



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 17, 2025.

MASSES FOR AUGUST 19TH – AUGUST 24TH

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

Tuesday, August 19 th	8:30 a.m.	+ —	Eleanor Ayotte, requested by Paul & Mardi Ayotte Kasia Tryba, requested by her husband & family
Wednesday, August 20 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Lucille Brunt, requested by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson
Thursday, August 21 st	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & parents, requested by the Estate
Friday, August 22 nd	8:30 a.m.	+ —	Timothy Paul Scott, requested by his parents Patrick & Monica Tryba, requested by their parents
Saturday, August 23 rd	4:30 p.m.	—	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Sunday, August 24 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ —	Angela Grant, requested by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson Fr. Jozef, blessings from the Polish parishioners

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Andrew Morrison, Bonnie Morley, Brian Eberle, Cathy Lochner, Dan Selby, Donna Ellis, 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, Michael Dawson, Mike Fitzgerald, Mike Sullivan, Neave Alderson, Paul Rigby, Pat D., Peter McCarthy, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sawyer Growden, Shelly Appleton, 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – IMMACULATE CUSTODIAN: Immaculate Conception parish wishes to thank Ian O’Brien for his custodial services on his retirement. Starting the first week of September, we will be needing his replacement. This paid opportunity requires only six hours per week, to clean the church and hall. Please speak to Father Jozef if interested.

ST. MARY’S LINDSAY—BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: **August 31st** at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's, Lindsay. Bishop Miehm and Father Tom will be offering Mass in celebration of the 200-year anniversary of the Peter Robinson Settlers. Jubilee stickers are also available for your passports. Join us after Mass for light refreshments in the parish hall. For information, please call the parish office at **705-324-4828**.

DOURO DOINGS: Please join us **September 1st** at Douro Park for the 95th Douro Doings! Events: 10 km run, children’s games, entertainment, classic car show, and slow pitch. Roast beef dinner and famous quilt raffle held at St. Joseph’s parish hall. (See poster on our bulletin board.)

CELEBRATING THE CANONIZATION OF CARLO ACUTIS & PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI: Saturday, **September 6th** at the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains: 5:00 p.m. Mass with blessings of relics of Carlo Acutis; 6:30 p.m. reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in honour of our two new saints! (See poster on our bulletin board.)

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program within Catholic parishes to prepare those who wish to become Catholics and for those who wish to “brush up” on their knowledge of the Catholic faith. If you would like to become a Catholic, or should you know of anyone who would like to become a Catholic please let the parish office know by calling the office. We welcome anyone who would like to join these sessions which will begin this September.





LITURGY NOTES— BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD (Ps 46:10):

The words we say in the liturgy are rife with meaning. In reciting prayers together, and singing, and in responding to each other in dialogue, we are being formed by the Holy Spirit into the mystical Body of Christ in worship of the eternal Father. But there is a complementary element of the liturgy that forms us, too: silence. The intentional silent moments in the liturgy allow some activity of the Spirit to take place in each heart, and then these are drawn together into our collective prayer and our collective encounter with Christ. This is the very reason that the priest's prayer that sums up the opening rites of the liturgy is called the "Collect" (emphasis on the first syllable, oddly enough).

It collects our thoughts and gives a unified voice before all the people in pleading to God for the particular grace of this moment. So, we should note all the intentional silences of the liturgy closely, and work at involving our hearts in those moments. We will look at each of these in turn over the coming weeks.

Before the liturgy, people will naturally greet one another and will find some suitable way to prepare themselves individually before the Mass, usually in a few moments of silent prayer. But once our corporate prayer begins, the silence of all before God takes on a whole new meaning, because it is a corporate act. The liturgy begins with song and dialogue, but when we arrive at the Penitential Act, we are called to a moment of silent reflection, all together, in corporate silence. The meaning of that moment is something we will look at more closely in next week's column.

JOURNEY TO MARTYR'S SHRINE: On **September 20th**, the Diocese of Peterborough will travel to Martyrs' Shrine as part of a jubilee year pilgrimage. **Contact the parish office to reserve your spot on the Immaculate Conception bus!** Tickets are \$50 to cover the cost of the bus and entry fees. Immaculate's bus leaves their parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and arrives home at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Also, on that day, Fr. Stephen DeCarlo, our Diocesan Youth Director, is organizing an excursion of young people to visit St. Marie Among the Hurons, a re-creation of the village that the settlers and Jesuits lived in at the time of the martyrdom. The tour is for students (ages 13 to 24) and spots are limited. There is a fee of \$14.50 per youth pilgrim (under 17) and \$17 for adults (18-24 yr). [MORE INFO](#)
If you have youth going who may be interested, contact: FrStephenDecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org

Annual Yard Sale And Bake Table—Next Saturday

ANNUAL YARD SALE AND BAKE TABLE—NEXT SATURDAY, **AUGUST 23rd**

Drop off your contributions any time, in front of the largest garage door of the rectory. Please keep in mind we are looking for donations that are in good condition and saleable. Thank you for NOT bringing clothing or bedding.



Oh, and don't forget, we need items for the bake table! We welcome your tasty donations to be dropped off Friday, **August 22nd** between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated!



YARD SALE VOLUNTEERS: The yard sale has five critical time periods:

- BRINGING TABLES UP from the hall **Thursday, August 21st** at 7:00 p.m.
- SETTING UP: **Friday, August 22nd** from 9:30 a.m. to noon
- SECURITY: **August 22nd to 23rd** from set-up to before sale begins
- SELLING: **Saturday, August 23rd** from 8:00 a.m. to noon
- CLEAN-UP: **Saturday, August 23rd** at noon

If you and some of your family can help with one or more of these timeslots, there will be sign-up forms at the side entrance to the church...or call Peter Dawson at **705-742-9754**. From past experience, fresh bodies are greatly appreciated at noon on Saturday for the clean-up.

"Do not be afraid! Accept the invitation of the Church and of Christ the Lord!" —Pope Leo XIV