



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
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## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

### MASSES FOR MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

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| Tuesday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:30 a.m.  | + Stephen Hynes, req. by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson      |
| Wednesday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> | 8:30 a.m.  | – For vocations to the priesthood                       |
| Thursday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>  | 8:30 a.m.  | + Charlene Urbach, req. by Mary Anne, Maureen & Greg    |
| Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>    | 8:30 a.m.  | – A private intention                                   |
| Saturday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>  | 4:30 p.m.  | – <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i> |
| Sunday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>    | 9:30 a.m.  | + Mary Tucker, requested by Anne-Marie McConkey         |
|                                 | 11:30 a.m. | + Francziszek & Romana Takuski requested by Andrew      |

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Neave Alderson, Jack Ayotte, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Pam Caravaggio, Liz & Nixon DeCarlo, Donna Ellis, Ted & Marie Green, Sawyer Growden, John & Helen, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Cathy Lochner, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Barb McKinnon, Joan Morton, Nixon Parsons, Gail & John Terrion, Kasia Tryba, Lucia VandenBosch, Adrian Vandenbroek, 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.**

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

**THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS:** A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid 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.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** – The “Preserve Life Bottles” for the annual fundraiser from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day (**May 14<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup>**) 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**.



**MASS OF ST. PEREGRINE AND HOLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish will be offering the Mass of St. Peregrine, the **Patron Saint of those afflicted with cancer** on Tuesday, **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. We have all been touched by cancer in one way or another, and this Mass is a beautiful way to unite ourselves in prayer. Mass will be followed by the blessing with the relics of St. Peregrine and also an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Holy Anointing of the Sick. In the midst of suffering, we offer spiritual healing and emotional peace.

**BUNDLE SUNDAY:** The truck from Vinnie’s Store will be at Immaculate before and after all the Masses **June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** for Saint Vincent De Paul’s Bundle Sunday. They will accept clothes, shoes, purses, towels, bedding and other textiles to sell in the store or to give to the needy. All proceeds from the sales operates the SSVP Food Pantry that feeds nearly 2,000 of our neighbours in need per month.

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH



Frenemies is a term used to describe a relationship where people are friendly but share an underlying dislike or rivalry. Unfortunately, sibling relationships can often end up in this category. As far back as Cain and Abel, we see sibling rivalry impacting relationships. Parents can prevent sibling rivalry by remembering the following: Allow each child to develop different interests; praise each child equally for their different gifts and talents; spend individual time with each child; refrain from taking sides in an argument but help children to work it out between themselves; engage in fun family activities together; pray for each

other by name. Parents can indeed help reduce the amount of sibling rivalry in their children's lives and help them to find love and support from their siblings that can last a lifetime.

**THE SHEPHERD'S POST** by Ruth Ann: DID YOU KNOW? Our new children's ministry was well-received and enjoyed by many families during the 2022–2023 academic year. Focusing on the theme of the Good Shepherd and following the liturgical year, eight Level 1 children all grew in their faith in many different ways. Thank you to our volunteers: Ceara Corkery, Ksenia Gainey, Maura and Ella Baklinski and Mariana Mazzarolo. Thank you, Fr. Stephen, for opening the parish doors and providing space to create an atrium environment that nurtures the spiritual needs of children.



**WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER—JAZZ NIGHT:** Plan to attend a fabulous evening with a LIVE JAZZ BAND featuring Carling Stephen and Rob Phillips on Saturday, **June 17<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 to 12:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 317 Hunter Street West to support our WYD pilgrims. Lunch and cash bar available. Tickets \$25 available at St. Peter-In-Chains or call Brian at **705-743-0113**.

**LA VERNA—RELICS OF ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA:** During the month of May, the relics of St. Padre Pio will be present at one parish in each deanery. On all Wednesdays of May, the relics will be exposed for veneration from 1:00–4:00 p.m. and 6:00–9:00 p.m. at La Verna, 820 Frank Street. All donations made at the parish outreach will receive a tax receipt.

### *Message to the Catholic Faithful – Euthanasia*

Today, in the context of the National Week for Family and Life, the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) has issued an "Open Letter to the Government of Canada" and a "Message to the Catholic Faithful" on federal legislation which, by March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, will permit persons living with mental illness to access euthanasia.

Over the years, CCCC members have consistently and repeatedly expressed their opposition to euthanasia and assisted suicide, which was legalized in Canada in June 2016. As predicted in 2015, subsequent amendments to the legislation have allowed for an ever-expanding list of vulnerable persons to be made eligible for euthanasia and assisted suicide, including the most recent amendment permitting those whose sole medical condition is a mental illness to access euthanasia or assisted suicide ("Medical Aid in Dying" or "MAiD").

#### **Permitting persons living with Mental Illness to Access Euthanasia / Assisted Suicide**

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*"Let us ask the Lord for the grace to know the greatness of His love, which wipes away our every sin."  
—Pope Francis*