



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 7TH – SEPTEMBER 13TH

DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING, ALL WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE IN THE CHURCH RATHER THAN THE CHAPEL

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| Monday, September 7 th | 5:00 p.m. | + Shirley Macphail, requested by Paul & Mardi Ayotte |
| Tuesday, September 8 th | 8:30 a.m. | + Shirley Macphail, requested by Chris Shine |
| Wednesday, September 9 th | 8:30 a.m. | + James McMahon, requested by the Estate |
| Thursday, September 10 th | 8:30 a.m. | – Sr. Alice Johnson on the occasion of her 95 th birthday, requested by Loretta DeLuca |
| Friday, September 11 th | 8:30 a.m. | + Shirley Macphail, requested by Margaret Shine |
| Saturday, September 12 th | 4:30 p.m. | + Cody Bartlett, requested by Clair & Nancy Moloney |
| Sunday, September 13 th | 9:30 a.m. | + Jim Rutherford, requested by Eileen |
| | 11:30 a.m. | – <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i> |

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Aleesha, Neave Alderson, Fr. Bart Burke, Gwendolyn Craigen, Joan Cross, Marie Cullen, Jim Dillon, George Ellis, Hender Ellis, Sawyer Growden, Marc Guerin, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Bill Heasely, Betty Johnston, Bradley L., Cathy Lochner, Carrie Ann Mallory & family, Peter McCarthy, Charlene Purcell, Erin Sullivan, Charlene Urbach, Rose Marie Vitarelli and those who have no one to pray for them. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.



MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Couple relationships often experience strain during times of stress and the last several months have provided some of the highest stress many couples have faced. It is important to step back and recognize why tensions might be running high and then engage in actions that can release the pent up stress. Try cooking together, walking, biking or hiking together, praying together, or any activity that will bring laughter to the day. It may even mean finding ways to have some time apart, whether that be one being outside while the other is in, or one being on one floor of the house, while the other is on another. Time together is wonderful, but too much can be distressing! Remember that you are in this together and together you can find ways to feel connected and beat any feelings of stress.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES REPORT

Knights of Columbus

(2020-2021 New Fraternal Year)

Food collected: 52 lbs

Cash collected: \$20



*(Bins at the entrances of the Church.
Your generosity is appreciated.)*

CONGRATULATIONS! To all our couples celebrating **MILESTONE** Wedding Anniversaries this month. Milestones will be recognized every five-years, so please let the parish office know, so that your marriage may be recognized. MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH HIS LOVE AND YOUR HAPPINESS!



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS: Your donations go a long way in enabling us to help the needy. Please be as generous as you can. If you would like to find out more about us and our mission to see Christ in the face of the poor, please leave a message for Mardi at the Immaculate Conception office: **705-742-5466**.

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED? The Knights of Columbus has a wheelchair and a walker for anyone who may require it. Kindly call Paul Ayotte at [705-742-9835](tel:705-742-9835).

CONFESSIONS: Reconciliation/confessions are by appointment only. However, beginning **September 5th**, confessions will be scheduled as follows: Saturday 3:30-4:15 p.m. and Monday 4:30-4:55 p.m. Upon request anytime. Please call the office at [705-742-5466](tel:705-742-5466).

UPDATE ON SACRAMENTS: Attention all those involved in 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion, Confirmation or Marriage for 2020/2021. Online courses are being developed. Stay tuned for further updates as the Diocese makes progress.



NEW LOGO & WEBSITE! Immaculate Conception launched their refreshed website on **September 1st**, sporting a new logo. Page management and layout is now more efficient and a **Polish Community** page has been added, translated by Sr. Delores. Be sure to visit immaculatepeterborough.ca.



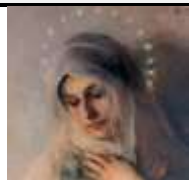
WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK! Fr. Stephen is rather social-media savvy and will be communicating with you through Facebook. Join in the conversation! Follow us at [Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Parish Peterborough](https://www.facebook.com/ImmaculateConceptionRomanCatholicParishPeterborough).



RETURNING TO MASS: We wish to thank you for getting into the swing of things with our “new normal” and following all the required protocols. If, however, you have not yet made it to Church, please be sure you read our [Coming Back to Mass](#) document so that you are aware of the new protocols before you do so. For those at high risk, the Bishop gives two options: (1) Cogeco’s YourTV (Channel 10 or 700) will be streaming each Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or (2) If you do not subscribe to Cogeco, the Mass is posted to the [Bishop’s YouTube Channel](#).



Saint of the Week



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – September 8th

The Church has celebrated Mary’s birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8th date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God’s plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary’s life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary’s birth with Jesus’ saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. *“She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed.”* The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary’s Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/>

“Each experience of encounter with Jesus leads us to take a different road because from him comes a good power that heals the heart and separates us from evil.” — Pope Francis