



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR AUGUST 3RD – AUGUST 8TH

Tues. August 3 rd	8:30 a.m.	+ Derrick Hennesey, req. by Mary Lou & Sarah McAdams
Weds. August 4 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Derrick Hennesey, requested by Paul & Mardi Ayotte
Thurs. August 5 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Ann Widdis, requested by Marie Morrissey
Fri. August 6 th	8:30 a.m.	– J. Stock for healing, req. by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson
Sat. August 7 th	4:30 p.m.	+ Paul Gooley, requested by Terry & Cathy Kinmond
Sun. August 8 th	9:30 a.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>
	11:30 a.m.	+ Mieczyslawa Starzyk, requested by the Fudala family

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, Marian, Peter McCarthy, Erin Sullivan, Linda VanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sally Weglarz and those who have no one to pray for them. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.

CONGRATULATIONS! Congratulations to **Kenley Watson** and **Alaina Fitzgerald** who received their First Eucharist last weekend. May your receiving of this sacrament be a source of much grace and blessings for you.

CANCELLING SATURDAY ZOOM MASSES: Now that we are back to 100% capacity and restrictions are opening up (see below) there will be no more Saturday Zoom Masses from Immaculate until further notice.

SOMETHING EASY YOU CAN DO TO HELP OUT: The Knights of Columbus are holding a fundraiser for church projects and are making it easy for you to participate. Starting now, save all your returnable cans and bottles and then bring them to the church between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on **Saturday, August 28th**. We are funded “per container”, so let’s see how many we can accumulate!

SUMMER RAFFLE: There are only four weeks to go before the draw for our Summer Raffle. Please be proactive and call Paul Ayotte at **705-742-9835** for as many books of tickets as you can buy or sell. **All proceeds go to the elevator fund as all prizes have been donated!**

SPECIAL COLLECTION: On the weekend of **July 31/August 1** there will be a special collection supporting both the Peterborough Campus Ministry and the Office of Vocations. See further information in the attached flyer. As you may know, Fr. Stephen also assists with Vocations and the Campus Ministry.

SPOUSES' CORNER

Sometimes we can get so caught up in the 'stuff' of life that we forget to take the time to continue to discover the person we love. Remember the first days of love and the hours you spent talking and getting to know each other? No matter how long you have been together, it is important to continue the discovery. Take some time and ask each other these questions: What makes you happiest in our relationship? What is one thing you would like to change in our relationship? Listen with an open mind and you may discover something new about your spouse.



MANY THANKS! The Immaculate Conception Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank all the parishioners for supporting us with their generous monthly donations. The money and food collected in the blue bins at the entrances of the church goes to the SSVP Food Pantry. The need has not been greater!

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY—ANNUALLY ON THE 4TH SUNDAY IN JULY: Pope Francis instituted a Church-wide celebration of *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* starting this year, 2021. It is held annually, close to the liturgical memorial of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis said, *“The Holy Spirit stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly. The voice of the elderly is precious because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the people. Old age is a gift and grandparents are the links between different generations, passing onto the young their experience of life.”*

[The Vatican has released a video](#) (different from the one in our bulletin last week), which brings together voices from around the world, **alongside the participation of the Holy Father himself.** Two Canadians are featured in this official video. First, Mgr Laurent Noël, Bishop Emeritus of Trois-Rivières, who turned 101 years old on March 19th of this year, featured at 0:22-0:26. Second, a grandmother and former Executive Assistant to the Archbishop from the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Mrs. Rita Strauss, is featured at 0:41-0:47.



EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY - COVID RESTRICTIONS RELAXED

- **Physical distancing** of two metres (six feet) remains the requirement for attendance in church and parish facilities, including seating, however, groups of people from the same household may be seated together.
- **Wearing a face mask** remains required. Masks should be fitted properly to the face.
- **Books:** Missals and prayer books may be replaced in pews. Hymn books will not be replaced as the earlier restrictions on singing continue.
- **Paper:** Bulletins, envelopes, pamphlets, and newspapers may again be distributed as per pre-COVID-19 practices.
- **Votive light stands** may be re-opened, subject to notices requiring appropriate distancing of two metres (six feet).
- **Rooms:** Crying Rooms and Small Chapels/Devotional Areas may be used again as long as proper distancing is maintained.
- **Confession:** The preference continues that confessions should be heard outside of the Confessional to allow for proper distancing, cleaning and contact tracing (if it becomes necessary). Where Confessionals are used, both priest and confessor will be required to wear masks.
- **Collections** may again be taken up using baskets in the traditional fashion. All Ushers involved in taking up collection should ensure that they wear masks while undertaking this task and use a collection basket with a long handle to maintain the two metres (six feet) distancing.
- **Hand Sanitizing:** It is no longer necessary for all entering a church to use hand sanitizer, though churches are encouraged to provide hand-sanitizers should people wish to use it. The priests and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should continue to use hand-sanitizers.
- **Altar servers** may be utilized again, as long as they maintain the two metres (six feet) distance between each other and the priest. Altar servers and the priest need to wear face masks when distance cannot be maintained. Altar servers from the same household do not need to maintain physical distancing.
- **Communion** procedures are unchanged despite the lessening of restrictions in other areas.
- **Holy Water fonts** at the church doors are not reopened.

“There is no true prayer without a spirit of humility. It is precisely humility that leads us to ask in prayer.

— Pope Francis