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## *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**

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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.

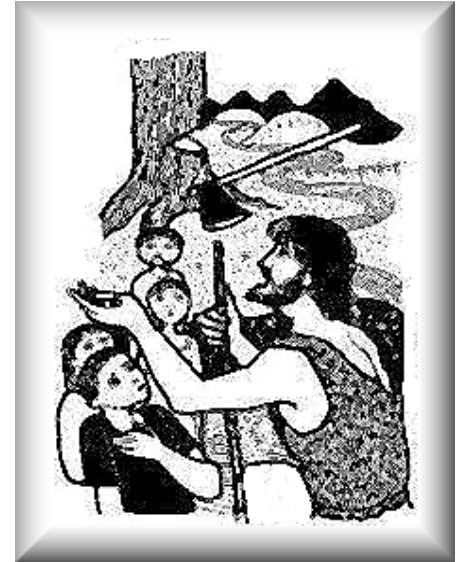
#### **NEW PARISHIONERS—**

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.



**2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**December 7, 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 8 - 14**

MONDAY, December 8

***Feast of the Immaculate Conception***8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention  
(Lukes Family)

TUESDAY, December 9

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, December 10

8:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

THURSDAY, December 11

8:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

FRIDAY, December 12

***Our Lady of Guadalupe***

6:00 p.m. Adoration &amp; Benediction

7:00 p.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo



SATURDAY, December 13

No morning Mass

SUNDAY, December 14

***3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Advent***4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Tom & Rita Foley  
(Tom & Jane Foley)

9:00 a.m. + Lina Mauro

(Esate of Lina Mauro)

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

**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.

**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.

**National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**

The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, an initiative of the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, takes place each year on 12 December, the liturgical feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please find attached, for your information and possible distribution in your diocese or eparchy, the prayer prepared by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (CCIC) and approved by the Executive Committee to commemorate this year's National Day. The CCIC has also prepared a series of reflection questions that could serve as the basis for discussion groups at the parish and diocesan level.

**In English:** <https://www.cccb.ca/document/2025-national-day-of-prayer-in-solidarity-with-indigenous-peoples/>

**In French:** <https://www.cecc.ca/document/journee-nationale-de-priere-en-solidarite-avec-les-peuples-autochtones-2025/>

**Quiet Days at Mount St. Joseph**

Do you feel the need for "a day away", some personal time for quiet and reflection?

The Sisters of St. Joseph are making a space for you at their home at Mount St. Joseph, on Monaghan Rd., for just such a need. This is not a program but an offering of a place for personal time and space. From Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. you can book a room for a time of rest, prayer or reading, and use of outdoor grounds for walking and enjoying creation. Snacks and noon meal will be available. Mass is at 11:15 a.m. Monday - Thursday for those who wish to join the community of Sisters. You are responsible for your own use of time.

Capacity of 6 persons on a given day. Call at least 3 days minimum in advance to confirm availability. Suggested offering of \$30.

Wheelchair accessible, no smoking. For booking or questions, during normal business hours, call Mount St. Joseph at 705-745-1309 (ext. 502) to speak with Maia.

**FORMED.org**

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

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

**3<sup>RD</sup> Sun. Of Advent****December 14, 2025**

	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	Colleen Petersen	Mary Anne Burnie	
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Mary Pat Goodridge	Gladys Fowler	
10:30 a.m.	Rose Wornoff	Fern Hogan	Elaine & Gary Lambe

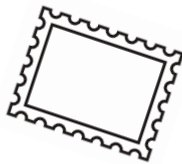
## CWL Membership

The CWL dues are due.

The dues for 2026 are \$35.00

## 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 CWL is preparing its budget for 2026. We welcome your input. If you know of any organization the CWL may consider supporting through a financial donation, please contact: Anna Marie 705-742-8249 or Barb 705-927-4356 by December 16. The budget will be established at our general meeting on Tuesday, January 6th.



## Journey through Advent Series

As we approach the Second Sunday of Advent, I am pleased to inform you that the second 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/>

## 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.



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



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PREGNANCY  
SUPPORT SERVICES

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.

## 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!

November 30, 2025: Offertory - \$1715.00

Fuel Fund - \$15.00

## Advent Ideas for Families

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

## 40<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day 2025



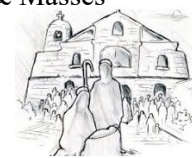
I wish to inform you that the Holy Father's Message to young people for the 40<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day 2025 was issued by the Holy See Press Office and is available on the Holy See's website.

In English: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/youth/documents/20251007-messaggio-xl-gmg.html>

In French: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/fr/messages/youth/documents/20251007-messaggio-xl-gmg.html>

## 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.



## **Bambinelli Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent)**

Bambinelli Sunday is an event that takes place in Rome on the third Sunday of Advent each year. The idea is to encourage everyone to bring their 'Bambinelli' to be blessed on the third Sunday of Advent, Gaude Sunday. This blessing of the Christ 'Child is a way to help children focus on the real and true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. It is suggested that families, be encouraged to take the 'Bambinelli' home after the blessing, place it in a special box and then wrap the box. Families open the gift on Christmas morning, before their presents, and place Jesus in the manger. It is advisable to mark your baby Jesus, so it is easily identifiable when collecting at the end of Mass.



## **Come Join In An Hour Of Carolling**

The Week-end of Sunday December 14, 2025 2:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.  
In Assumption Church Followed By Refreshments in Parish Hall

## **The Season of Advent**

Advent has a two fold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament reading, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.





## **Confession Times Before Christmas**

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



## **Christmas Mass Times**

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

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

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

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