial Update. This update will be available on our [website homepage](#).

25th ANNIVERSARY—BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL: This is a tiny chapel with four chairs and a kneeler next to the office at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church. It is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. People from all over come to visit. Everyone is welcome. There is have a schedule if anyone is interested in booking a time, but drop-ins are welcome. They will celebrate the 25th Anniversary with a Mass on Thursday, **February 13th** at 1:00 p.m. followed by an hour of Adoration in the church and a small reception afterwards. All welcome!



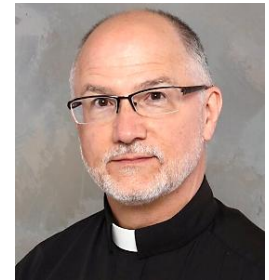
PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Family love is one of the most complex loves to navigate. Siblings often love each other but also know clearly all the buttons to push to make other members react negatively. Children challenge parents as they age, generally trying to define and discover whom they are as an individual, and sometimes personalities just clash. These are hard moments, so work to stay connected with good moments that bring you together.

Nature walks, movie nights, game nights, and brunch following Mass on the weekend—any actions that will remind everyone that family is our greatest support. Putting in the effort to plan fun moments will have lifetime benefits to all members of the family!

JUBILEE ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 24 TO NOVEMBER 3: Are you thinking and planning on joining a Pilgrimage to Italy and Rome during this Jubilee Year of Hope? Come and join us. In this pilgrimage we will be visiting the cities of Rome, Siena, Assisi, Florence and much more. Come and pray in the footsteps of the Saints—such as St. Francis and St. Clair of Assisi, St. Padre Pio, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Peter, etc. Fr. Roy Villas, parish priest of St. Joseph Parish, Bracebridge and CWL Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, will lead this pilgrimage. Only thirty seats are allocated, so don't delay. Any interested individual or group is advised to reach out to Fr. Roy Villas at **705-645-2294** to be included on the list.

LITURGY NOTES BY FR. JOHN-MARK MISSIO: Praying Intentionally: This bulletin column will gaze upon the Mass step-by-step over many weeks. And why? What might you gain from reading each reflection, and thinking about it, and maybe even acting upon it? The short answer is that by praying through the Mass more intentionally, by seeking a deeper appreciation of what is happening at each point, and how each moment relates to the whole, **some spiritual renewal will be derived.** A heart open to the Holy Spirit will always be enriched by prayer, and the Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church, with depths that we can spend our whole lives exploring, yielding more and more fruit.



With this column, I invite everyone to say all the prayers more deliberately, meaning what you say, putting your heart into the beautiful words of prayer that constitute this apex of Christian worship which we call the Mass. It is the worship of heaven made present to us for a brief time while we are together in the church. When we say words of praise, find it in your heart to joyfully sing or say the words that cry out in worship of God. When we say words of contrition and sorrow, again, say them from the heart, knowing that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and need forgiveness and healing grace. When we say prayers of petition, asking God to help us and to help those in danger and in need, find it in your heart to implore your Creator with real longing for God's assistance. Prayers which might be new to you, or prayers which you have said since childhood, will draw you closer to God the more you lift up your heart to him, and put your heart into the words we say and the songs we sing. Think of every moment of the Mass as an opportunity to grow in relationship to God, for if you grant him that opportunity, he will take you up on it. Can you do this at Mass today? (©Padre Piccolo)

January Financial Comparison

We appreciate your continued support to cover basic parish expenses.

You can see that our January income is SHORT \$2,381.10 in covering our expenses.

Several parishioners have stepped forward to increase their offerings, for which we are grateful.

We thank Brendan Moher, Acting Chairman of the Finance Committee for his talk last weekend, encouraging all of us to do what we can to get out of this unsustainable monthly negative position.

	2025	2024	2023
Operating Expenses	\$14,352.02	—	—
Offertory Income	\$ 11,970.92 (4 Sundays)	\$ 11,064.60 (4 Sundays)	\$ 11,170.85 (5 Sundays)
New Year's Collection	\$ 1,606.75	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 810.00

