



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1W7

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 21ST – DECEMBER 23RD

Tuesday, December 21 st	8:30 a.m.	+ Phil, Mary & Bill Gabourie, requested the Gabouries and the Muirs
Wednesday, December 22 nd	8:30 a.m.	+ Barbara Coughlin, requested by the Estate
Thursday, December 23 rd	8:30 a.m.	+ Linda Kellar, Joey Scollard, Ted & Marlene Lane, Terry Wilson, Tiny & Jimmy Walker and Kim McCormack, requested by Joe, Kathy & Christine Scollard

+ Repose of the soul

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 24TH – DECEMBER 26TH

Friday, December 24 th	4:00 p.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>
	7:00 p.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>
Saturday, December 25 th	9:30 a.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>
Sunday, December 26 th	9:30 a.m.	+ Hender Ellis, requested by Anne Marie Pearl
	11:30 a.m.	+ All the souls in Purgatory, requested by the Tryba family

+ Repose of the soul

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Aleesha, Neave Alderson, Audrey, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Gwendolyn Craigen, Joan Cross, Donna Ellis, Teresa Garvey, Sawyer Growden, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Bill Heasely, Janice Kelly, Bradley L., Cathy Lochner, Marian, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Margaret Shine, Erin Sullivan, Linda VanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sally Weglarz and those who have no one to pray for them. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.**

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE: The parish office will be closed from Thursday, December 23rd through Thursday, December 30th. **Please stand by for an update as to whether the office will reopen to the public in the new year, due to possible COVID restrictions.**

2022 CALENDARS, MISSALS & ENVELOPES: 2022 wall calendars, personalized with Immaculate contact information, are available in the church for \$10.00. The 2022 Missals are also still available for \$5.00. If you have not yet returned to church, call the office **705-742-5466** to reserve yours. Also, the 2022 Offertory envelopes are at the back of the church for pick-up. Contact the office if you would like a box.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU: Thanks to the generosity of our amazing parishioners, our Saint Vincent de Paul Society was able to provide the food for the Christmas Hampers prepared by the students and staff of Immaculate Conception School. Six school families in need will be having a special Christmas this year. God bless and enjoy the season

A PERSONAL STORY OF GROWING UP AT IMMACULATE: When was the last time you reviewed [our home page](#)? It has very recently been refreshed with shots of the interior of our church added to the end, taken by a visitor, Nick White. Also, at the end of [Our History page](#) is a new, wonderful human interest story by Murray Byrne as he reflects on growing up at Immaculate.



MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Intentional divorce and conscious uncoupling are two terms becoming popular in North American vernacular, but what we should be promoting is intentional marriage and conscious coupling. The research is clear that couples can take steps to retain and even deepen their love. Consciously making the decision to spend time together, to share our deepest feelings (good and bad), to use touch throughout the day, to make date-night (however that looks) a priority will build your couple relationship. Looking for moments of gratitude and thanking your spouse will increase the loving bond between you. This Christmas make conscious coupling your gift to each other; it may be the best gift you will ever receive!

SUNRISE SERVICE–DARKNESS TO LIGHT: The Greater Peterborough Health Services Foundation (Your Family Health Team Foundation) are hosting an outdoor sunrise gathering on **Tuesday December 21st** at Rogers Cove for those in the community impacted by suicide and overdose. This event is being called *Darkness to Light* and will include a speaker from Hospice Peterborough who will lead the group in a moment of silence as the sun rises on the morning of winter solstice. The event will be rain, snow, or shine and is free to attend thanks to the support of Seven Hills Developments. Those wishing to attend [are asked to pre-register](#) and we are asking guests to arrive by 7:30 a.m. as sunrise is expected at 7:45 a.m. that morning.

"BOTTLES FOR BOILERS": The boilers in the church are nearing the end of their useful lives and need to be replaced. The Knights of Columbus are raising funds for this cause. They are collecting **RETURNABLE liquor, wine, beer bottles and beer cans** the last Saturday each month at the Rectory garage between 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. However, due to Christmas, the next pickup will not be until the first Saturday after New Year’s, **January 8th**, so the Knights remind you to **KEEP YOUR RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND BEER CANS OVER THE HOLIDAYS!** (NO POP CANS PLEASE.)

SACRED HEART ANNUAL MEMORIAL WISH TREE: You are invited to the candlelight Memorial Mass on **Saturday, December 18th**, at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church with Bishop Daniel Mieh. If you would like a Memorial light placed on the Wish Tree in memory of your loved ones, please contact Ed Genge at **705-292-6665** or genge@sympatico.ca. This event aids in fundraising for parish renovation projects.

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT: Please tune in for the [5-week video series](#) Indigenous Peoples and the Church: Walking Together Toward Healing and Reconciliation, Early Missionaries and the Encounter of Worldviews, released by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

<i>Advent Reconciliation & Christmas & New Year’s Mass Schedule</i>			
Reconciliation Opportunities: † St. Joseph’s Douro, Dec. 19 th 3:00 p.m. † St. Alphonsus Dec. 22 nd 9:00 a.m. to noon & 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	The Nativity of the Lord	Friday, Dec. 24 th	(No 8:30 a.m. Mass) 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, Dec. 25 th	9:30 a.m. English 11:30 a.m. Polish
	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sunday, Dec. 26 th	9:30 a.m. English 11:30 a.m. Polish
		Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	Friday, Dec. 31 st
	Saturday, Jan. 1 st		9:30 a.m. English 11:30 a.m. Polish
	Epiphany of the Lord	Saturday, Jan. 1 st	4:30 p.m. English
		Sunday, Jan. 2 nd	9:30 a.m. English 11:30 a.m. Polish

“With her gaze turned to Christmas, the Church invites us to bear witness that Jesus is not a person of the past, but the Word of God who continues to illuminate the past of mankind.” — Pope Francis