



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1W7
705-742-5466

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025

MASSES FOR MAY 13TH – MAY 18TH

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

Tuesday, May 13 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Sheila Donnelly McConkey, requested by the Estate
Wednesday, May 14 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon Murphy and parents req. by the Estate
Thursday, May 15 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Pat Widdis, requested by Marie Morrissey
Friday, May 16 th	8:30 a.m.	–	For a special intention of a parishioner
Saturday, May 17 th	4:30 p.m.	–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>
Sunday, May 18 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ +	Charlene Urbach, req. by Mary Anne, Maureen & Greg Genowefa, Jozef & Danuta Machowski, requested by the Czech family

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Neave Alderson, Shelly Appleton, Tim Ayotte, M.J.B., Gerard & Wanda Byrne, Lauren Carey, Joanna Carlberg, Margaret Collins, John Dawson, Michael Dawson, John Delorme, Marian Dlugosz, Brian Eberle, Donna Ellis, Mike Fitzgerald, Marie Green, Sawyer Growden, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Rachelle Kennedy, Cathy Lochner, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Barb McKinnon, Pat McPhail, Andrew Morrison, Jo Morrison, Nixon Parsons, Dan Selby, Mike 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.

CONFIRMATION AT IMMACULATE: Bishop Miehm will be here next Saturday, **May 17th** to administer the sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate the candidates and pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will empower them during their life journey with the Lord. Thanks to all involved with the preparation, especially the parents, sponsors, teachers and catechists. We ask you to pray for the following confirmants:

† Boutros, Avamarie; † Ducusin Steinfeld, Leilani; † Ferguson, Alycia;
† Gallagher, Noah; † Wrigley, Katelyn



OWNED FAITH: The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* program has created a learning environment (our atrium), where children can touch, taste, smell, hear and see things that will expand their understanding of who God is and how much He loves them. When children use all their senses to explore, wonder about, and celebrate God's love, their faith grows and flourishes. [MORE INFO & UPDATED GALLERY](#)

April Financial Comparison

Our April income has dropped from March. You can see we are still **SHORT \$2,876.61** in covering our expenses. We appreciate your continued support to get us out of this unsustainable monthly negative position.

	2025	2024	2023
Operating Expenses	\$13,305.96	—	—
Offertory Income	\$10,429.35 (4 Sundays)	\$10,009.20 (4 Sundays)	\$11,447.85 (5 Sundays)





LITURGY NOTES BY FR. JOHN-MARK MISSIO— VESTMENTS AND VISUALS

All things in the liturgy have a sacramental character. They help point us to the heavenly realities which surround us in our worship. The church building itself is a sign of the Church, pointing us to the beauty of heaven, surrounding us with heavenly light flowing through the stained-glass windows, and safely gathering us in its rock-solid walls; and moving us forward, a great ship at sea, like the Ark of Noah. The sanctuary in particular reflects the heavenly reality of the Eucharist, being the place where the most beautiful materials and images will be seen. It is a little elevated so that we can all see the sacred action of bringing ordinary bread and wine to the altar, participate in the great Eucharistic prayer in which the gifts are offered up to God on high, and become the Body and Blood of Christ; and then join in procession to the altar to partake of the heavenly banquet.

The priest, who is ordained to be the head of the assembly of believers, is specially vested for his role as the one who will preside over the prayer of the people gathered in the church. His outer garment, called the chasuble, is intentionally broad to express the fullness of the Church, composed of innumerable members of the mystical Body of Christ. The chasuble is only worn for the Eucharist, and not for any other sacraments. Under the chasuble, he wears a stole, also worn by the Deacon, which is a sign that their ordination permits them to preach on behalf of the Church. The stole is a reminder that they may not teach simply what they think or what they like, but have a duty to the people of God to teach what the Church teaches. And in solidarity with all the baptized, the Priest and Deacon wear the white alb underneath, as do the servers, a sign of the white garment of baptism in which we are all united as members of the Christ's holy Church. Someone once mused that we should all wear white baptismal robes when we attend Mass. Not practical, perhaps, but we should strive for the purity of heart granted to us in our baptism, when all stain of original sin was washed away, and we should always long to be clothed in love as we participate in the Sacred Mysteries at every Holy Mass. (@Padre Piccolo)

SERVICE FOR SENIORS: Service for Seniors is a longstanding tradition of Community Service where high school students will do outdoor volunteer work, engage in conversation and pastoral service to Seniors in the Community. If interested in having this service, call **705-745-1358**. (See poster on our bulletin board for more information.)

Pastoral Appointments

The Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough, announces the following appointments of clergy. These are effective on Wednesday, **June 25th**, unless otherwise noted.



RETIREMENTS

Fr. Antonio Barol	Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, Millbrook
Fr. Luis Lapinid	Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Fenelon Falls & Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Bobcaygeon
Fr. Gerald McMahon	Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Port Hope

DEPARTING THE DIOCESE

Fr. Joseph Devereaux	Relocating for ministry in the Diocese of St. John, New Brunswick (effective July 30)
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PASTORS

Fr. Jithin Jose, CMI	Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Honey Harbour & St. James the Great Parish, Mactier (these two parishes will henceforth be twinned.)
Fr. Francis Mensah	St. Thomas More Parish, Millbrook (effective on July 30)
Fr. Collins Okafor	St. Alphonsus Parish, Wooler & Holy Angels Parish, Brighton
Fr. Charles Orchard	Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Port Hope
Fr. Erwin Rodrigues	Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Fenelon Falls & Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Bobcaygeon

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Fr. Peter Bissonnette	St. Joseph's Parish, Bowmanville (Ordination on May 30)
Fr. Cyprian Ijezie, MSP	St. Mary's Parish in Huntsville (arrival TBD)
Fr. Chuka Obidi, SMMM	St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Cobourg (effective July 9)
Fr. Richard Acheampong Opoku, CSSp	St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish in Peterborough

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Joseph Devereaux	St. Thomas More Parish, Millbrook (June 25 to July 30)
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It is possible to emerge from darkness and find the courage to follow Christ. — Pope Francis