



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1W7
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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 23RD – DECEMBER 28TH

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

Tuesday, December 23 rd	8:30 a.m.	+	Phil, Mary & Bill Gabourie, req. by Muir & Gabourie families
Wednesday, Dec. 24th			
CHILDREN'S MASS	4:00 p.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS	7:00 p.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Thursday, December 25th			
NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9:30 a.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
	11:00 a.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Friday, December 26 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Gord Kellar, Linda Kellar, Tiny & Jimmy Walker, Terry Wilson, Ted & Marlene Lane, Joey Scollard, Kim McCormack, Greg & Fran Scollard, Don & Helen Forestall and Jean Nolan, requested by Joe, Kathy & Christine Scollard
Saturday, December 27 th	4:30 p.m.	–	For a private intention, requested by a parishioner
Sunday, December 28th			
	9:30 a.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
	11:00 a.m.	+	Fr. Marek Ignaszewski, requested by the Polish parishioners

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Andrew Morrison, Bonnie Morley, Brian Eberle, Cathy Lochner, Dan Selby, Dave Worr, Donna Ellis, Evelyn Crook, Francine Leger-Gillard, Gerard & Wanda Byrne, Jason Ayotte, Jo Morrison, Joanna Carlberg, John Dawson, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Kathy Hiltz, Keith Mathieson, Lauren Carey, Linda vanTol, M.J.B., Marian Dlugosz, Marie Green, Marilyn MacKeigan, Michael Dawson, Mike Sullivan, Neave Alderson, Pat D., Paul Rigby, Paul Scott, Peter McCarthy, Renie (Zeyen) Place, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sawyer Growden, Shelly Appleton, Tim Ayotte, Zita Lightfoot and those who have no one to pray for them. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD — REOPENING TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

Christmas Message from Fr. Jozef

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us: authority rests upon his shoulders; and is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Is 9, 5).



The wise men from the east did not hesitate to set out in search of the newborn Jewish king. They did not regret the hardships of the journey; they were not afraid to be active, inventive, and creative on the typical path to the goal they sought: to find the King, to worship Him, and to give Him their gifts. After meeting the little Jesus, they departed to their own country, gifted with His gifts.

We, too, are on the path to constantly seek our King and His way, for ourselves personally and for the whole Church. Strengthened by the sacraments and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we can persevere on this path and bear the fruits of the Spirit. The gift of peace given to us by the Prince of Peace gives us the ability to become carriers of this gift for those around us and for the world.

I wish you a Christmas rich in God's grace, peace, and joy at the coming of our Redeemer, openness to receiving his gifts, and, in the new year 2026, abundant blessings from God, protection from the Holy Family, and perseverance in the journey of walking together on the path of Jesus.

— Fr. Jozef Vano





BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE — CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Diocese of Peterborough,

The celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus is soon upon us, and every Christmas invites us to embrace joy, thanksgiving and hope. In the child born for us and the son given to us—as foretold by the prophet Isaiah—we see God's unbounded love for the world.

Our recently departed Pope Francis opened the *Jubilee Year of Hope* on Christmas Eve last year. Our Holy Father Pope Leo will conclude the Jubilee on the *Feast of the Epiphany*, with the closing of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This Jubilee has been an occasion for all Christians to embrace the great virtue of hope—a hope founded on God who has revealed his love for us in Jesus Christ. I pray that through the graces of this holy year all of us have been renewed in hope, which was the fervent prayer of Pope Francis when he dedicated this year to the theme, "*Pilgrims of Hope*".

As we prepare to close the Jubilee Year on the *Feast of the Holy Family* (along with all dioceses outside of Rome), I find myself looking back on the graces of this Jubilee in the Diocese of Peterborough. Many pilgrimages were made to our four Jubilee churches, where people experienced the mercy of God through the Jubilee Indulgence. Numerous celebrations were held in the past twelve months, acknowledging the rich diversity of all that the Church does. These included Jubilees for men and women in Consecrated Life, Youth and Post-Secondary students, and members of Lay Organizations highlighting the vibrant life of faith in our diocese. Study and faith-sharing groups in many of our parishes explored the profound themes of this Jubilee. Our liturgical celebrations and gatherings on the *Feast of the Assumption*, and the *World Day of the Poor* were superbly organized and well-attended. The hundreds of people of all ages who participated in our Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland can attest to what a special day of grace it was.



The Jubilee was made even more special in our diocese as it coincided with the bicentennial of the Peter Robinson migration, so fundamental to the founding of Peterborough and surrounding communities. Those who came two centuries ago brought their own faith and hope as they settled in what has since become the Diocese of Peterborough. Among other things these celebrations were a reminder of the treasure of faith that was bequeathed to us by our ancestors.

As we approach the end of this year, I look forward to welcoming you to the closing Mass of the Jubilee, being celebrated on the *Feast of the Holy Family*, December 28th at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. It will be an occasion for prayer, rejoicing and thanksgiving to God, as we look back on this Jubilee Year.

The Jubilee Year of Hope will end, but the great gift of hope continues in the Church, and it inspires us to share that message with all we meet. That hope burns brightly at Christmas time when our Lord came to us as a little child, and as a light shining in the darkness of our world. May the rich treasure of hope, founded on all that God has done for us, be with you and yours this Christmas season and well beyond, as we continue together our journey as Pilgrims of Hope.

Yours in Christ,

+ **Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough**