



Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario



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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.



4TH Sunday of Advent
December 21, 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 22 -28

MONDAY, December 22

8:00 a.m. + Deceased members of the Mauro Family

TUESDAY, December 23

8:00 a.m. + Thomas and Katherine Turpin
(Roddy Turpin)

WEDNESDAY, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

7:00 p.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

THURSDAY, December 25

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

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



FRIDAY, December 26

St. Stephen

6:00 p.m. Adoration & Benediction

7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

SATURDAY, December 27

St. John

No morning Mass

SUNDAY, December 28

*Holy Family*4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Frank & Lina Mauro
(Estate of Lina Mauro)9:00 a.m. + Bonnie Bush
(George and Family)

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



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.



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.



Christmas

December 24 - 25, 2025

	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
4:00 p.m.(Wed)	Roddy Turpin	Joanne Bolton	Terry & Marlene Fitzgerald
7:00 p.m.(Wed)	Mary Pat Goodridge	Bob O'Brien	Wayne & Bev Harrington
Thur. 9:00 a.m.	Judy Lukes	Patrick Lynch	Allan 7 Val Collicutt
Thur. 10:30a.m.	Aileen Doris	Anna Marie Bolin	Bonnie & John Kuharski

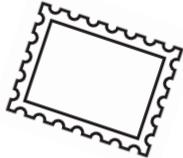
Holy Family

December 28, 2025

	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
4:00 p.m. (Sat)	Roddy Turpin	Colleen Petersen	Pete Clancy & Anne Pecoskie-Schweir
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Noreen Malloy	Mary Pat Goodridge	Wava Brown & Dorothy O'Brien
10:30 a.m.	Rose Wornoff	Aileen Doris	Sue & Tom Livings

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.



Christmas Wish From the CWL

*May you have the gift of FAITH
the blessing of HOPE
and the peace of his LOVE*

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)~~

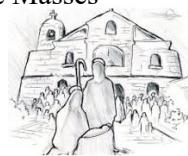
~~Sunday Dec. 21st at Sacred Heart~~

~~Monday Dec. 22nd at St. John~~

~~Tuesday Dec. 23rd at Sacred Heart~~

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.



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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SUPPORT SERVICES

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 14, 2025: Offertory - \$2450.00

Fuel Fund - \$140.00

Journey through Advent

As we approach the Fourth Sunday of Advent, I am pleased to inform you that the fourth 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-catechesis-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/>

Way of the Cross 2026 Casting Call



All interested teens and young adults are invited to attend a casting call on January 10, 2026, to participate in the upcoming Way of the Cross. Join us at 12 noon at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains (411 Reid Street, Peterborough) and come see what roles need to be filled!

Candlelight Memorial Service

St. Joseph's Douro

Join in prayer for our faithful departed at a candlelight memorial service at St. Joseph's Douro. Monday December 22 at 6:30 pm, 300 County Rd. 8, Douro.



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

Merry Christmas

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.

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