



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024.

MASSES FOR MARCH 26TH – MARCH 31ST

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

Tuesday, March 26 th	8:30 a.m.	+	John Bagshaw, requested by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson
Wednesday, March 27 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Luc Matteau, requested by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson
Thursday, March 28 th HOLY THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+	Lucia VandenBosch, requested by the family
Friday, March 29 th GOOD FRIDAY	3:00 p.m.		<i>Passion of the Lord</i>
Saturday, March 30 th EASTER VIGIL	2:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	– +	<i>Blessing of baskets</i> <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Sunday, March 31 st EASTER SUNDAY	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ +	Gary Widdis, requested by Marie Morrissey All souls in Purgatory, requested by the Tryba family

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Neave Alderson, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, M.J.B., Pam Caravaggio, John Dawson, Michael Dawson, Brian Eberle, Donna Ellis, Marie Green, Sawyer Growden, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Rachelle Kennedy, Cathy Lochner, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Barb McKinnon, Al & Pat McPhail, Nixon Parsons, Charlene Purcell, Gail & John Terrion, 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.



WELCOME, WELCOME: Congratulations to **MYLES DAVID McLAUCLAN**, welcomed into the people of God last weekend through **baptism**.



ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE: We need “bakers” and “buyers” for our Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale this weekend **March 23/24** following the 4:30 and 9:30 Masses. Your baked goods can be dropped off a half hour before Mass time. Last year’s Lenten bake sale raised **\$711**, and the Advent bake sale raised **\$873** for our elevator fund. Come check out our goodies and make this another roaring success!

EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to help offset the cost of the Easter flowers is asked to put a donation in an envelope marked “Easter Flowers” and drop in the offertory basket. Thanks for helping to beautify our Easter celebration!

CHRISM MASS: The Chrism Mass will be held on Monday, **March 25th** at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter-In-Chains Cathedral. 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.

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

40 CANS FOR LENT



Since the start of Lent, the generous parishioners of Immaculate Conception have donated **191.3 lbs of food and \$40 in donations** for the needy, using the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. The Food Pantry has served nearly 2,000 needy neighbours. God bless you for your continued generosity. **Happy Holy Week!**

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND: The annual **Good Friday Collection** was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request made by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world, to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational and social works, and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. Please give generously during the Good Friday celebration on **March 29th**

Holy Week - The Tridium

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Tridium—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, **they are liturgically one day**, unfolding for the faithful the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

HOLY THURSDAY, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(March 28th at 7:00 p.m.)

During the evening of Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated. It is celebrated in the evening because Passover begins at sundown.



GOOD FRIDAY, THE PASSION OF THE LORD (March 29th at 3:00 p.m.)

The altar is completely bare, with no cloths, candles or cross. The service is divided into three parts: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. The liturgy starts with the priest going to the altar in silence and prostrating himself for a few moments in silent prayer, then an introductory prayer is offered.



HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL (March 30th at 8:00 p.m.)

The ceremonies of Holy Saturday are the most solemn memorial of the liturgical year. They comprise four parts: Service of the Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Easter Vigil services include ceremonies that stress the Church's joy in commemorating the night that Christ rose from the dead. *Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!*



EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (March 31st at 9:30 a.m. [English]; 11:00 a.m. [Polish])

Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: *"This is the day which the Lord has made"*.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Happy Easter!

HOLY WEEK MASSES LIVESTREAMED FROM THE CATHEDRAL CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR HOMEPAGE.

"God, in fact, believes in us even more than we believe in ourselves." —Pope Francis



Easter Message 2024

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen" (Lk 24:5).

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Peterborough,

The Church embraces the celebrations of this Holy Week, commemorating the passion and death and resurrection of the Lord. Thereafter we advance quickly to the wonderful season of Easter, a time of renewal and hope and a time to see with the eyes of faith the great wonders that God has done and continues to do.

It is said that one of the best ways to get the attention of your audience is to ask a probing question at the start of a talk. So, give full marks to the angels at the Lord's tomb that Easter morning, who asked one of the most probing questions in all of history: "why do you look for the living among the dead?" Part challenge, part correction and part invitation to see things in a new way, it must have taken the faithful women by surprise. But apparently it was a rhetorical question, since the angels did not wait for an answer, but went on to explain, "He is not here, but has risen." Once they had the attention of their audience, they wasted no time in sharing the good news - good news that the women would also quickly share, as they went to tell the apostles.

Pope Francis has said that the question addressed to the women that Easter morning is posed to each one of us. "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" It's one that should grab our attention and invite us to a new way of seeing things. Do we cling to what is sterile, bleak, and hopeless, just because it is familiar? Do we give in to cynicism and defeatism, supposing that things in the world, the Church, our neighbourhoods, and families can never improve? Easter is a call to reject the malaise that can afflict so much of modern life and to embrace a new way of living with a spirit of hope. As the Holy Father has said, "Death, solitude and fear are not the last word. There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak; it is the word of the resurrection."

The angels' question should snap us to attention this Easter, reminding us that because of the Lord's resurrection, we can always lay claim to hope. May God bless you and yours richly in this season of great joy.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend Daniel Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough