



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2023:

MASSES FOR MARCH 14TH – MARCH 19TH

Tuesday, March 14 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Reg & Mary Shaughnessy, requested by the family
Wednesday, March 15 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Bob & Helen Pullyblank, requested by the nieces
Thursday, March 16 th	8:30 a.m.	+ John Shine, requested by Margaret & Chris
Friday, March 17 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Donna Radey, requested by Mike & Peg McGrath
Saturday, March 18 th	4:30 p.m.	+ Mike Clifford, requested by Lynn Nolan
Sunday, March 19 th	9:30 a.m.	+ Mary Dillon, requested by Jim
	11:30 a.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

IMMACULATE LENTEN CONFESSIONS: In addition to the usual Saturday confessions from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., Fr. Stephen will also be available from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. on Sundays until Easter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Neave Alderson, Jack Ayotte, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Pam Caravaggio, Liz & Nixon DeCarlo, Donna Ellis, Ted & Marie Green, Sawyer Growden, John & Helen, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Cathy Lochner, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Barb McKinnon, Joan Morton, Nixon Parsons, Gail & John Terrion, Lucia VandenBosch, Adrian Vandenbroek, Linda vanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sally Weglarz, Clint Young, Patty Zeyen and those who have no one to pray for them. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.**

SAVE THE DATE—ROAST BEEF DINNER! Call the office now to reserve your tickets (\$20 per person) for this popular dinner hosted by the Knights to be held in our Parish Hall on Saturday, **March 18th**. Social Hour from 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets also available after all Masses. Take-out after 5:00 p.m. if you reserve by **March 15th**. Enjoy!



40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS: A Knights of Columbus charity program that connects traditional Lenten almsgiving with the nutritional needs of poor families in our community. The idea is simple: a straight-forward one-can (or non-perishable item) per-day donation during Lent inspired by Christ’s 40 days of fasting in the desert. There will be boxes at the entrances of the Church.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PORTUGUESE DINNER: Plans continue in earnest as our pilgrims prepare for their journey to Lisbon this summer. One of their major fundraising efforts is the **Portuguese Dinner** to be held in Immaculate’s parish hall. It takes place on Saturday, **March 25th**, with the hall doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Diners will feast on national and regional delicacies prepared by the pilgrims themselves! Even the Bishop plans to be there. Tickets are just \$55 including a Silent Auction and dance and are available at the office of the Cathedral, Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call to reserve: **705-745-4681**



“VINNIES” NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS: Saint Vincent de Paul stores “Vinnies” are in need of your donations, such as: clothing (men’s ,women’s, kids’), home decor, housewares, books, bedding, shoes and purses. These can be brought to any of their three locations: Erskine Avenue and Hunter Street East in Peterborough and Queen Street, Lakefield. **Remember them when decluttering.** Your donations also help to fund their food pantry and to provide clothing vouchers for those in need.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Family is the most powerful influencer in any person's life. What we learn from our family has lifetime implications, influencing how we act, see ourselves and feel about others. As parents, it is important that we don't treat our children as mini-adults, but instead view them as children of a certain age. Family and faith provide a solid foundation for each child when parents take the time to learn about their child's developmental age and ability.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PUB NIGHT: St. Paul's, 4 Reid Street, Lakefield. Friday, **March 17th** at 7:30 pm. Featuring music by **Hunt the Hare**. Irish Trivia Contest. \$20/person includes Irish Stew and licensed bar. For tickets call: **705-652-9707**.



WORLD YOUTH DAY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER WITH PURDY'S CHOCOLATE: World Youth Day pilgrims are once again selling chocolate...this time for Easter! Please support the group! **Deadline for orders is March 21st**. Orders will be brought to you by the pilgrims themselves. Once they are ready, you will be contacted. Order online using campaign number: 63356 [ORDER ONLINE](#)

TAIZE LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE IN THE GARDEN: **March 23rd** 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Douro. *Taizé Prayer* is an intimate time of prayer using simple songs, silence, and scripture in a beautiful prayerful environment. Music is provided by Theresa Foley and musical friends. Scripture readings and reflections by Fr. Randy Foster. Come and join us as we approach Holy Week. For more information call the Parish office **705-652-3231**.

WORLD YOUTH DAY BOTTLE DRIVE: Clean out all your empty cans, beer, wine and liquor bottles post St. Patrick's Day and drop them off at the rectory garage on **March 25th** from 9:30 to 2:00 p.m. May 27 from 9:30-2 pm. All proceeds go to WYD pilgrims. Thank you!

IMMACULATE EASTER BAKE SALE! Our Easter Bake sale will be after all Masses the weekend of **March 25th/26th**. Which wonderful culinary treasures will you prepare? All proceeds will go toward our elevator fund.

In Preparation for Easter

LENTEN MEDITATION WEDNESDAYS: Please join *La Verna Ministries* for a weekly directed Lenten Meditation on **Wednesdays** in the Season of Lent. La Verna is a Capuchin place of Franciscan Spirituality located in the City of Peterborough at 820 Frank Street. To register, call **705-243-9131**.

FOLLOWING ST. FRANCIS THROUGH LENT: Come join La Verna, 820 Frank Street on a Lenten Journey as they follow select moments in the conversion of St. Francis of Assisi. Saturday, **March 18th** from 10:00 to 4:00. Suggested donation of \$75 (includes lunch and refreshments). RSVP required to: laverna@capuchins.ca or call **705-243-9131**.

EWTN LENTEN REFLECTIONS WITH FATHER JOSEPH: Each Lent is an opportunity—an opportunity to reflect, pray, and become detached from the things of the world. This is why Fr. Joseph has prepared a series of Lenten meditations to guide us during this solemn season. Sign-up to receive a beautiful **Lenten Meditations eBook**, which will help you get the most from this holy season, plus a special Lenten reflection emailed from Father Joseph each week. [SIGN UP](#)

LENTEN PROGRAM—TOTAL ABANDONMENT TO GOD'S WILL: Free online Lenten program offered by the Science of Sainthood. [REGISTER](#)

VIDEO SERIES FOR LENT: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC) video series *Journey through Lent* is available once again. This year's Lenten reflections are delivered by His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, and the Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth. [VIEW VIDEOS](#)

"Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ." —Pope Francis