



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 8, 2026.

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 10TH – FEBRUARY 15TH

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

Tuesday, February 10 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & parents, req. by the Estate – For the special intentions of Wesley & his family, req. by a parishioner
Wednesday, February 11 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Marc Guerin, requested by his mother Norma
Thursday, February 12 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Reg Shaughnessy, requested by his children
Friday, February 13 th	8:30 a.m.	– Marie Morrissey, requested by a parishioner
Saturday, February 14 th	4:30 p.m.	+ Cathy Scott, requested by a friend
Sunday, February 15 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ James & Clara Moser, req. by John Bovie & Marie Moser + Anna Krzeminski, requested by the Ron Pinto family

+ 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.**

Blessing of St. Blaise: Following all Masses this weekend: **February 7/8**
Sacrament of the Sick: At the 8:30 a.m. Mass, **Wednesday, February 11th**

CONGRATULATIONS! To Murray & Ruth Ann McClure celebrating 35 years of marriage on February 16th. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH HIS LOVE AND YOUR HAPPINESS!** *(Five-year milestones are recognized every month, so please let the parish office know your wedding date, so that your marriage may also be recognized.)*

PALMS TO ASHES: It is hard to believe that Lent is just around the corner. Everyone is encouraged to bring in their old palms, which will provide the ashes for the Masses on **Ash Wednesday, February 18th.**

TAX RECEIPTS & FINANCIAL UPDATE: Your 2025 tax receipts may be found on the table in front of the reconciliation room. Included is a New Year’s message from Fr. Jozef and a recap of our finances by Brendan Moher on behalf of the Finance Council. This message has now been posted to our website homepage for all to read. Brendan concludes with the following message of hope: *“With a little bit of faith, as our surrounding neighbourhoods continue to grow, we have every reason to be optimistic that we will grow with them”.*

ANOTHER AWESOME ROAST BEEF DINNER: We want to thank everyone who came out to support our parish by attending the Roast Beef Dinner fundraiser last week. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for supplying the food, cooking and serving everyone. A special thank you to the ladies of the parish who helped prepare the food and cleanup. Much appreciated. **A total of \$4,682 was raised for the parish.**

LENT STARTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 18TH

We will hold a Special Mass at 7:00 p.m. that day.

In Christian religion, an annual season of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting 40 weekdays to Easter, observed by Roman Catholic, Anglican, and certain other churches. (Dictionary.com)



ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT (except fish): As we approach the season of Lent, it's a good time to consider the traditional practice of Fast and of Abstinence. Fasting is not necessarily giving up all food and drink. We may fast by cutting back to one regular meal and two smaller meals which would not, if combined, be larger than the main meal. Snacking between meals would defeat the purpose. The rule of fasting on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays in Lent applies to all healthy Catholics between 18 and 59 years of age. Abstinence refers to giving up meat (beef, pork, chicken and fowl) and is required of all Catholics 14 years and older, on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. This practice is highly recommended for all Fridays of the year, in honour of Our Lord's sacrifice for us on a Friday. [SHARE LENT MESSAGE FROM THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS](#)



SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER: Our Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, **February 17th** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Free will offering. Come on out and join us for some delicious pancakes and socialize with our parish community.

ST. PAUL'S LAKEFIELD, ANNUAL VALENTINE'S ITALIAN NIGHT & KARAOKE: Tickets are now on sale for the Valentine's Italian Night & Karaoke at St. Paul the Apostle, 4 Reid Street, Lakefield. Enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner and come sing your heart out...or watch others do so. Make a day of it in beautiful Lakefield. The church grounds are right along the scenic Otonabee River. On Friday, **February 13th**, doors open at 5:30 p.m.; dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Adults: \$20 | Youth: \$10 | Children (0-10): FREE. All welcome! (See the poster on our bulletin board for more info.)

Immaculate Conception School — Rosary Program

We began the rosary prayer program at Immaculate Conception school on January 22nd. Our rosary team visits each classroom once a month to pray the rosary and meditate upon the mysteries of our faith. Our team enjoys our time with the staff and students. The combination of a 5-foot labeled rosary, singing songs, learning gestures and praying together, create an atmosphere of care, interest, and love.

- † The school secretary, Melissa, wrote about how meaningful the experience was at one point: *"Our students were very happy and staff shared positive feedback and success stories about learning and praying the rosary".*
- † A grade 3 student shared her heart when she said, *"I like to pray together out-loud, because it builds community".*
- † Miss Douma's class flowed through a decade of the rosary, leaving time for songs and prayers of Thanksgiving. Students and adults shared what they felt most grateful for at that moment: *"I am grateful for my family, friends and animals".*



† A little girl in kindergarten was excited when she recognized a song that her grandma sings too: *Immaculate Mary!*

Ruth Ann McClure

School Rosary Apostolate Leader

"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