



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2024.

**MASSES FOR DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> – DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

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

Tuesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Wednesday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Michael McAllister, requested by Marie Morrissey
Thursday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	–	Karen Terrell, requested by Angie Brooks
Friday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Charlene Urbach, requested by the family
Saturday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:30 p.m.	+	Lucia VandenBosch, requested by the family
Sunday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 a.m.	+	Phil, Mary & Bill Gabourie, requested by the Muir & Gabourie families
	11:00 a.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>

+ 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>.

**PUT THE FUN INTO FEBRUARY—GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT:** Beat the February Blues by attending a fantastic Roast Beef Dinner in the Immaculate Conception parish hall on Saturday, **February 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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.



**ADVENT BAKE SALE—THIS WEEKEND!** Come and check out our treats this weekend, **December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** following all Masses! Support our parish and get goodies to serve to your Christmas company! Your baking goods can be dropped off 30 minutes before Mass time.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED:** In order to recover from our current financial predicament, ([see details on our website](#)), every parishioner would need to increase their offering **by \$10 a week** (the cost of a coffee and muffin at Tim Hortons). Otherwise, we seriously won't be able to pay our bills. We thank you in advance for your generous and ongoing support of our parish. Let's do this! 🙏

*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. The installation of our Lift is still on target for the Spring! This situation affects our Operating Account and the ability to pay our bills.*

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

December is an exciting month for children and families with the coming of Christmas. Celebrating with an Advent wreath allows us to light a candle each week, offering a chance to discuss, on four occasions, what Christ's coming to the world means to all of us. The candles (hope, faith, joy and peace) open up the opportunity to remind our children what each candle represents and, of course, the real meaning of the season. Santa comes one night per year, but Jesus is with us always and is a true gift in our lives. This Advent, remember to make Christ the reason for the season!



**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.)

**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.](#)

**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.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:** Across the Global South, peasant and rural communities have fought hard to assert their rights to land, water, seeds, food sovereignty, a healthy environment and more. But how can they protect these rights when a powerful foreign corporation shows up in their region, intent on extracting resources, and indifferent to polluting the environment? Together, let's call on Canada to adopt mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation so that no Canadian company can trample on peasants' rights. Please do your part and [SIGN OUR CAMPAIGN LETTER.](#)

## *Pilgrims of Hope — Jubilee Year 2025*



**THE CHURCH IS PREPARING TO CELEBRATE A JUBILEE YEAR:** Focused on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope", Pope Francis will formally open the Jubilee at a Mass on Christmas eve at St. Peter's Basilica. On Sunday, **December 29<sup>th</sup>**, bishops around the world will celebrate the start of the Jubilee Year in their Cathedrals.

**His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm** will celebrate this great liturgy at the 10:30 a.m. Mass that day. The faithful will be asked to gather outside the Knights of Columbus Hall (parking lot area) facing the veranda to hear the introductory remarks for the Jubilee Year. We will all "pilgrimage" across the street to St. Peter's cathedral for the continuation of the celebration of Holy Mass. **Plenary Indulgences are available for the pilgrimage.** All are welcome to attend this Mass! Be sure to check out the [Jubilee Events page](#) on the Diocesan website. (See the poster on our bulletin boards for more info.)



*"Here is a beautiful goal for the Jubilee Year: to remove the ashes of habit and disengagement, to become, like the torchbearers at the Olympics, bearers of the flame of the Spirit." —Pope Francis*