



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1W7

705-742-5466

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 23RD – FEBRUARY 28TH

Church will be open for private prayer 9:00-12:00 daily (except Monday)

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| Tuesday, February 23 rd | 8:30 a.m. | + Vince Anglesey, requested by Marie Morrissey |
| Wednesday, February 24 th | 8:30 a.m. | + James McMahon, requested by the Estate |
| Thursday, February 25 th | 8:30 a.m. | + Tim Moloney, requested by the family |
| Friday, February 26 th | 8:30 a.m. | + Tom Cavanagh, requested by Elizabeth DeNoble |
| Saturday, February 27 th | 4:30 p.m. | – <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i> |
| Sunday, February 28 th | 9:30 a.m. | + Andrea Rulli, requested by the Choir |
| | 11:30 a.m. | + Lidia Sucharzewska, requested by daughter & family |

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Aleesha, Neave Alderson, Audrey, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Gwendolyn Craigen, Joan Cross, Marie Cullen, Hender Ellis, Sawyer Growden, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Bill Heasely, Betty Johnston, Bradley L., Cathy Lochner, Peter McCarthy, Erin Sullivan, Walter & 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.

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



PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Two kinds of love are on display in the month of February this year – one on Valentine's Day celebrating romantic love and one on the 17th, Ash Wednesday, celebrating the infinite love of a merciful

God. When we recognize the depth of God's love, so powerful that nothing can separate us from it, we feel secure that God is always with us. Both these loves are important, and this is a great month to help children understand that God is responsible for both. Talk to them about how He created us to want to be in relationships, care about others and love important people in our lives. Help them to understand that the six weeks of Lent ends with the celebration of Easter. Easter, the day we rejoice over Christ's resurrection and through his love, our ability to spend eternity in Heaven.



40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS

In support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society food bank. If you are unable to take your donations to the church, please call the office at **705-742-5466** or call **705 742-9835** for pick-up. Cash donations should be placed in an envelope marked "40 Cans for 40 Days" (add your envelope number if you have one).

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: With the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph". It started on December 8th, 2020 and continues through to December 8th, 2021 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2020 -2021. Please visit the webpage the Diocese has posted for the Year of St. Joseph and be sure to revisit it during the Year of St. Joseph to view the resources added to it throughout this special year. St. Joseph - pray for us! <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/life-and-faith/year-of-st-joseph.aspx>

EMERGENCY LECTURE SERIES ON BILL C7 AND PALLIATIVE: Zoom Webinar, **Tuesday, February 23rd & Wednesday, February 24th** at 7:00 p.m. We are at a crucial juncture in Canadian law, medicine, and society. The deVeber Institute will be hosting an emergency two-day lecture series to address concerns regarding Bill C-7 and its impact on palliative care. We are honoured to have many esteemed physicians, lawyers, and bioethicists join us as presenters to share their concerns about this Bill from the frontlines. Contact: The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research at phone: **416-256-0555**, email: bioethics@deveber.org, or website: <https://www.deveber.org>.

FINDING HOPE FOR HURTING MARRIAGES – VIDEO SERIES: Are you struggling in your marriage? We believe your pain is real, but we also believe that there is hope for you and your spouse. This free six-part video series called *Finding Hope for Your Hurting Marriage* was created to offer encouragement and guidance to couples in hard places. https://info.focusonthefamily.ca/hope-for-your-hurting-marriage-registration?utm_source=email_corp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=corp_email_2021_01_30

LENTEN LINKS – PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER

VIRTUAL LENTEN MISSION SERIES: Looking for a Lenten retreat this year? Check out this virtual retreat **starting February 16th and ending March 30th** (30-minute Lenten reflections). It is led by Mr. Robert LeBlanc. Catholic. Husband. Father. Educator. Robert has been proclaiming the Truth of Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ for over 20 years in Catholic school classrooms and as a parish lay-catechist. At the heart of Robert's ministry is the notion that our Catholic faith not only forms us but transforms us into the saints that God calls us to be. The journey may be long and arduous, but heaven is worth it. Register here:

https://www.catholicmoment.ca/events?fbclid=IwAR0D7hETtVJYz1sDbQoBIFm7ZnuPk5Vys9xjasodRw_tK4JK_NEf01SR5E4

YES, LORD! SALT & LIGHT TV CHILDREN'S LENTEN SERIES: A kid-friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping at home due to the pandemic or just looking for a way to boost your family's life of faith, you won't want to miss this brand new series! **Starts Friday, February 19th** at 9:30 a.m. and **repeats** Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 7:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. See the bulletin insert for a fact sheet on this terrific program. See trailer at: <https://www.slmedia.org/yeslord>, where full-length episodes are posted every Friday.

SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT: (RE)DISCOVER DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: The Share Love, Share Lent campaign is inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* and its call "*for a love that transcends... geography and distance*" and "*allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person*". Each week, this campaign explores a different aspect of Development and Peace's work and offers you ways to become involved. This week, meet one of our partners from the Global South and create your own fundraising web page! Discover more activities and join Catholics across Canada on a journey of love and solidarity throughout the Lenten period. Follow the Development & Peace solidarity calendar at <https://devp.org/lent>.

VIRTUAL EVENT! World Day of Social Justice, **February 20th** at 1:00 p.m. Registration link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUofuuuqDMqGtM_SIShn5O_oUphPNsEanzt

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: A video series prepared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and an excellent spiritual resource for the coming season. Bishop Gerard Bergie of the Diocese of St. Catherine's, and Archbishop Marcel Dampousse of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall will offer reflections on the Sunday readings each week. It is well worth making this part of your Lenten prayer and reflection. <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

PREPARING FOR LENT IN A CATHOLIC HOME (HOUSEHOLD ON A MISSION): As we prepare for Lent, we often rely on old habits or patterns. We give up the same thing for Lent or we engage in the same practices each year. Our rituals can become a little too habitual. Sometimes, it's good to shake things up a bit, especially with regard to how we celebrate lent as a Catholic HOM (Household On Mission).

<https://catholiccounselors.com/preparing-for-lent-in-a-catholic-hom-household-on-mission/>

8 WAYS TO JUMP START YOUR PRAYER LIFE: A resource for Lent. Prayer isn't optional. It's the way we relate to God. We are created to be in union with Him for all eternity, but that union doesn't start later. It starts now through prayer and the sacraments.

<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/2117/documents/2019/2/8-ways-to-jumpstart-your-prayer-life-revised.pdf>



"During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the 'living water' of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ." — Pope Francis



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Starts February 19 at 9:30 am ET / 6:30 am PT

Repeats Saturdays at 4pm ET and Sundays at 7:00am and 2:30pm ET.

These past months have been very difficult for many families with church and school closures. Many have not been to Mass in months. Some have to do a lot of their schooling from home. Teachers and catechists are also facing many challenges as most of our learning has moved online.

Yes, LORD! is a 25-minute show, structured as a Liturgy of the Word, aimed at children, ages 6-9. It is designed to help prepare children for Sunday Mass, or, in some cases, to replace the viewing of Mass on TV or the internet.

Children will enjoy the songs, the readings, the lessons, the prayers and the weekly activities as they journey through Lent towards Easter. Younger children will love the music, while older ones will prefer the lessons. Parents will appreciate that their children are engaging with the Word and are growing in the Faith.

Each episode will include all the parts of a Catholic Liturgy of the Word and will be hosted by Salt + Light Media's Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann, who will lead the children in prayer. The music is provided by *Rhythm and Grace*, a group comprised of the Alex and Miriam Duketow and their 9 children.

This limited series will air on Salt + Light TV on Fridays during the season of Lent, starting on February 19th, with repeats over the weekend, and will be available on demand at www.slmedia.org/yeslord.

Lent 1: Into the Desert

Lent 2: Up the Mountain

Lent 3: Cleansing the Temple

Lent 4: God Loved the World so Much

Lent 5: The Grain of Wheat

Lent 6: Into Jerusalem

Born on the wings of World Youth Day 2002 in Canada, Salt + Light Media is a unique instrument of the New Evangelization. It is dedicated to being, and helping others become, the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The mission of Salt + Light is to proclaim Jesus Christ and the joy of the Gospel to the world by telling stories of hope that bring people closer to Christ and the Catholic faith. For more information, visit slmedia.org/