



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1W7
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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR MAY 4TH – MAY 9TH

Weekday Masses 10-person maximum

Weekend Masses cancelled until further notice (Fr. Stephen Private Mass only)

Daily Private Prayer 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (except Monday) 10-person limit

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| Tuesday, May 4 th | 8:30 a.m. | + Mieczyslawa Starzyk, requested by Z. Tryba |
| Wednesday, May 5 th | 8:30 a.m. | + Barb Coughlin, requested by Marie Morrissey |
| Thursday, May 6 th | 8:30 a.m. | + Marc Guerin, requested by Marie Morrissey |
| Friday, May 7 th | 8:30 a.m. | + James McMahon, requested by the Estate |
| Saturday, May 8 th | 4:30 p.m. | + Skylar Leal, requested by Lynn Nolan |
| Sunday, May 9 th | 9:30 a.m. | + Alice Hynes, requested by Jane MacKay |
| | 11:30 a.m. | – For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish |

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Aleesha, Neave Alderson, Audrey, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Gwendolyn Craigen, Joan Cross, Hender & Donna Ellis, Sawyer Growden, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Bill Heasely, Bradley L., Cathy Lochner, Peter McCarthy, Erin Sullivan, Linda VanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli 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. Prayers do work!

CONDOLENCES: The faith community of Immaculate Conception Parish extends to the family and friends of **Fred Garvey Sr.** and **Wout VanTol** our deepest sympathy, love and support at this time of grief. MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE.

CONGRATULATIONS! To all our couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this month, especially Harold and Donna Wall celebrating their 50th on May 29th. MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH HIS LOVE AND YOUR HAPPINESS!

APRIL OFFERTORY COMPARISON

Thank you for your ongoing generosity, especially during these trying times!

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| 2021 | \$ 7,920.00 (4 Sundays) | 2020 | \$ 7,214.00 (4 Sundays) | 2019 | \$ 10,081.25 (4 Sundays) |
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POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS – There is a Special Collection next Sunday, **May 9th** in support of the Pope's pastoral works. A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation on the other side of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The annual Pope's Pastoral Works collection makes these funds available for distribution. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.



SPOUSES CORNER: *There are three essential components of successful marriages: the ability to communicate effectively; a commitment to longevity, depth and growth; and an ability to resolve conflict. Each of these components requires skills which become the keys to a lasting marriage. Taking the time to improve your skills in these areas will result in a continual renewal of your relationship and the ability to persevere through times of stress.*

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK is celebrated across our province beginning on **Sunday, May 2nd**, focused on the theme, Catholic Education: Nurturing Hope. It has been a tough time in the educational world because of the pandemic, with challenges for students, teachers, administrators, and parents alike. It seems students will not be physically back in school, but it is important to mark this week virtually as best we can. Publicly funded Catholic education in our province is a rich blessing for our young people. We celebrate and give thanks!

Saints of the Week *Saints James and Philip — May 3rd*

JAMES, SON OF ALPHEAUS: We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, His Church. He is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, “brother” of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the Letter of James. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater.



PHILIP: Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the “one about whom Moses wrote” (Jn 1:45).



Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, “[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do” (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]” (Jn 6:7).

John’s story is not a put-down of Philip. It was simply necessary for these men who were to be the foundation stones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity’s total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God’s gift.

On another occasion, we can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus’s voice. After Thomas had complained that they did not know where Jesus was going, Jesus said, “I am the way. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him” (Jn 14:6a, 7). Then Philip said, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us” (Jn 14:8). Enough! Jesus answered, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father” (Jn 14:9a).

Possibly because Philip bore a Greek name or because he was thought to be close to Jesus, some gentile proselytes came to him and asked him to introduce them to Jesus. Philip went to Andrew, and Andrew went to Jesus. Jesus’s reply in John’s Gospel is indirect; Jesus says that now his “hour” has come, that in a short time he will give his life for Jew and gentile alike.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-philip-and-james>

“The Lord visits us every day, in the intimacy of our heart if we are waiting.” — Pope Francis