



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1W7
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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025

MASSES FOR MAY 20TH – MAY 25TH

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

Tuesday, May 20 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon Murphy and parents req. by the Estate
Wednesday, May 21 st	8:30 a.m.	+	John & Agnes Heffernan, requested by their great grandchildren
Thursday, May 22 nd	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon Murphy and parents req. by the Estate
Friday, May 23 rd	8:30 a.m.	+	Vincent & Joan Marino, requested by Debra & Angela
Saturday, May 24 th	4:30 p.m.	+	Phil, Mary & Bill Gabourie, requested by the Muir & Gabourie families
Sunday, May 25 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+	Stan Shine, requested by Marg & Chris + <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>

+ 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, 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION—POPE’S PASTORAL WORKS: A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately, many countries rush food, medicine, blankets, money and trained people. Prominent among these aids is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The annual Pope’s Pastoral Works collection **this weekend** makes these funds available for distribution.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOUS: To those confirmed this weekend, we congratulate you and pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will empower you during your life journey with the Lord. Thank you to Bishop Miehm for administering the sacrament of Confirmation and being a true shepherd. Thank you to all involved with the preparation of those confirmed, especially their parents, sponsors, teachers and catechists. Those confirmed: Boutros, Avamarie; Ducusin Steinfeld, Leilani; Ferguson, Alycia; Gallagher, Noah; Wrigley, Katelyn.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION—FR. STAN WITCZAK: You are invited to join Fr. Stan on Sunday, **June 1st** at the 11:00 a.m. Mass as he celebrates his 50th anniversary of Ordination. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – The “Preserve Life Bottles” for the annual fundraiser from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day (**May 11th to June 15th**) will be available **starting this weekend**. Pick up a bottle at the entrances to the church and fill with cash or cheque. Return to the church after Father’s Day in support of [Peterborough’s Pregnancy Support Services](#). You can make a big difference! For more information, call **705-742-4015**. (See poster on our bulletin board.)



PETERBOROUGH PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES—40th ANNIVERSARY: You are invited, **June 7th** at the Peterborough Curling Club for dinner and live entertainment by *Rhythm and Grace*. Doors open at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets \$80. Reserve your spot: **705-742-4015**. (See poster on our bulletin board.)

JUBILEE EVENTS CALENDAR: Please be sure to check the Jubilee Events Calendar on our bulletin boards, as here have been some changes and additions you won't want to miss!



LITURGY NOTES BY FR. JOHN-MARK MISSIO— HOW IMPORTANT IS THE LITURGY?

All these details of the Mass we have been looking at – signs, words, gestures, silences—are they really that important? Opinions are fine, but what does the Church solemnly teach about the importance of sacred liturgy? The best official source is the *“Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy”*, the first major document of the Second Vatican Council. The council documents are

the most important source of Church teachings for modern times. There is much food for thought in this teaching:

“In the liturgy, the sanctification of the man is signified by signs perceptible to the senses and is affected in a way which corresponds with each of these signs; in the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and His members. From this, it follows that every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of His Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others; no other action of the Church can equal its efficacy by the same title and to the same degree.”

What we are here to do on Sunday is, according to the teaching of the Church, *“a sacred action surpassing all others”*. God is doing something astonishing for us as we worship, and what God is doing is *“signified by signs perceptible to the senses”*. In our worship, God is reaching us on all levels of our being: body, mind, and soul. Therefore, we attend with wonder to all details great and small of our sacred encounter with God in the liturgy, for *“no other action of the Church can equal its efficacy”*. As a child wonders at the beauty of marvelous things, let us open our eyes in wonder to the beauty of our encounter with God together at every Holy Mass. (©Padre Piccolo)

WAYSIDE ACADEMY PRESENTS: Friday, **May 16th** at 6:30 p.m., at the Peterborough Theatre Guild: *Sleeping Beauty & Pandemonium*. Join the elementary students of Our Lady of the Wayside for an enchanted evening of fairies, royalty, and...pandas! The Grade 1/2 class will begin the evening with *“Pandemonium”*, a special twist on the classic tale of Pandora's box. Then the Grade 3-8 and kindergarten students will take the stage for the fairy-tale story of *“Sleeping Beauty”*. [GET YOUR TICKETS](#)

Then, Thursday, **May 22nd** and Friday, **May 23rd** at 7:00 p.m., the high school students of Our Lady of the Wayside present *“Pirates of Penzance”*, adapted from the original Gilbert & Sullivan operetta. Join them for an evening of singing and sword-fighting, with timeless songs such as *“I am the very model of a Modern Major-General”*. [GET YOUR TICKETS](#)

Novena for Pentecost



Novena to the Holy Spirit

May 30 – June 7, 2025

The Easter season culminates on Pentecost Sunday, **June 8th**. Christians have prepared for Pentecost for over 2000 years by joining together for nine days of prayer. This first Novena was instituted when Jesus instructed the Apostles, *“And I myself will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you”* [Luke 23: 49].

As we prepare for the Solemnity of Pentecost, we invite you to pray this novena for the intentions of the Diocese. Begin each day by making the Sign of the Cross then recite the prayer for the day. After this prayer, recite the following:

***Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love.
Pour forth Your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.
Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.***

Each day, you will be praying for:
Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control & Goodness.

ACCESS THE NOVENA PRAYERS ON OUR [WEBSITE](#), OR DOWNLOAD THE TRIFOLD [HERE](#).

Let us rediscover the common roots of the faith. Let us preserve unity! — Pope Francis