



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2026

### MASSES FOR MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> – MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

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

Tuesday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & her parents, req. by the Estate
Wednesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Jim Craig, requested by Paul & Mardi Ayotte
Thursday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	–	David & Christine Smith, requested by Theresa Hall
Friday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:00-12:00	– …	Loretta DeLuca, requested by Anne Marie Pearl <i>Stations of the Cross and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction</i>
Saturday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	+	Kevin Silvestri, requested by Lynn Nolan
Sunday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ +	Baby Camille Heart Bitten, req. by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson <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, 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.**



**POPE LEO'S LENTEN MESSAGE:** *“Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion”* In his message, the Holy Father writes: *“Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life”.*

[Read the entire message](#)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Please remember that every Friday during Lent, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed. The 14 traditional stations—from his condemnation by Pilate to his burial—invite the faithful to walk alongside Christ on his path to Calvary, meditating on each moment of his Passion. As we pause at each station, we don't simply remember a past event; we encounter the living Lord who continues to walk with us through our own suffering and struggles.

*Stations of the Cross for Children ages 7 to 12 at St. John the Baptist, Saturday's at 10:30 a.m.*

**EVERY BOTTLE COUNTS:** Thanks to your generosity, the Knights of Columbus bottle drive fund has grown to **\$3,178.89!** Keep the momentum going by dropping off your returnable liquor, wine, beer bottles and beer cans at the Rectory garage this Saturday, **February 28<sup>th</sup>**, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**GRATITUDE IN GIVING:** Now that your 2025 charitable tax receipts have arrived, it may be a good moment to prayerfully consider whether your offertory giving reflects the year ahead. One generous parishioner shared that she uses this time each year to adjust her contribution in keeping with the cost of living—a thoughtful practice she wanted to pass along to fellow parishioners.



**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP):** Though often called Peterborough’s best-kept secret, SVDP has been serving our neighbours with dignity and compassion since 1886. That mission continues today through the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of partners in faith like you. They welcome your support through donations of household goods and gently used clothing, as well as by shopping at their *Vinnies Feel Good Thrift Stores* at: • 799 Erskine Avenue • 52 Hunter Street East • 144 Queen St,

Lakefield. All proceeds from Vinnies directly support the SVDP Food Pantry at 256 Murray Street, which serves anyone in need, without exception. Your contributions strengthen our commitment to living the Gospel through compassion, dignity, and practical service to those experiencing hardship.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027—PLANNING:** Interested participants are invited to a Zoom Information Session on **March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. as we consider the logistics of sending a group from our Diocese. Please email [FrStephenDeCarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:FrStephenDeCarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org) to register and get the Zoom link. Details are still being finalized but this meeting will be a good opportunity to raise questions.

**ANNUAL SHARE LENT COLLECTION FOR DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:** Takes place **March 14/15** on the 5th Sunday in Lent. This year’s theme is *“On Track for Justice”*. Please consider supporting this annual appeal, a major way in which the Church in Canada supports people and communities in the Global South. You are encouraged to read the following messages to be inspired by how your generosity through Share Lent is already transforming lives—7 million people in 34 countries this past year alone!

[SHARE LENT](#) by Bishop Miehm | [SHARE LENT](#) by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

**WAYSIDE ACADEMY SHADOW WEEK:** Wayside Academy, a private classical Catholic school in Peterborough is offering a chance for prospective students to come experience what Wayside is like. During Shadow Week, **March 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>**, prospective students are invited to spend a full day (or more) immersed in our classrooms, community, and daily rhythms. From prayer and rich discussion to joyful camaraderie, students will experience firsthand what it means to learn in a Catholic classical environment rooted in truth, beauty, and goodness. Spaces are limited and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. [REGISTER](#)

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE SPRING RETREAT:** Development & Peace invites everyone to attend the Spring Mini-Retreat with the Peterborough Diocesan Council and the Toronto Archdiocesan Council, on Saturday, **April 11<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist parish, 903 Gifford Street, Whitby. More details forthcoming.

### *Journey Through Lent with Bishop Miehm*

**Journey Through Lent** is a video series produced annually by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and available on their website. This year, I was asked to be the presenter and while it was a major commitment, I was honoured to do so. The seven videos (Ash Wednesday and the six Sundays of Lent) were taped by Salt & Light in our Cathedral a month ago. Each one is a brief reflection on the Scripture readings of the day exploring the significant Lenten themes. I hope I have done the material justice! You can judge for yourselves (charitably, I hope) by going to the [video series page](#) on the CCCB website. I pray that they might help you toward a spiritually fruitful Lent. — *The Most Reverend Bishop Daniel Miehm*



*“Let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us.” —Pope Leo XIV*