



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1W7

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR MARCH 23RD – MARCH 28TH

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

Tuesday, March 23 rd	8:30 a.m.	+ Paul Gooley, requested by Paul & Mary O'Brien
Wednesday, March 24 th	8:30 a.m.	+ James McMahon, requested by the Estate
Thursday, March 25 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Marc Guerin, requested by Jim Dillon
Friday, March 26 th	8:30 a.m.	– Paul & Mary O'Brien in thanksgiving, requested by Peter, Lucy & Katie Dawson
Saturday, March 27 th	4:30 p.m.	+ Jeff Lunn, requested by Lynn Nolan
Sunday, March 28 th	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i> + Teodora Sucharzewskiego & Stefanii Jakubiak, requested by their daughter and son

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross

English: Every Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Polish: Every Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Ending with Good Friday

EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 1st – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2nd – 3:00 p.m.

Blessing of Baskets, April 3rd – 2:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 3rd – 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4th – 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

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, 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.**

WELCOME, WELCOME: Congratulations to **Sutton Rhys Perilli**, to be welcomed into the people of God this weekend through Baptism.



PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The amount of time spent together as a family during COVID might be considered by some to be too much, but it may also be filling a real need.

Past research has shown that children consistently identify a desire to spend more time with their parents and family. Time for them means direct, active engagement. The long-term benefits to family relationships are proven: children grow up healthier in mind, body and spirit. Enjoying quality time with their families means children are more likely to turn to their families for love and support, keeping them healthy. So, play with your kids, watch a movie together and discuss its message(s), pray together, be active together, cook together and/or clean together; the possibilities are endless. So, remember, time with family is powerful when it is interactive, shared by all and fun!



Since the start of Lent, the generous parishioners of Immaculate Conception have **donated 165 pounds of food and \$330.00** to the 40 cans for 40 days project of the Knights of Columbus. This is being given to the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to feed the needy in our community. If you are unable to take your donations to the church, please call for pick-up at **705-742-9835**. Cash donations should be placed in an envelope marked "40 Cans for 40 Days" (add your envelope number, if any). Thank you and God bless you all.

COVID UPDATE AND VACCINES: Just a reminder that the Diocesan website is keeping its webpage on COVID-19 very current. There is also a link to that site from our own homepage. Also, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have put out a position statement entitled “*Note on Ethical Concerns Related to Currently Approved COVID-19 Vaccines*”. Diocesan webpage: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/how-do-i-find/covid-19-update.aspx>

LENTEN LINKS – PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER

SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT: KEEPING CANADIANS COMMITTED: Did you know that advocacy by Development and Peace members resulted in several schools, parishes and municipal offices across Canada giving up bottled water? Join our Share Love, Share Lent campaign to celebrate the many ways in which Canadian Catholics show that they care for social, economic, and environmental justice. To help make a difference, get your MP to commit to building back better from the pandemic. Learn more at <http://devp.org/lent>. **Special Collection Solidarity Sunday, March 21st.**

VIRTUAL EVENT! “*Advocacy- for the Love of Creation*” **Saturday, March 27th, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**
Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-zUHvYxxQN2Xe7gahg3OSA



40 DAYS OF REFLECTIONS INTO LENT: Lent calls us all to pause and reflect in our busy lives. It brings us back to CONVERSION and REPENTANCE. Watch these beautiful short video reflections - one for each of the 40 days of Lent. <https://allianceoftheholymfamily.com/40-days-lenten-reflection>

BACK TO LIVING LENT AS A FAMILY – 4 PART VIDEO SERIES: Have you ever wanted to live more liturgically but not known how? The four-part video series features married couples discussing how they live Lent and pray as a Catholic family. <https://watch.formed.org/living-lent-as-a-family/videos/formed-now-living-lent-as-a-family-part-1-of-4>

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.



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 a Mission).

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

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. 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=IwAR0D7hETtVJYz1sDbQoBlFm7ZnuPk5Vys9xjasodRw_tK4JK_NEF01SR5E4

“Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ.”

— Pope Francis