



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR JANUARY 4TH – JANUARY 9TH

Tuesday, January 4 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Steve Wallace, requested by Shawn Moher
Wednesday, January 5 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Barbara Coughlin, requested by the Estate
Thursday, January 6 th	8:30 a.m.	+ John Bagshaw, requested by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson
Friday, January 7 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Jim Rutherford, req. by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson
FIRST FRIDAY BENEDECTION	9:00 – 12:00	– <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction</i>
Saturday, January 8 th	4:30 p.m.	+ Joe, Teresa & Pat Corkery, requested by the family
Sunday, January 9 th	9:30 a.m.	+ Dorthey Moloney, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Aleesha, Neave Alderson, Audrey, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Gwendolyn Craigen, Joan Cross, Donna Ellis, Teresa Garvey, Sawyer Growden, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Bill Heasely, Janice Kelly, Bradley L., Cathy Lochner, Marian, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Margaret Shine, Erin Sullivan, Linda VanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sally Weglarz and those who have no one to pray for them. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.**

CONGRATULATIONS! To all our couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this month, especially **Brendan & Janet Moher** celebrating 30-years on January 25th. 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. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH HIS LOVE AND YOUR HAPPINESS!**

COVID OFFICE CLOSURE: Due to the new COVID restriction, the parish office will be closed to the public starting January 4th until further notice. Patsy will be in the office, so you may phone her for Mass Intentions or other requests, but unfortunately the office door must remain locked at this time.

2022 CALENDARS, MISSALS & ENVELOPES: 2022 wall calendars, personalized with Immaculate contact information, are available in the church for \$10.00. The 2022 Missals are also still available for \$5.00. If you have not yet returned to church, call the office **705-742-5466** to reserve yours. Also, the 2022 Offertory envelopes are at the back of the church for pick-up. Contact the office if you would like a box.

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE: When was the last time you reviewed [our home page](#)? It has very recently been refreshed with shots of the interior of our church added to the end, taken by a visitor, Nick White. Also, at the end of [Our History page](#) is a new, wonderful human interest story by Murray Byrne as he reflects on growing up at Immaculate.

"BOTTLES FOR BOILERS": The boilers in the church are nearing the end of their useful lives and need to be replaced. The Knights of Columbus are raising funds for this cause. They are collecting **RETURNABLE liquor, wine, beer bottles and beer cans** the last Saturday each month at the Rectory garage between 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. However, the first pickup of the new year is **January 8th**. (NO POP CANS PLEASE.)



FUN QUIPS FROM FR. PETER SEABROOKE: An elderly Catholic woman had never married. After she died, her Will stipulated that there be no male pallbearers at her funeral Mass. She wrote, *“They wouldn’t take me out while I was alive. I don’t want them to take me out when I’m dead.”*

THE SURVEY IS REOPENING! TAKE A LOOK! The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough is reopening the online survey from **now until January 14th**. The survey provides you the opportunity to have input into the worldwide and Diocesan-wide conversation about the pastoral priorities in the church locally and globally. **If you are joining this survey conversation for the first time**, welcome. You will have the chance to respond with your own thoughts and to rate the input of others which you will be able to see and read through. **If you participated in the survey before**, please take a look now. There are new thoughts to rate, and you may have other thoughts to add to the conversation. [ACCESS THE SURVEY WEBSITE NOW](#). We value your input!

Fr. Stephen Spiritual Reflection - The Epiphany

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the manifestation of the Christ Child to the Gentile/non-Jewish peoples; the Christ-child is revealed to the Gentile nations represented by the Magi. This is a day celebrated by many cultures and it has many lovely traditions associated with it.



If you look at the statues in our Nativity Creche and read in the Gospel of Matthew, the Magi, upon recognizing Jesus, immediately fall down in humility and worship him (Matt. 2:11). We can

understand the Epiphany as teaching us about the relationship between revelation and worship. Revelation (God’s self-unveiling to human beings) calls for worship because in revelation we come to know God as God, Creator and Master, Lord and Redeemer, infinite and merciful love. To recognize God as God is to adore (worship) and glorify him in humility.

We can satisfy this call to worship not only through prayer, but chiefly through the liturgy; the liturgy is the Church’s worship of the Holy Trinity and her celebration of the mysteries of revelation, particularly of the Paschal mystery, which is the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Through our participation in the liturgy (e.g., Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, celebration of the Sacraments, etc.), we put ourselves in the place of the Magi and humbly worship the God who is revealed to us by beholding the awesomeness of God’s revealed glory.

Thus, coming to Mass is not something we do out of habit or because it’s something we always do; rather, we do so to come into the great presence of God and to worship God—the God who gives us life, strength, security, and hope. And it is this hope and love that, once the Mass is over, we, like the Magi, head out and announce to others, as we say at the end of every Mass, *“Go forth, the Mass is ended.”* Let us take our faith and announce it to everyone.

“Together with a vaccine for our bodies, we need a vaccine for our hearts. That vaccine is care. This will be a good year if we take care of others, as Our Lady does with us.” — Pope Francis