



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

March 22, 2026

MASSES FOR MARCH 24TH – MARCH 29TH

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

Tuesday, March 24 th	8:30 a.m.	-	Alyssa Moro, requested by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson
Wednesday, March 25 th	8:30 a.m.	-	Special Intention, requested by a parishioner
Thursday, March 26 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Rosemary Cavanagh, requested by her sister Elizabeth
Friday, March 27 th	8:30 a.m.	-	Special Intention, requested by a parishioner <i>Stations of the Cross following Mass (during Lent)</i>
Saturday, March 28 th	4:30 p.m.	+	Tammy Scott requested by Lynn Nolan
Sunday, March 29 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ +	Deborah Heath, req. by Randy & Rosemary Donaldson Stefanii Jakubiak & Teodor Sucharzewski, requested by their son, daughter and families

+ 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, Rosie Delorme, 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.**

IMMACULATE LENTEN CONFESSIONS: In addition to the usual Saturday confessions from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., Fr. Jozef will also be available from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. on Sundays until Easter.

	Palm Sunday	March 28 th March 29 th	4:30 p.m. 9:30 (English) 11:00 (Polish)
	Holy Thursday	April 2 nd	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday		April 3 rd	3:00 p.m.
Blessing of Baskets		April 4 th	2:00 p.m. (Polish)
Easter Vigil		April 4 th	8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday		April 5 th	9:30 (English) 11:00 (Polish)

CONDOLENCES: The faith community of Immaculate Conception Parish extends to the family and friends of **Elaine Pakenham** our deepest sympathy, love and support at this time of grief. **MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE.**

WELCOME, WELCOME: Congratulations to **Carter & Rory O'Donoghue**, to be welcomed into the people of God this weekend through **baptism**.

ANNUAL SHARE LENT COLLECTION FOR DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Please support the Share Lent special collection which takes place this weekend **March 21/22**. This is 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!

CHEF ENZO IS BACK!



SAVE THE DATE!

Plan to attend the very popular **Spaghetti Dinner**
Saturday, May 2nd, 2026
 Social @ 5:30 p.m. | Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.
 Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

Adults: \$25 | 12 and under \$15
 Tickets sold after all Masses – or – Call the Parish Office



EVERY BOTTLE COUNTS: Thanks to your generosity, the Knights of Columbus bottle drive fund has grown to **\$5,206.35!** Keep the momentum going by dropping off your returnable liquor, wine, beer bottles and beer cans at the Rectory garage next Saturday, **March 28th**, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

CHRISM MASS: The Chrism Mass will be held on Monday, **March 30th** at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains. This celebration involves blessing of the oils for the Catholic Sacrament of Confirmation; they are also prominently used in the sacraments of Baptism, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders. All the faithful of the diocese are encouraged to join in the celebration.



Palm Sunday Bake Sale
March 28/29 after the 4:30 & 9:30 Masses.
Bakers, drop off your goodies 30 minutes before Mass.
Buyers, stock up for Easter!

STAND FOR JUSTICE, PEACE, AND DIGNITY! Development & Peace invites everyone to attend the Spring Mini-Retreat with the Peterborough Diocesan Council and the Toronto Archdiocesan Council, on Saturday, **April 11th** from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist parish, 903 Gifford Street, Whitby. (See poster on our bulletin board for more information).

Immaculate Conception School — Rosary Program

On March 5th, our volunteers visited the K-8 classrooms at Immaculate Conception School to pray the rosary together. What a gift to be welcomed into those spaces of learning and faith!

Seeing a hand-drawn rosary on Mrs. Jamie Brinklow's March calendar was a touching reminder of how deeply this devotion is woven into our school community. As voices young and old joined together in "Immaculate Mary", a beautiful calm filled the room. Each kindergarten child received a 10-bead rosary—simple yet profound tool for prayer. Watching little hands count the beads was a reminder that faith, passed on early, takes root and grows.



Please pray for the staff, parents, students and families of Immaculate Conception School. May their March break be safe, restful and filled with joy! We look forward to our next visit on Thursday, April 16th.

“Our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life.”—Pope Leo XIV, Lent as a Time of Conversion (Feb. 13, 2026).



The Society of St Vincent de Paul (Peterborough) 2025 Community Impact Report



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has a long history of service in Peterborough. The first conference, St Peter-In-Chains, was established on March 3, 1886.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) Peterborough continues to embody compassion and service across our region, offering critical support and hope to those in need.

Food Support & Relief

Food Pantry

Client numbers held steady with only a minimal shift, and the real story was in who reached out: adult usage - especially among international students - tapered off, while support for children surged by 13%. Families are stepping forward in greater numbers, and we're rising to meet that growing momentum

Food Value Distributed (2025) Surpassing \$1,216,000, contributing to a total of 242,000+ clients helped since 2013.

In 2025, \$12,000 donated to Lakefield Community Foodbank, a total of \$90,000 in support since 2018.

Vinnies Feel Good Shopping Thrift Stores

Stores in Peterborough (Erskine & Hunter) and Lakefield provided:

\$ Profits go directly to support the SSVP Food Pantry at 256 Murray St., Peterborough

\$ 7,500 in Clothing Vouchers to help individuals and families in crisis.

Employment for 42 staff (22 full-time, 20 part-time), providing stable, meaningful local jobs.

Council/Conference Members

- Cathedral of St Peter-In-Chains Conference
- Immaculate Conception Conference
- Sacred Heart St Johns the Baptist Conference
- St Alphonsus Conference
- St Anne's Conference
- St Mary's Lindsay Conference
- St Patrick & Our Lady of Fatima Conference
- St Paul the Apostle Lakefield Conference

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● Outreach & Development Initiatives

🏡 **Twinning Program** Partnered with Conferencia Nuestra Señora de Fátima, Colombia - \$2,000

🎓 Educational & Youth Support

🎓 **High School Bursaries** delivered across all Peterborough secondary schools (Public & Separate)

🏕️ **Camp Northern Lights Support:** \$4,000 to provide camping experiences to youth 9-13

📖 **Ozanam Fund** (Post-secondary bursaries): \$2,400

🏠 Remote Community Assistance

🏠 **North of 60 Program:** \$2,400 contribution for Nunavut outreach

🤝 **A Network of Compassion** - Proud collaborators with Peterborough Gleaners, maximizing food recovery and redistribution. 2025 recovered over \$90,000 value.

❤️ Our Commitment

Every statistic reflects a deeper story—of dignity upheld, hunger eased, and communities strengthened. Whether through food shelves, scholarships, thrift stores, or support for remote northern communities, SSVP Peterborough works year-round to live out our mission:

"To Live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy."

Partnerships

