



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 23, 2022

MASSES FOR JANUARY 25TH – JANUARY 30TH

Tuesday, January 25 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Will O'Grady, requested by Marion Scott
Wednesday, January 26 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Barbara Coughlin, requested by the Estate
Thursday, January 27 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Ken McMillan, requested by Paul & Mary O'Brien
Friday, January 28 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Joe Walsh, requested by MaryAnne, Maureen, Greg, Steve & families
Saturday, January 29 th	4:30 p.m.	– Mike Clifford, requested by Lynn Nolan
Sunday, January 30 th	9:30 a.m.	– For the intentions of the Gordon family, requested by Fr. Stephen DeCarlo
	11:30 a.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>

+ 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, Clint Young and those who have no one to pray for them. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.**

CONDOLENCES: The faith community of Immaculate Conception Parish extends to the family and friends of **Mary Shirley Foshang** our deepest sympathy, love and support at this time of grief. **MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE.**

THIS SUNDAY IS THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: Pope Francis declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be designated the *Sunday of the Word of God*, in which we are invited to delve deeper into the Bible and to reflect on its meaning in our lives. This year the third Sunday falls on **January 22/23**, and you are invited to prepare yourselves by [reading Pope Francis' document *Aperuit Illis*](#).



You are invited to a virtual celebration for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We are unable to gather locally due to the pandemic, so the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough and area churches are joining in prayer virtually **with the Greater Toronto Council of Churches**. The Greater Toronto Council of Churches invites you to a livestream celebration on **Sunday, January 23rd** at 4:00 p.m. [Click here to join in prayer for Christian Unity.](#)

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus will be facilitating the Rosary 20-minutes prior to each Mass next weekend, **January 29th & 30th**.



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MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Some people drift into their relationships over a number of years, but it can also be said that people drift out of their relationships as well. We can become complacent and take for granted all the nice things our spouse does for us and/or sometimes we stop doing nice things for them. Over time, we compliment less, spend less time together, stop sharing our day, feelings, or hopes and dreams and suddenly lose sight of the other. When we continue to treat our relationship as new, taking the time to discover who the other is and complimenting them for it, we stay firmly attached instead of drifting apart.

SAINT JOSEPH DINNER VIRTUAL EVENT: The 6th Annual Saint Joseph Dinner, benefitting the outreach of the Peterborough Campus Ministry to Trent University and Fleming College, will be held **Saturday, February 5th** at 6:30 p.m. The evening features testimonies from students, entertainment, and fine food. The program will be livestreamed, and meals will be provided through local restaurants. For tickets and more information, [visit their website](#).



FUN QUIPS FROM FR. PETER: An avid golfer finally gets his once-in-a-lifetime chance for an audience with the pope and asks, "Holiness, I have a question that only you can answer. You see, I love golf, and I feel a real need to know if there is a golf course in heaven." The pope considers for a moment, and says, "I do not know the answer to your question, my son, but I will talk to God and get back to you." The following day the man is summoned for a private audience with the pope. "My son, I have some good news and some bad news in relation to your question. The good news is that heaven has the most fabulous golf course that you could imagine, and it is in eternally perfect shape." "And what's the bad news?", asks the man. "You tee off tomorrow morning at 8:00."

Saint of the Week - St. Thomas Aquinas - January 28th

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honoured with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor. At five, he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.



By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough and deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-thomas-aquinas>

"What does it mean to be Christian? It means to look to the light, to continue to practice the profession of faith in the light, even when the world is wrapped in night and darkness." — Pope Francis