



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 2, 2025

MASSES FOR MARCH 4TH – MARCH 9TH

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

Tuesday, March 4 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & parents, requested by the Estate
Wednesday, March 5 th ASH WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+	Emmett O'Donoghue, requested by Marg & Chris Shine
		+	Dolly Foley, requested by Jane Bagshaw & family
Thursday, March 6 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Lillian Cooper, requested by Greg & Diane Mather
Friday, March 7 th 24 HOUR ADORATION	8:30 a.m. 3:00p-12:00a	+	Joe McCarthy, requested by Bob & Elaine
		...	<i>(Sign-up for 1-hour, on the chart at side entrance to the church)</i>
24 HOUR ADORATION	12:00a-3:00p 3:00 p.m.	...	<i>(Sign-up for 1-hour, on the chart at side entrance to the church)</i>
		...	<i>Closing Benediction</i>
Saturday, March 8 th	4:30 p.m.	+	Baby Camille Heart Bitten, requested by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson
Sunday, March 9 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+	Mary Tucker, requested by Anne-Marie McConkey
		–	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Neave Alderson, Shelly Appleton, Tim Ayotte, M.J.B., Gerard & Wanda Byrne, Joanna Carlberg, Margaret Collins, Gloria Crowley, John Dawson, Michael Dawson, Marian Dlugosz, Brian Eberle, Donna Ellis, Marie Green, Sawyer Growden, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Rachelle Kennedy, Cathy Lochner, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Barb McKinnon, Pat McPhail, Andrew Morrison, Jo Morrison, Nixon Parsons, Paul Sullivan, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS! To all our couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this month, especially Don & Kathi Hounam on March 15th. MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH HIS LOVE AND YOUR HAPPINESS! *(Five-year milestones are recognized every month, so please let the parish office know your wedding date, so that your marriage may also be recognized.)*



SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER: Our Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, **March 4th** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$4 a person or \$10 per family. Come on out and join us for some delicious pancakes and socialize with our parish community.

LENT STARTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 5TH

We will hold a Special Mass at 7:00 p.m. that day.

In Christian religion, an annual season of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting 40 weekdays to Easter, observed by Roman Catholic, Anglican, and certain other churches. (Dictionary.com)



ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT (except fish): The Law of Fasting requires a Catholic from their 18th to 59th birthday, to reduce the amount of food eaten; defined as one main meal, and two smaller meals (which when combined would not exceed the main meal in quantity). Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



LITURGY NOTES BY FR. JOHN-MARK MISSIO— SOURCE AND SUMMIT, PART 1

Drawn from the current *“Catechism of the Catholic Church”* (CCC 1324), this is the best image to consider over and over again as we aim for a deeper grasp of what is going on as we come to Mass on the Lord’s Day (be that Saturday evening or Sunday morning). You come to the *“Source and Summit of the Christian Life”*. What do you bring? What do you take away? These are two key questions to consider, as you approach the summit of Christian worship, and as you leave the Mass and return to everyday life.

When you come, you bring your life with you, not parking it at the door of the Church, but bringing your experiences, your cares, your dreams, your sacrifices and your deep gratitude for every good gift: this is a small sampling of your life that you bring to Mass when you pass through the doors of the Church. You bring it to God, to offer it, by offering yourself; you bring your cares to the One who cares more deeply for you than you do for yourself; you bring your dreams of happiness and love between all people, hoping for a Kingdom to appear on earth; you bring the labour you have done in a week of work and prayer and suffering and rejoicing, and you lay down all these things before the Lord in sacrifice. Step back for a moment and consider what you bring with you when you place yourself before the Lord at the Sunday Mass. Re-read the sentence above about what you bring; make a mental list; and next Sunday, intentionally place all these things you bring before the Lord in a quiet moment before the Mass (© Padre Piccolo).

SHARE LENT 2025 – TURN DEBT INTO HOPE: I join with the Catholic Bishops of Canada inviting your support for the global campaign *Turn Debt into Hope* as part of our Jubilee Year, a special time of forgiveness and reconciliation. In his exhortation, *“The Joy of the Gospel”*, Pope Francis reminds us that, “Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society.

We are being asked to reflect on and sign a petition concerning the debt crisis that more than 100 countries in the Global South are facing. Tunisia, Sudan, Ethiopia, Philippines and Tunisia are provided as examples of the debt crisis in this year’s Share Lent materials available through your parish or online. I encourage you to sign the ‘debt’ petition this Lent and help Turn Debt into Hope. Please continue to be generous to the Share Lent collection in your parish. These funds go a long way to promote solidarity and hope with our sisters and brothers in the Global South and express our fraternity in the faith as we celebrate this Jubilee year.

—Bishop Miehm [READ FULL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP](#)

24 Hours for the Lord — March 7-8

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church. Established in 1470 by Pope Paul II to occur every 25 years, the Jubilee is a sacred time for transformation through God’s holiness. It invites Catholics worldwide to renew their relationships with God, one another, and creation, celebrating the central Christian theme of hope. In this Jubilee Year, the 12th edition of *“24 Hours for the Lord”*, a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis, will be celebrated in dioceses around the world.

In the Diocese of Peterborough, the event will take place on the eve of the First Sunday of Lent, from Friday, March 7th to Saturday, March 8th. Pope Francis invites us to take part in the worldwide initiative *“24 Hours for the Lord”*, a time of grace and renewal.

During this Lenten season, the 24-hour period is a sacred opportunity for parishes to offer a profound experience of God’s mercy. It is a time to remind the faithful that the doors of the Church—and the infinite mercy of God—are always open, ready to welcome and embrace even the most lost or weary among us. Bishop Miehm encourages all parishes to respond with hearts united to this call, standing in solidarity with the global Church as *“Pilgrims of Hope”*. Let this initiative serve as a beacon of light, reflecting the hope we are called to carry and share with the world during this Jubilee year.



Sign-Up for your private one-hour session with the Lord on the chart at the side-entrance to the church.

“if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?”

—Pope Francis