



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023:

MASSES FOR APRIL 4TH – APRIL 9TH

Tuesday, April 4 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Irene Crook, requested by the family
Wednesday, April 5 th	8:30 a.m.	– For a Private Intention
Holy Thursday , April 6 th	7:00 p.m.	+ Jack McConkey, requested by the McConkey family
Good Friday , April 7 th (No First Friday Adoration)	3:00 p.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Saturday, April 8 th		
Blessing of Baskets	2:00 p.m.	– <i>Polish celebration</i>
Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.	+ Jan & Anna Szokalski, requested by the family
Easter Sunday , April 9 th	9:30 a.m.	+ Clayton Brown, requested by Madeline
	11:30 a.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>

+ 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.**

CONGRATULATIONS! To all our couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this month, especially Dean & Maureen MacDonald celebrating 40-years on April 16th and Al & Pat McPhail celebrating 50-years on April 27th! **MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH HIS LOVE AND YOUR HAPPINESS!**

EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to help offset the cost of the Easter flowers is asked to put a donation in an envelope marked “Easter Flowers” and drop in the offertory basket. Thanks for helping to beautify our Easter celebration!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! The Easter Bake Sale raised \$711 for our elevator fund! This is a terrific contribution, and we appreciate and thank all the bakers, buyers and sellers who participated!

OFFERTORY COMPARISON

Parish expenses are increasing with inflation. Please be generous!

	2023	2022	2021
March	\$ 9,331.40 (4 Sundays)	\$ 10,229.75 (4 Sundays)	10,917.00 (4 Sundays)
Year-To-Date	\$30,263.10	\$29,051.05	\$31,382.00



HEALING MASS & RECEPTION: St. Anne’s Parish (859 Barnardo) is hosting a Healing Mass with the sacrament of the *Anointing of the Sick*. Twenty-four hours of Adoration starts with Mass at 9.00 a.m. on Friday, **March 31st**, and confessions will be heard from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Healing Mass will be held on Saturday, **April 1st**, at the 9.30 a.m. Mass. All who are afflicted in mind, body or spirit, and those who are praying for them, are invited to participate. A reception follows in their Parish Hall.



MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

A fundamental principle of our Catholic faith is that mercy must be part of our lived experience. Practicing forgiveness in all areas of our lives is important, but it is especially necessary in marriage. The intimate relationship of marriage means there will be hurt, anger and resentment between us at times and in those moments we must both seek and provide forgiveness. When we live with a merciful heart, instead of becoming hardened to the goodness in our spouse, we see the good, the joyful and the love that they carry for us.

CHRISM MASS: The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on Monday, **April 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. Parishioners from across the Diocese are welcome to this Mass, at which the holy oils are blessed for the coming year and priests renew their sacred promises.

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS: A Knights of Columbus charity program that connects traditional Lenten almsgiving with the nutritional needs of poor families in our community. The idea is simple: a straight-forward one-can (or non-perishable item) per-day donation during Lent inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. There will be boxes at the entrances of the Church.



ST. ANNE'S FISH FRY: The St. Anne's Knights of Columbus are holding a Fish Fry on Friday, **April 14th**, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The cost for one piece fish and chips with coleslaw, tea/coffee and dessert: adults \$9.00, children 6-12 \$6.00 and children 5 and under no charge. The cost for two pieces of fish: adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$9.00. A family of 2 adults and 2 children is \$25.00. Dine-in or take-out. Contact St. Anne's office to reserve your spot: **705-745-3229**.



SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER RETURNS: Saturday, **May 6th** following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Food prepared by *Chef Enzo!* Social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars now! Tickets at \$20 per person will be available after all Masses or reserve your tickets by calling the parish office **705-742-5466**.

"VINNIES" NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS: Saint Vincent de Paul stores "Vinnies" are in need of your donations, such as: clothing (men's, women's, kids'), home decor, housewares, books, bedding, shoes and purses. These can be brought to any of their three locations: Erskine Avenue and Hunter Street East in Peterborough and Queen Street, Lakefield. **Remember them when decluttering.** Your donations also help to fund their food pantry and to provide clothing vouchers for those in need.

Reminder - Come and experience this memorable re-enactment!

THE WAY OF THE CROSS THROUGH THE STREETS OF PETERBOROUGH

Christ's passion will again take to the streets of Peterborough!

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH

It will start with a prayer service in the Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at Immaculate by 1:00 p.m. Since 2005, the Catholic Youth community has represented this incredible moment in salvation history. Consider volunteering to assist with all aspects of the production: from acting, to behind-the-scenes work. Contact Tom Wigglesworth at 705-313-9846. Can you help make this event a success? [MORE INFORMATION](#) If you have never experienced the *Way of the Cross* in Peterborough, [WATCH THIS VIDEO](#) produced from the 2016 production.



"There exists no other way to accomplish God's will than to assume the strength of the humble; there is no other way." —Pope Francis