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Weekend Holy Mass Schedule

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. in the fall & winter and
5:00 p.m. in the spring & summer.
(Times will switch at Seasonal time change)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

3217 County Rd. 2
Keene, Ontario K0L 2G0
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Holy Mass Schedule:

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. for the first Tuesday
of the month and 8:00 a.m. for all others
(Tuesdays in July & August: Masses 8:00 a.m.)
Friday 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Every Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS—

Have you registered in our Parish?

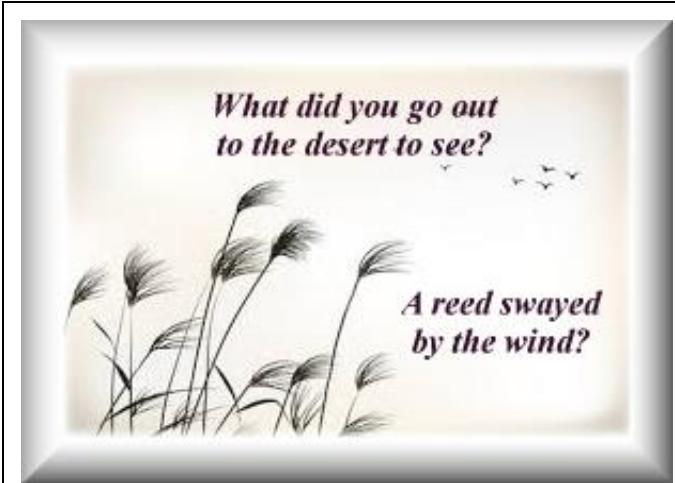
“Parish Census” Forms can be found

at the back of the Churches. Please introduce
yourself to Msgr. Michael and welcome!

Reminder -

If you or a family member is in the
hospital and you would like the priest at
Our Lady of the Assumption to contact you,
please phone the office.

MOVING? ~ Please let the office know of your move
from this parish. Also, an address change is necessary
for sending out the year's tax receipts.



**Bambinelli Sunday
3RD Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025**

Parish Office: Phone: (705) 741-1018

Office Administrator: Dominic Gomes

Catholic Women's League:

► President: Anna Marie Bolin
(705)742-8249

Marriage: Parishioners must contact the Parish
Office 12 months before the proposed Wedding
date. No date for a Wedding can be set before a
couple has met with the Priest.

Baptism: Please speak with Msgr. Michael
about this after any of the Masses. Preparation
course is required.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 – 8:45 a.m.

**You may also book an appointment with Msgr.
at ANYTIME**



MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 15 -21

MONDAY, December 15
8:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

TUESDAY, December 16
8:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

WEDNESDAY, December 17
8:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

THURSDAY, December 18
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, December 19
6:00 p.m. Adoration & Benediction
7:00 p.m. + Cal & Sharleen Clements
(Al & Val Collicutt)

SATURDAY, December 20
No morning Mass

SUNDAY, December 21
4TH Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Marg & Vern Keating
(Tom & Jane Foley)

9:00 a.m. + Harry, Lillian & Bernard English,
Cathy Gibson & Sharon English
(Anne Coughlin)

10:30 a.m. (Keene) ~ Missa Pro Populo



FORMED.org

As Advent is just around the corner FORMED.org has many interesting resources.

<https://leaders.formed.org/advent>



POP CAN TABS

Don't forget your can tabs. They will help someone in need. Your help is appreciated.



Blood Pressure Clinic Kawartha Home Care

Free blood pressure clinic available every Monday 10-12/1-3 p.m. at 320 Water St. Unite 72, Peterborough, Kawartha Home Care Clinic.

4TH Sun. Of Advent

	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>	December 21, 2025
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	Joanne Bolton	Anne Pecoskie-Schweir	Colleen Petersen & Rose Rabishaw	
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Valerie Collicutt	Judy Lukes	Barb Lynch & Anne Coughlin	
10:30 a.m.	Julia Davis	Mary Macfarlane	Carolyn & Peter Doris	

LAVERNA MINISTRIES

820 Frank St., 705-243-9131 laverna@capuchins.ca
facebook.com/Capuchins.ca for programs/activities.

MEDITATIO - Franciscan Contemplative Prayer

Chapel at La Verna, 7pm - 8pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays, December 18 & 30



National Family and Life Week 2026

Will take place from **Sunday, 10 May to Sunday, 17 May 2026**. The chosen theme, "I am with you always" (Matt 28:20), is drawn from the Gospel reading for the closing Sunday (17 May 2026), the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. A digital pastoral toolkit will be distributed closer to the date.

Deacon Formation Program Fall 2026



With the current Deacon Formation Program in the Diocese of Peterborough entering its final year, a new program will be starting up in September 2026. This is a 4-year program open to men aged 35-62 who are discerning a call to become a deacon. Program only runs every 4 years. If you think you know of someone who may be interested, please direct any inquiries to Dcn. Bill Radigan at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre:

billradigan@peterboroughdiocese.org

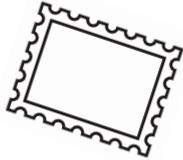
Christmas Gift Giving: Holy Mass Requests



The practice of the Faithful requesting Masses for the repose of the souls of deceased relatives and friends is an approved tradition of the Church. By giving an offering for the celebration of a specific intention at Holy Mass, the donor shares in the Church's concern for its ministers, the works of charity and the good of the whole Body of Christ (see Can. 946). Consider offering a Mass for those you love. You may request Masses through your parish office.

CWL CANCELLED STAMP COLLECTION

As mail will increase over the next few weeks, the CWL is happy to collect your cancelled stamps. They will be sent to the Sisters of St. Joseph for use by Development and Peace. Please cut them from the envelope with a half-inch border and place them in the box on the table at the back of Assumption Church. Stamps will be picked up regularly. Any questions, call Carina at 416-509-2689. Thank you.



The next CWL meeting will be Tuesday, **January 6th** at 1:30 p.m. We will be finalizing the 2026 budget, come and give your input.

Journey through Advent

As we approach the Third Sunday of Advent, I am pleased to inform you that the third video of the series titled "Journey through Advent" is now available on the CCCB website:

In English : <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

In French : <https://www.cecc.ca/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/>



Posadas " commonly refers to **Las Posadas**, a nine-night Mexican Christmas tradition (Dec 16-24) re-enacting Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem, involving candlelit processions, caroling, feasting, and piñatas, symbolizing the "inn" (posada) they sought.

POSADAS will be at 6:00pm:

Tuesday Dec. 16th at St. John
Wednesday Dec. 17th at Sacred Heart
Thursday Dec. 18th at St. John
(no Posadas on Friday Dec. 19th)
(and no Posadas Saturday Dec. 20th)
Sunday Dec. 21st at Sacred Heart
Monday Dec. 22nd at St. John
Tuesday Dec. 23rd at Sacred Heart

A gold-coloured box is available at both churches to receive donations for Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services. This

non-profit organization has a trained staff to provide Hope & encouragement to women & men facing unplanned pregnancies. They do not offer abortion referrals. If you wish to make a donation by cheque, make it payable to PPSS. Tax receipts will be issued. If you wish to put cash in an envelope be sure to have your name & address. The boxes are available for the season of Advent.



PETERBOROUGH
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Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Save the date! Saturday March 21, 2026

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dynamic-women-of-faith-conference-2026-tickets-1963637316072>

Thank you for your generosity!

December 7, 2025: Offertory - \$2090.00

Fuel Fund - \$415.00

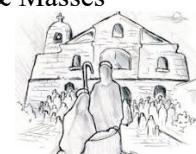
St. V. De P. - \$472.60

Advent Ideas for Families

<https://www.ncregister.com/features/warner-advent-ideas-for-families>

Simbang Gabi - Filipino for Night Mass

A devotional nine-day series of Novena & Masses attended by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. Originally intended as a practical compromise for farmers that started working in the fields before sunrise. This cherished Christmas custom eventually became a distinct feature of Philippine culture and became a symbol of sharing.



Simbang Gabi started in the Diocese of Peterborough in 2016 and in 2025 host church is the Cathedral of St. Peter In Chains where it started. It goes around in the city parishes and any donations collected during the nine days of Simbang Gabi are being turn-over to host parish. Begins December 15 – December 23. Mass at 6:30 followed by a light snack, on December 23 there will be a potluck at the Bishop Doyle Hall.

St. John the Baptist Peterborough

The Catholic Missionary Children

Oratory from St. John the Baptist

Parish will present "A Spiritual

Manger" Christmas play, on Friday,

December 19, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at St.

John Elementary School (746 Park St.

S, Peterborough). Admission is free, and snacks will be available for purchase.



SAVE THE DATE

2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee closing Mass will be Sunday December 28 at the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains at 10:30. Light reception to follow in the Bishop Doyle Hall.



REMINDER Free Online Screening of the New Catholic Film “Permission”

Catholic filmmaker Kevin Dunn’s new docudrama film *Permission: Fr. Bob Bedard’s Vision for the Church* is now streaming for free online at permissionthefilm.com. [Permission the Film](http://permissionthefilm.com)

Following in the footsteps of Fr. Patrick Peyton and Venerable Fulton Sheen, the late Fr. Robert Bedard, founder of the Companions of the Cross, emerges as a modern-day hero of the Catholic Church and priesthood. Affectionately known to thousands, perhaps millions, around the globe as “Fr. Bob,” his life of holiness and passion has inspired many, and his cause for canonization might soon be opened. Watch *Permission* online, or host a local screening with family, friends, and ministry or parish groups.

Afterwards, take time to reflect and discuss how God might be calling you to give Him permission in your life and ministry. For more information, please contact production.dunnmedia@gmail.com.

PEACE - HOPE - JOY - LOVE

Confession Times Before Christmas

Sat. Dec. 20	6:00 to 7:00 pm
Sun. Dec. 21	7:00 to 8:00 pm
Mon. Dec. 22	7:00 to 8:00 pm
Tue. Dec. 23	5:00 to 6:00 pm



Christmas Mass Times

Wed. Dec. 24	4:00 pm - Assumption
	7:00 pm - Assumption
Thur. Dec. 25	9:00 am - Assumption
	10:30 am - St. John's

New Year's (Mary, the Mother of God)

Wed. Dec. 31	4:00 pm - Assumption
Thurs. Jan. 1	9:00 am - Assumption
	10:30 am - St. John's

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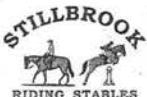
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