



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025

### MASSES FOR DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> – DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

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

Tuesday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & her parents, req. by the Estate
Wednesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	–	For a private intention, requested by a parishioner
Thursday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & her parents, req. by the Estate
Friday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Michael McAllister, requested by Marie Morrissey
Saturday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	+	Charlene Urbach, requested by the family
Sunday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ –	Adrian & Lucia VandenBosch, requested by the family <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>

+ 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.

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The Christmas Schedule can viewed [on our website](#).

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays 3:30 to 4:15 and Sundays 8:30 to 9:15 throughout Advent.

**OFFICE CLOSURE:** The parish office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ADVENT BAKE SALE:** Don't forget our Advent Bake Sale this weekend, **December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** following all Masses. Your baked goods can be dropped off a half-hour before Mass time. **Pick up something yummy for your family festive get togethers!** (Saturday will be in the back of the church; Sunday in the parish hall.)



**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:** Bambinelli Sunday is a beautiful tradition that was started by St. John Paul II. Bambinelli is Italian, the plural of bambinello which means "little baby boy". This weekend, **December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**, please plan to celebrate Bambinelli Sunday by placing your baby Jesus figures on the altar to be blessed.

**GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!** Beat the January Blues by attending a fantastic **Roast Beef Dinner** in the Immaculate Conception parish hall on **Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Social hour at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Limited number of tickets: Adult \$30, under 12 \$15. Call the parish office **705-742-5466** now to get your tickets for that little "extra" Christmas gift.

**CHRISTMAS PLAY, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST:** The Catholic Missionary Children Oratory from St. John the Baptist parish will present "A Spiritual Manger" Christmas play, on Friday, **December 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John Elementary School, 746 Park Street South. Admission is free, and snacks will be available for purchase.

**STEWARDSHIP OFFICER, DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough is seeking a part-time (22-30 hour / 4-day work week), 30-month contract position, with hopes of this leading to a permanent full-time position. The Stewardship and Development Officer reports to the Capital Campaign Coordinator and the Director of Finance, Property and Administration and is responsible for providing administrative and stewardship support needed to undertake a major Capital Campaign. Resumes will be accepted until **December 14<sup>th</sup>**. [JOB DESCRIPTION](#)

**LAVERNA MINISTRIES—ADVENT MOMENTS:** Wed., Dec. 3: Advent Waiting • Fri., Dec. 5: Infancy Narrations in Parallel • Wed., Dec. 10: The Annunciations • Fri., Dec. 12: Our Solitary Boast. At 820 Frank St., 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Suggested donation of \$10, snacks included. RSVP to **705-243-9131**.

**SIMBANG GABI NOVENA:** You are welcome to join the Filipino Catholic tradition of Simbang Gabi, a devotional nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas, to be held at the Cathedral, **December 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. See the poster on our bulletin board listing the daily celebrants. (Fr. Jozef is Day 2, December 16<sup>th</sup> and the event concludes with the Bishop on Day 9, December 23<sup>rd</sup>).

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST/SACRED HEART IVE SISTERS:** As Christians we have the call to evangelize. Let us use Christmas decorations that talk about the real reason for Christmas, which is the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Sisters will be selling outdoor Christmas decorations (lawn signs at \$20 each, which include a wire H-Stake). To order please call **705-977-6279**. Take advantage of these meaningful signs for your houses and as gifts for Christmas.



**CLOSING THE DOOR:** Pope Leo XIV will formally conclude the Jubilee Year at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 4<sup>th</sup>. At that time the Holy Door will be closed and sealed. In dioceses around the world, the *2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee* closing Mass will be held on Sunday, **December 28<sup>th</sup>**. All are welcome to the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains at 10:30 a.m. Light reception to follow in the Bishop Doyle Hall.

**OPEN LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER CARNEY:** The Canadian Conference Of Catholic Bishops sent a letter expressing grave concerns about amendments to Bill C-9, which could have serious impacts on religious freedoms. The proposed amendment would remove the current "religious exemption" from Canada's hate speech laws. While noting the importance of protecting vulnerable individuals and groups and condemning hatred, the bishops raised a serious caution—that this amendment could cause uncertainty for faith communities and their

representatives, as the expression of traditional moral doctrines may be mis-interpreted as hate, and subject the speaker to severe legal consequences. Anyone who shares these concerns, please contact their local Member of Parliament and respectfully urge the government to reconsider this legislation. [READ OPEN LETTER](#)

### *Financial Corner - November*

***Congratulations! Break even this month!***

**Offertory Income:** \$13,233.10 | **Expenses:** \$13,153.30 | **Difference:** \$79.80

[VIEW TOP TEN NOVEMBER EXPENSES](#)



*However, we can except December heating bills to increase, and next month there is another payment of \$5,990 for Catholic Mutual insurance.*

*“Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell.” —Pope Leo XIV*