



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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April 9, 2023:

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

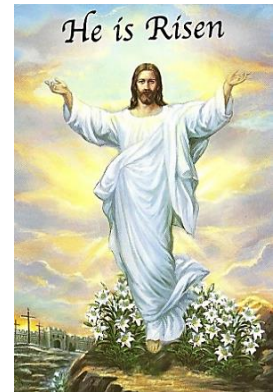
MASSES FOR APRIL 11TH – APRIL 16TH

Tuesday, April 11 th	8:30 a.m.	– No Mass
Wednesday, April 12 th	8:30 a.m.	– No Mass
Thursday, April 13 th	8:30 a.m.	– No Mass
Friday, April 14 th	8:30 a.m.	– No Mass
Saturday, April 15 th	4:30 p.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Sunday, April 16 th	9:30 a.m.	– Loretta DeLuca, requested by Anne Marie Pearl
	11:30 a.m.	– Ryszard Bialkowski, requested by wife & family

+ 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, Lucia VandenBosch, Adrian Vandenbroek, Linda vanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sally Weglarz, Clint Young, Patty Zeyen and those who have no one to pray for them. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.**

STAY-CATION: Fr. Stephen will be taking some well-deserved down time on **April 11th to 14th**, so there will be no Masses on those days.



EASTER MESSAGE 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We think of the word “Easter” as a noun, but the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins once used it as a verb. “*Let him Easter in us*”, Hopkins wrote in his 1875 poem “*The Wreck of the Deutschland*”, in which he recounted a shipwreck off the English coast that resulted in the death of five Franciscan nuns.

I was taught that a verb is an action word or one that expresses a state of being. It is intriguing to think of Easter as a verb, as something that is present and active here and now. Of course, we know that Easter refers to the great mystery of Jesus rising from the dead, bursting out of the tomb after having died on the cross for our salvation. But Hopkins’ use of Easter as a verb reveals another level of meaning: to say “*let him Easter in us*” is to proclaim that we share in the great mystery and victory of Christ. We are not mere spectators at the foot of the cross or at the empty tomb. Easter is not for Christ alone but is shared with all who believe in him. To have him “*Easter in us*” is to know there is something more to life than this human life, and something beyond death—that the grave does not have the last word. To have him “*Easter in us*” is to be freed from sin so as to live a new life for God.

Whatever troubles and worries may oppress us, whatever challenges afflict the Church and the world, we have a new way of being, because Christ rose from the dead. That is Easter as a verb; something that impacts our entire life and the way we act in the world. To paraphrase the poet, may Christ Easter in you during this holy season and always.

Yours in Christ, + Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough

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I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

40 CANS FOR LENT



Since the start of Lent, the generous parishioners of Immaculate Conception have donated **306 pounds of food and \$140 in donations** for the needy using the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. The Food Pantry has served over one hundred people and their families every Wednesday and Saturday. God bless you for your continued generosity. **Happy Holy Week!**

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 (April 6th 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 the Passover began at sundown.



GOOD FRIDAY, THE PASSION OF THE LORD (April 7th 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 priests and deacons going to the altar in silence and prostrating themselves for a few moments in silent prayer, then an introductory prayer is offered.

HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL (April 8th 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 (April 9th 9:30 a.m. [English]; 11:30 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.

"Death trembles when a Christian prays, because it knows that everyone who prays has an ally who is stronger than it: the Risen Lord." —Pope Francis