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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1W7
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3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR JANUARY 26TH – JANUARY 31ST

There will be NO PUBLIC Saturday/Sunday MASSES until further notice.
Weekday Mass is available, with a maximum of 8 people (first come, first served).
Church will be open for private prayer 9:00-12:00 daily (except Monday)

Tuesday, January 26 th	8:30 a.m.	+ James McMahon, requested by the Estate
Wednesday, January 27 th	8:30 a.m.	+ John Bagshaw, requested by the Caravaggio family
Thursday, January 28 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Karen Louise DeNoble, requested by Debra & Angela
Friday, January 29 th	8:30 a.m.	– Catha & Ken McMaster on the occasion of their anniversary, requested by Irene & Jack Zeyen
Saturday, January 30 th	4:30 p.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>
Sunday, January 31 st	9:30 a.m.	+ Helen Morrissey, requested by Marie Morrissey
	11:30 p.m.	+ Jozef & Julia Mazepa, requested by the Korkus family

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Aleesha, Neave Alderson, Audrey, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Gwendolyn Craigen, Joan Cross, Marie Cullen, Hender Ellis, Sawyer Growden, Marc Guerin, 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.

2020 TAX RECEIPTS: Year-end processing of the parish books is in progress. Tax Receipts will be prepared and mailed out within the next two weeks, together with a financial report and update on the elevator project. Stay tuned!

SECURE DELIVERY OF OFFERTORY: Thanks to Paul Ayotte, we now have a mail slot in the front door of the rectory for those wishing to continue to support the parish during lockdown. The mail will go directly inside, protecting it from theft. We appreciate your ongoing generosity.

CHURCH DECORATING: We are looking for volunteers to take over the Church Decorating Ministry starting immediately after the lockdown. This involves decorating the altar on special occasions, such as: Christmas, Easter, Canada Day, Thanksgiving and Mother's Day; as well as changing the altar linens as required. Many hands make light work, so we are hoping several interested parties will volunteer. Training will of course be provided.

COVID-19 CAN'T DEFEAT THE ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER! This annual dinner in support of Peterborough Campus Ministry will go online this year. "But how?" you ask. By partnering with six local restaurants/caterers to enable parishioners to have an in-home event, support local businesses and donate to campus ministry at Trent and Fleming. Tickets are \$100 which provides you with a \$50 tax receipt. This year's guest speaker is Dan Burke, EWTN radio contributor and founder of the Avila Institute. Be part of this great annual event taking place on Saturday evening **February 6th**. Purchase tickets and get details at www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner or call **705-874-1871**. You can also consider sponsoring a student or serving as a corporate sponsor.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This is traditionally celebrated January 18th to 25th and falls this year in the middle of a lockdown. Ecumenical gatherings won't be taking place as in previous years under these circumstances. Good material for the week is available on the Vatican website: <http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en.html> prepared by the monastic community of sisters at Grandchamp, Switzerland. The Biblical text for 2021 is John 15:1-17. The theme, taken from that passage is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit." Each day of the week focuses on a theme taken from that biblical text, helping us to reflect on the call to unity within the Body of Christ.

Saint of the Week

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS – JANUARY 28TH

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became an abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was there that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough and deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7th, 1274.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-thomas-aquinas>



"Jesus gives us the strength to face every trial with faith, hope, and love – in the certainty that the Father always hears his children who cry out to him and saves them." — Pope Francis