



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8, 2026

### MASSES FOR MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> – MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

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

Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & her parents, req. by the Estate
Wednesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Mike Clifford, requested by Lynn Nolan
Thursday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Douglas Seabrooke, req. by Elaine, Sharron & Margaret
Friday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+	Rob Moro, requested by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson <i>Stations of the Cross following Mass (during Lent)</i>
Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	+	John O’Keefe, req. by Deborah Marino & Angela O’Toole
Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+	Mary Tucker, requested by Anne-Marie McConkey Jan Student, requested by Eugene & Anna Antczak

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Andrew Morrison, Bonnie Morley, Brian Eberle, Cathy Lochner, Dan Selby, Dave Worr, Donna Ellis, Evelyn Crook, Francine Leger-Gillard, 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, Marilyn MacKeigan, Michael Dawson, Mike Sullivan, Neave Alderson, Pat D., Paul Rigby, Paul Scott, Peter McCarthy, Renie (Zeyen) Place, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Rosie Delorme, Sawyer Growden, 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.

**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY—BUS TRIP:** St. Alphonsus Liguori parish has booked a bus and has some seats available for this event to be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Center, on **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Monica at **705-745-8623** or email [monica@stalphonsus.net](mailto:monica@stalphonsus.net) for details about timing and price.

**REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR:** The Diocese of Peterborough seeks a part-time *Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator*—a 30-month contract (potential to become permanent full-time), to coordinate and promote the Diocesan refugee sponsorship program. The role is 20 hours per week at \$23.00–\$26.78 per hour, with some travel required. Resumes and cover letters will be accepted until Thursday, **March 12<sup>th</sup>**, to be submitted to Deb McRae at [debmcrae@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:debmcrae@peterboroughdiocese.org). [JOB DESCRIPTION](#)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027—PLANNING:** Interested participants are invited to a Zoom Information Session on **March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. as we consider the logistics of sending a group from our Diocese. Please email [FrStephenDeCarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:FrStephenDeCarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org) to register and get the Zoom link. Details are still being finalized but this meeting will be a good opportunity to raise questions.

**JOURNEY THROUGH LENT** is a video series produced annually by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and available on their website. This year, I was asked to be the presenter and while it was a major commitment, I was honoured to do so. The seven videos (Ash Wednesday and the six Sundays of Lent) were taped by Salt & Light in our Cathedral a month ago. Each one is a brief reflection on the Scripture readings of the day exploring the significant Lenten themes. I hope I have done the material justice! You can judge for yourselves (charitably, I hope) by going to the [video series page](#) on the CCCB website. I pray that they might help you toward a spiritually fruitful Lent. — *The Most Reverend Bishop Daniel Miehm*

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parenting is a profound vocation, one that requires great stamina and loads of love. Fortunately, God has provided parents with both! Character is at the forefront of all parenting because our kids are watching more than listening! The task of parents, once they bring life into this world, is to center themselves on guiding their child(ren) to maturity. It is a job that requires ongoing learning, teaching and always witnessing to our faith. No one has a greater influence on a child than their parents. Embrace your vocation with dedication and perseverance. Ask God for guidance and support and be confident that your children, by observing you, will learn to be wonderful, faith-filled adults whose lives will be find joy and success!



### LA VERNA WINTER UPDATES:

**18 Week Franciscan-At-Home-Retreat:** For those too busy for a traditional retreat, you are welcome to attend a spiritual retreat centred upon the life and experiences of St. Francis of Assisi at LaVerna, 820 Frank Street. Each week you receive a story from the life of St. Francis, along with relevant scripture readings, upon which to reflect and pray. There will be weekly one-hour, in-person meetings to discuss the material and its effect on your spiritual journey. Retreat fee \$25 (includes all materials and meetings).

**Indulgence Tuesdays:** First Tuesday of every month at La Verna, for the Jubilee Year of St. Francis (800<sup>th</sup> year 1226-2026). For more information, call [705-243-9131](tel:705-243-9131) or email [laverna@capuchins.ca](mailto:laverna@capuchins.ca)

**RELIC SAINT FAUSTINA AT OUR LADY OF MERCY BANCROFT:** Sunday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at 10:00 a.m. Mass, Our Lady of Mercy, in Bancroft will be welcoming a 1<sup>st</sup> class relic of St. Faustina. His Excellency Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R., Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke will be the main celebrant. Light lunch to follow in the hall. (See poster on our bulletin board for more details.)

### *Development & Peace Spring Retreat*

Development & Peace invites everyone to attend the Spring Mini-Retreat with the Peterborough Diocesan Council and the Toronto Archdiocesan Council, on Saturday, **April 11<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist parish, 903 Gifford Street, Whitby. **Stand for Justice, Peace, and Dignity!** Since 1967, *Development and Peace—Caritas Canada*, the Catholic Church's official international development organization, has been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South. Rooted in **Catholic Social Teaching**, they champion **dignity, participation, solidarity, care for the poor, and integrity**—supporting partner-led projects that touch over 7 million lives in more than 30 countries.

#### **ANNUAL SHARE LENT COLLECTION FOR DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:**

Please support the Share Lent special collection which takes place **March 21/22**. This year's theme is "*On Track for Justice*". This is a major way in which the Church in Canada supports people and communities in the Global South. You are encouraged to read the following messages to be inspired by how your generosity through Share Lent is already transforming lives!

[SHARE LENT](#) by Bishop Miehm | [SHARE LENT](#) by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops



*"By means of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we can renew our cooperation with the Lord in the crafting of our lives as a unique masterpiece." —Pope Leo XIV, Angelus Address, Feb. 22, 2026.*