



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 29, 2024.

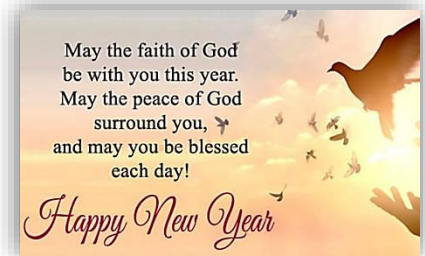
MASSES FOR DECEMBER 31ST – JANUARY 5TH

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

Tuesday, December 31 st	8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	+ –	Reg Shaughnessy, requested by his children Yvan Tony D’Souza, for his good physical & mental health, requested by Juliet D’Souza
Wednesday, January 1 st NEW YEAR’S DAY MASSES	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ +	Ed & Bernice Nolan, requested by the family Jan & Maria Dlugopolsky (parents) and Jan (brother), and all the deceased members of this family, requested by the Tryba family
Thursday, January 2 nd	8:30 a.m.	+	Al McPhail, requested by Anne Fitzgerald
Friday, January 3 rd FIRST FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. 9:00-12:00	+ ...	Francis Eugene Doris, requested by his son Gerard <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction</i>
Saturday, January 4 th	4:30 p.m.	+	Joe, Teresa & Pat Corkery, requested by the family
Sunday, January 5 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ –	Francis Eugene Doris, requested by his son Gerard <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, 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.**



ADVENT BAKE SALE THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who baked for us and to those who bought our baked goodies. We need to keep helping one another and supporting our parish. We made \$741.60. Thanks from the Bake Sale Girls: Martha Stewart (Sue Crowley), Anna Olson (Anne Fitzgerald), and Betty Crocker (that’s me!). Everyone have a wonderful Christmas! Stay safe and healthy. —Marie Morrissey



PUT THE FUN INTO FEBRUARY: 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.

NEXT BOTTLE DRIVE: There will be no bottle drive until Saturday, **January 4th, 2025**. Then we return to the last Saturday of the month, starting February 22nd, 2025.

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.



MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

December can be a stressful month with all the preparation and planning that goes on before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out in ways we often would not, especially toward our spouses. This year, make a conscious decision to break the cycle. Get out your calendars and plan some quiet “couple time”: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighborhood, watching movie, or a dinner out. At least once a week make the gift of the season—time with each other—because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give.

NORTHERN ONTARIO CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: This year’s Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference hosted by the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie is taking place on Saturday, **February 22, 2025** at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay. This event is open to all young people aged 13-19 who will gather for a day of prayer led by International Catholic Speaker, Singer, Comedian and Social Media Icon Paul J. Kim. The day will also include time for socializing, recreation, personal reflection, prayer and reconciliation. This year’s theme is “AWAKEN – Live for More” giving young people the chance to reflect on making Christ-centered choices in their life within the challenges of today’s world. Registration is now open - and there is an early registration discount until January 17, 2025. [MORE DETAILS](#)

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 29th**, 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.)

WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR? A Jubilee Year is a significant period of celebration and forgiveness **observed every 25 years in the Catholic Church.** This sacred time provides a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, where individuals and communities can reflect on their faith, seek forgiveness, and restore relationships. The essence of the Jubilee is rooted in the themes of mercy and hope, inviting everyone to partake in the grace of God and the joy of reconciliation.

Thank you from the family of Fr. Damian Smullen

Because it is not possible to contact Fr. Damian's friends individually, please know that all your memories of Fr Damian, along with all your prayers and Masses for him, have been so comforting to us over these past months.

We know that Fr Damian would have been honoured to be remembered in this way by his Canadian family. Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for all of you in Knock, Ireland. Blessings for a very Happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

Hazel and Ursula Smullen

Let's remember:

[OBITUARY](#) | [MEMORIAL MASS AT ST. PETER-IN-CHAINS CATHEDRAL, PETERBOROUGH](#)

Father John Perdue was in attendance at the Funeral Mass in Sligo Ireland on July 24th, 2024 and delivered words on behalf of Bishop Miehm.

