



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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1st SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2024.

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 20TH – FEBRUARY 25TH

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

Tuesday, February 20 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Sharon Anglesey, requested by Marie Morrissey
Wednesday, February 21 st	8:30 a.m.	+	Fergus O'Brien, requested by the St. Alphonsus, Knights of Columbus, Council #11086
Thursday, February 22 nd	8:30 a.m.	+	Fergus O'Brien, requested by Paul & Mary O'Brien
Friday, February 23 rd	8:30 a.m.	+	Vince Anglesey, requested by Marie Morrissey
Saturday, February 24 th	4:30 p.m.	+	Dick & Joan Cavanagh, requested by Greg & Diane Mather
Sunday, February 25 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ –	Tim Moloney, requested by the family <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

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, Cathy Lochner, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Barb McKinnon, Al & Pat McPhail, Nixon Parsons, Charlene Purcell, Gail & John Terrion, Kasia Tryba, 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.**



NOTE: *As a parish, we are always praying for those in need of our prayers. Please keep us up-to-date on how people are doing. You are always welcome to add more people to the list; simply get the person's consent (or give the first name only) and notify the office: office@immaculatepeterborough.ca. We have just removed from this list three persons with cancer who are now doing well...prayers do work!*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK THIS SATURDAY, FEB 17th: *Family & friends welcome for this sacrament*

SUPPORT OUR BOTTLE DRIVE: Start saving now, to support our bottle drive organized by the Knights of Columbus. They will be collecting RETURNABLE liquor, wine, beer bottles and beer cans next Saturday, **February 24th** at the Rectory garage between 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (NO POP CANS PLEASE.) To date we have raised **\$2,043.15**, which is now being designated to remedy a drainage solution in order to prevent further water damage in the basement. We appreciate your help!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY—ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP: The Assistant to the Bishop is a full-time salaried position, providing executive assistance to the Bishop and managing the media functions of the Diocese in collaboration with clergy and staff. This opportunity will be of interest to you if you have a degree in communications, administrative/executive studies, knowledge of the Catholic Church or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Please send your resume to DebMcRae@peterboroughdiocese.org. Candidates' submission deadline is **February 29th**. We thank all those that apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. [MORE INFO](#)

AGAINST MAID (MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING) FOR MENTAL ILLNESS: Postcards will be handed out **this weekend at all the Masses** for you to sign regarding the stopping (not delaying) of euthanasia for mental illness. These will then be collected and sent to our MP Michelle Ferreri. Please make your name and address legible. We need your voice!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – ANNUAL REPORT

- 2,672.3 pounds of food delivered to the SSVP Food Pantry from parishioners' donations and Immaculate Conception School food drives.
- Monthly SSVP collection: \$ 16,245, including donations from Our Lady of Assumption Parish.
- Sent up to SSVP Particular Council: \$10,500 for the operation of the Food Pantry and the stores.
- 40 Cans For 40 Days Lenten collection.
- Supported financially Immaculate Conception and Monsignor O'Donoghue School Breakfast programme and food for dinners at One Roof Centre.
- Twinning with St Pius X SSVP conference has been discontinued due to the end of their mandate. Now twinning with our Lady of the Universe Conference at St. Michael's parish in Barbados and supporting with \$1,000 a year.
- Now back volunteering at the food pantry and store after Covid restrictions.
- Christmas food hampers were provided to seven needy families at Immaculate Conception school.
- Graduation gifts of \$100 given to a Grade 8 graduate from Immaculate Conception and Monsignor O'Donoghue, who live the spirit and values of the gospel message with love, respect, justice and joy.



THE SEASON OF LENT begins this week with the solemn celebration of Ash Wednesday. Didn't we just put the Christmas decorations away? It is rather early this year, but it's never too early for us to embark on this annual journey of penance, conversion and renewal. If you haven't done so yet, this is the ideal time to check out the many good video resources available through **FORMED** (also referred to as the **Catholic Netflix**), which can be accessed for free for parishioners in the Diocese of Peterborough.

—Bishop Miehm

- Go to [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) • Select the *Formed for Individuals* button • Type in your email and click *Submit* • For *Find your Parish* type "Immaculate Peterborough" and select us from the dropdown list • Click the *Next* button
- Type your Name and Email address and click the *Sign Up* button • Then begin exploring the engaging and professional content. You will find excellent videos on saints, some fine children's programming.

ONLINE LENTEN PROGRAMS:

- **Formed:** By opting into this Lenten series, you'll receive an email each day with a *Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture* video. You'll also receive 10 episodes of *Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids* to help children learn what it means to repent and return to God! [MORE INFO](#)
- **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops:** The Ash Wednesday video and the First Sunday of Lent video of the series titled "*Journey through Lent*" are now available on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops [website](#).
- **Exodus & Exile:** The St. Paul centre (USA) has developed a Lenten program of reflection and transformation with hosts Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. John Bergsma. [MORE INFO](#)
- **Science of Sainthood:** "*Liturgy & Life: Unveiling the Mystical Movement of the Mass*". Free video series offered by the Science of Sainthood. [MORE INFO](#)

Share Lent – Development & Peace

The Development & Peace annual Share Lent campaign started Ash Wednesday! In this traditional time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, your generosity is called upon, so they can sustain their transformative work in the Global South. This year's campaign theme is *Create Hope: Reaping our Rights*. They will meet peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth...our common home. [VIEW SHORT VIDEO](#)



"The season of Lent trains us to show solidarity with others, especially those who suffer." —Pope Francis