



Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish

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

Keene, Ontario

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Holy Mass Schedule:

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

(Fourth and (Fifth) Tuesdays of the Month at 8:00 a.m.)

Friday 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with 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 Fr. 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 at 705 – 741 – 1018.**



3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

Parish Office: Phone: (705) 741-1018

**Secretary: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Catholic Women's League:

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

Knights of Columbus:

► Grand Knight: Peter Clancy
(705)748-3075

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

Baptism: Registered Parishioners must
contact the Parish Office one month before
the desired Baptism date.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. & 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

You may also ask Father at **ANYTIME**

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.
Call 705-741-1018.



MASS INTENTIONS

December 12 – December 18

MONDAY, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. ~ Respect for all human life from conception to natural death.

TUESDAY, December 13

St. Lucy

6:30 p.m. ~ Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, December 14

St. John of the Cross

8:00 a.m. + Finn Family

(Helen O’Connell)

11:30 a.m. ~ Living and deceased members of C.W.L.

THURSDAY, December 15

St. Christiana

8:00 a.m. + Peter Crough

(Sandra & Family)

FRIDAY, December 16

St. Adelaide

9:30 a.m. St. Patrick School Mass at the Church

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. ~ Ann Beebe

SATURDAY, December 17

St. Lazarus, St. Olympias

8:00 a.m. + Thomas & Katherine Turpin

(Roddy)

SUNDAY, December 18

4th Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Perry & Lillian English & Cathy Gibson

(Jerry & Anne Coughlin)

9:00 a.m. + Peter & Jean Malloy

(The Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Even in our time, the mystery of the miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe remains. The tilma, a large apron woven by hand from cactus fibres, bears the holy Image, which is 1.43 metres tall. The fact that the tilma has remained perfectly preserved from 1531 to this day is inexplicable. After more than four centuries, this fabric of mediocre quality retains the same freshness and the same lively colour as when it was new. At the beginning of the 20th century, a painful period of revolutions in Mexico, a load of dynamite was put by unbelievers

at the foot of the Image, in a vase of flowers. The explosion destroyed the marble steps on the main altar, the candelabras, all the flower-holders. The marble altarpiece was broken into pieces, the brass Christ on the tabernacle was split in two. The windows in most of the houses near the basilica were broken, but the pane of glass that was protection the Image was not even cracked. The Image remained intact.



Ophthalmological tests have found that Mary’s eye is a human eye that appears to be living, and includes the retina, in which is reflected the image of a man with outstretched hands – Juan Diego. A later study allowed researchers to discover in the eye, in addition to the seer, Bishop Zumárraga and several other people present when the image of Our Lady appeared on the tilma. And the normal microscopic network of veins in the eyelids and the cornea of the Virgin’s eyes is completely recognizable. No human painter would have been able to reproduce such details.

Gynecological measurements have determined that the Virgin in the Image has the physical dimensions of a woman who is three months pregnant. Under the belt that holds the dress in place, at the very location of the embryo, a flower with four petals stands out – the Solar Flower, the most familiar of Aztec hieroglyphs, and which symbolized for them divinity, the centre of the earth, heaven, time and space. On the Virgin’s neck hangs a brooch, the centre of which is decorated with a little cross, recalling the death of Christ on the Cross for the salvation of all mankind. Thus science, which has often been a pretext for unbelief, helps us today to give prominence to signs that had remained unknown for centuries and that science is unable to explain.

The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe bears a message of evaengelization: the Basilica of Mexico is a centre “from which flows a river of the light of the Gospel of Christ, spreading throughout the earth through the merciful Image of Mary” (John Paul II).

In addition, through her intervention of behalf of the Aztec people, the Virgin played a role in saving innumerable human lives, and her pregnancy can be interpreted as a special appeal on behalf of unborn children and the defence of human life. This appeal has a burning relevance in our time, when threats against the lives of individuals and peoples, especially lives that are weak and defenceless, are widespread and becoming more serious. The Second Vatican Council forcefully deplored crimes against human life: “All offences against life itself, such as murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia ... all these and the like are criminal: they poison civilization; and they debase the perpetrators more than the victims and militate against the honour of the Creator” (Gaudium et Spes, 27).

Let us call upon Mary with confidence. She is an “incomparable model of how life should be welcomed and cared for ... Showing us her Son, she assures us that in Him the forces of death have already been defeated” (John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, March 25, 1995, nos. 102, 105). “Death and life are locked in an incredible battle; the Author of life, having died, lives and reigns” (Easter Sequence). (www.ewtn.com)

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

LAY MINISTRY

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic

Colleen Petersen

Mary Pat Goodridge

Rose Wornoff

Lector

Rose Rabishaw

Bob O’Brien

Julia Davis

Gift Bearers

Cesare & Anne Mauro

Joanne Bolton & Betty Clark

Elaine & Jackie Lambe

The National Catholic Broadcasting Council (NCBC) has some exciting news with respect to the Daily TV Mass.

The goal of the NCBC is to insure that Catholics are able to experience the Mass each day when they are unable to attend their local parish. The primary way we enable this across Canada is through our Broadcast Partners at [Salt + Light Television](#), VisionTV and yesTV. Now the NCBC's Daily TV Mass (Monday-Saturday) is available anytime and anyplace on our new website, on our new YouTube Channel and in the near future on an APP for use on Apple or Android devices. If you have any questions about this announcement or about the Daily TV Mass in your area please contact Deacon Mike Walsh, our Executive Director, at 1-884-6899 or by e-mail at mike.walsh@ncbc.ca.



Birthright

For all of Advent, there will be a gold-coloured box in the Church for your donation to Birthright. All donations go toward helping new mothers with the challenges of a having child at a difficult time. Birthright is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing love and support for over 45 years to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

C.W.L. News



At the CWL luncheon on December 14th, there will be a draw for \$25. Every member who has paid her CWL membership by Dec 14th will have her name entered in the draw. Membership envelopes come in your 2017 envelope box set or you may use an ordinary envelope. Please mark CWL Membership and write your full name and mailing address.



Knight's News



We would like to thank everyone for attending the Annual Parish Christmas Dinner ... a good time was had by all! Next General meeting is Tues, Dec 13/16 following Mass Please have a safe and Merry Christmas.

Annual Children's Christmas Play

Fri, Dec 23, 2016 at 5 pm at St. John's Church, the children from the St. John Bosco Oratory will present their annual Christmas Play. A reception will follow. All are welcome. For more info. contact Sr. Advocata 745-7631 or office@stjohnpeterborough.ca.



A big thanks to all who came out to our Theology on Tap this past Saturday!

It was a fun night, with a great discussion about God as our Father. We would like to wish all students luck on their exams, we will be praying for you! Please stay tuned for our upcoming events, and if you haven't already, check us out on Facebook: **IGNITE! P'tbo** **IGNITE is extending an invitation to any and all young adults (aged 18 to 35 years) in the community who have felt a call to build up the Lord's youth ministry in a real, impactful way.** IGNITE is always looking for new members, and especially for those who have a strong desire to step forward as leaders in our community. Please prayerfully consider inquiring further at igniteptbo@gmail.com.



During the season of Advent, Bishop McGrattan has asked us to pray the **Vespers every Sunday at 5:00 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains.** This is a great opportunity to prepare ourselves for Christmas. *All are invited to join in.*

Sacred Heart College is offering 3 courses from Jan 9 - Apr 7
-The Ethics of Leadership Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:50p.m.
-Canadian History I: Becoming Canadian (Origins to 1867) 11:00a.m. - 1:50 p.m.
-Religion and the Rise of Modern Science 7:00-10:00 p.m
For registrations visit www.shofp.ca or call [745 5549](tel:7455549).

Choir for Christmas Mass on Sat, Dec. 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in singing at 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve, please call and leave a message for Wanda 748-3075.

Sacred Heart Memorial Wish Tree

You are cordially invited to a Diocesan Candlelight Memorial Mass on **Sat, Dec 17 at 5:00pm at Sacred Heart Church.** Reception to follow. For information on how to dedicate a light in memory of your loved ones call the office at 705-745-5549 or 705-745-7631 or e-mail office@stjohnpeterborough.ca

Holy Mass in Spanish in Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas

Sun, Dec 11 at St. John the Baptist Church at **4:30 p.m.** There will be a Potluck Dinner in the basement after the Mass. For more information call: Phone 745-7631 "The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few." Luke 10:2"

TAIZE EVENING PRAYER NIGHT: All are welcome to attend. A gift to yourself to prepare for the Great Feast of the Incarnation of Christ. A Night of meditational music, with prayers, scripture and quiet time. **Tues, Dec. 20 @ 7p.m. at St. Anne's.**

St. Martin's Parish Ennismore presents.... Our Annual Parish Christmas Concert

In support of Brock Mission & Cameron House **Sun, Dec 11th - 2pm** *Featuring all local musicians!* All proceeds of our freewill offering will be given directly to Brock Mission to help bring the spirit of Christmas to those most in need. Tax receipts available - refreshments following



Lectures on the Extraordinary Form Mass

Fr. Eric Mason will present two Lectures on the Latin Tridentine Mass. These one-hour Lectures will held on **Mon, Dec 12th at 7:00 pm and on Tue, Dec 13th at 3:00 pm** in the Knights of Columbus Hall at St Mary's Parish in Lindsay. All are welcome!

This year the Filipino Community of Peterborough will hold their traditional **Simbang Gabi**, starting **Dec 16th until the 24th** at the Cathedral. **Please join us in this Nine day of Masses, in preparation for the Birth of Christ.**

Fri 16th 7:00 p.m., Sat 17th 5:00 p.m., Sun 18th - Dec 23rd 7:00 p.m. and Sat. Dec. 24th 9:00 a.m.

Offertory Thank you for your generosity

Dec. 4th : Env.: \$1607.00 + Loose: \$256.00 + P.A.P. \$550.00 = \$2413.00 Fuel: \$321.00 St. Vincent de Paul: \$374.00 Birthright: \$270.00

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Mystical Rose,
make intercession for holy Church,
protect the sovereign Pontiff,
help all those who invoke you in their necessities,
and since you are the ever Virgin Mary
and Mother of the true God,
obtain for us from your most holy Son
the grace of keeping our faith,

of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen.
(www.cwtm.com)

Chalice

As you consider gifts this Christmas, please think about the Chalice Catalogue. From there, you can donate many different items from personal, most needed, farming machinery etc. to people who are in great need.
1-800-776-6855 or www.chalice.ca or info@chalice.ca



Pre Theology of the Body

Dec 26th – 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Theology of the Body (TOB) Training

A 4 – Saturday course for \$40 on TOB. The training will be held **Jan 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Sr. Helena Burns will present and registration is required:

416-781-9131 X 224 or srhelenaburns@gmail.com

Come and hear St. John Paul II's life – changing teaching and how it is the answer to today's hot issues.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Day

Saturday, Dec. 24

Masses at Assumption at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25

Mass at Assumption at 9 a.m.

Mass at St. John's, Keene at 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day: Mary, the Mother of God

Saturday, Dec. 31

Mass at Assumption at 4 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2017

Mass at Assumption at 9 a.m.

Mass at St. John's, Keene at 10:30 a.m.



Confession Times Before Christmas

Fri. Dec. 16 th	6:15 to 6:45 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 17 th	7:30 to 8:00 a.m.
Sat. Dec. 17 th	3:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 19 th	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 20 th	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 21 st	7:00 to 8:00 a.m.
Thurs. Dec. 22 nd	7:00 to 8:00 a.m.
Fri. Dec. 23 rd	7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 24 th	7:30 to 8:00 a.m.
Sat. Dec. 24 th	3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Serviam Ministries are hosting our 2nd Annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** on Saturday **February 18, 2017**, with **Fr. Larry Richards**, and **Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montreal**. The theme of the event is **"Step Up"**.

Topics for the day: Be A Man Who Repents, The Family, The Spirit Makes Us Strong, Loving & Wise

See link <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/schedule/>

It is a great opportunity for men to grow in faith and virtue, and to encourage each other in this pursuit. The day will

strengthen men in their faith while challenging them to become the men God created them to be. There will be an opportunity to meet the speakers, visit booths showcasing local Catholic organizations/ministries, purchase Catholic items, Mass, Adoration and Confessions.

Readings:

4th Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 7: 10 – 14

Psalm 24

2nd Reading: Romans 1: 1 – 7

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18 – 24

Holy Father's Intentions: December

Universal: End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Every Tuesday evening from 7 pm to 8 pm, we gather at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral rectory for prayerful reading, reflection and discussion of the readings for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome. All that is needed is a desire to come closer to the Lord and to discover what it means to be His follower. Call Tom (705 243 4133).

LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST AND LAST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 1:00 PM AND EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, HASTINGS AT 8:30 AM. ALL OTHER SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH, MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION CHURCH, CAMPBELLFORD AT 12:30 PM. YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition



The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has set up a special help line (**Compassionate Community Care**) to help anyone who needs help with end of life issues etc. The number operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day from coast to coast. **Toll free: 1-855-675-8749**

MAKE A 'LIFE' DIFFERENCE.

Prayer does have power. Join us this Saturday morning from 10:00 am to 11:00 am across from the Peterborough hospital. Come singly or as part of a group. We need you to participate in our **sidewalk prayer vigil for the unborn**. Defend life and be part of this public witness against the horror of abortion.

For information: **Paul 741- 4000 or Tom 243-4133**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

At St Alphonsus Oratory 7am-Midnight and Noon-Midnight (Sunday) "Come to me all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28) INFO: Bernadette 705-742-3055

LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT re: Bill C-277 – An act providing for the development of a framework on palliative care in Canada

Object: Bill C-277 – An act providing for the development of a framework on palliative care in Canada

As an organization committed to the development of a culture of life and a civilization of love, the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) is firmly convinced that Canadians approaching the end of life will be assured of receiving the kind of life-affirming care and the respect they deserve only through the establishment of a national palliative care strategy. We write today to communicate our support for the intent of Bill C-277 – An act providing for the development of a framework on palliative care in Canada. In our opinion, this is a decisive direction that will make it possible to concretely support patients requiring palliative care. Indeed, where it exists, this care is of great benefit to patients suffering from severe health challenges. Patients receiving palliative care feel safer; they welcome with joy and hope the accompaniment they receive; they are moved by all the signs of affection as well as the moral, human and spiritual support given to them so generously. The simple humanity of it all touches them and comforts them, as they experience respect for their bodies and for their human dignity at a moment of great fragility and vulnerability. It is with confidence and insistence that we encourage all members of the House of Commons and Senators to adopt Bill C-277- An act providing for the development of a framework on palliative care in Canada. In 2010, COLF presented a brief before the Parliamentary Committee on Palliative and Compassionate Care, an all-party group of MPs dedicated to improving care for the elderly, dying and vulnerable Canadians. It is a matter of record that this group was unique in the history of the Canadian Parliament, in that it was formed by Members of Parliament on their personal initiative and funded out of their office budgets. Such was the level of concern which animated the Committee. When its final report, "Not to be Forgotten, Care of Vulnerable Canadians", appeared in 2011, it recognized an urgent need for the expansion of palliative care. The issue remains urgent. It is estimated that only about thirty per cent of Canadians who need palliative care have access to it. We urge you to lend your support to Bill C-277. <http://www.colf.ca/index.php/en/news/item/281-bill-c-277-an-act-providing-for-the-development-of-a-framework-on-palliative-care-in-canada>

ROSARY FOR LIFE ON THURSDAYS



Come and join in praying the 15-decade Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious) for the sanctity and protection of life from abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide,

followed by the Memorare and St. Michael's Prayer.
Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

– Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae), n. 100.
When we ask, we receive. We should invite our people to join the ongoing worldwide novena to end abortion, at www.PrayerCampaign.org.

After Abortion Canadian Helpline
Second Chance Ministry 905-430-7990

We offer support to those struggling with emotional and psychological effects of abortion, sometimes known as post abortion trauma or post abortion syndrome.

Angelina@SecondChanceMinistry.ca

Project Rachel

Project Rachel offers accompaniment, counselling, personal presence and support, and other services at any time they are needed by women or men. They also offer weekend retreats which provide opportunity for women who have suffered from an abortion experience to find healing, forgiveness and reconciliation.



Are you hurting as a result of an abortion? Healing is possible. Please contact them for upcoming dates, in confidence, by telephone at 416 629 8264 or by e-mail projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org.
<http://www.stmarysrefuge.org>

"The Mass is the most favourable occasion to speak with the eternal Father, because then we offer Him His only Son as a victim for our salvation. Before celebrating, reflect on the sufferings of your Redeemer, commune peaceably with Him, even in the midst of dryness; carry to the altar the needs of the entire world."
St. Paul of the Cross

"A saint is not someone who never sins, but one who sins less and less frequently and gets up more and more quickly."

– Bernard of Clairvaux

Peterborough Communication Support Systems

A non-profit agency that provides support services to Deaf / non-verbal individuals living with intellectual disabilities. They provide quality sewing, custom embroidery, printing services and woodworking products. They are located at 192 B Hunter St. West. Phone: (705) 748 6680

Church Cleaning Ministry

Please find the church cleaning sheet on the glass religious article case at the back of the church. Once per week, for one month at a time, we need cleaners to vacuum, dust mop and do general dusting/ wiping at Assumption.



FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. December 8th : 12 -2 p.m., & 4 – 6 p.m.
Donations of goods can be dropped off at Three Roads Farm and other Keene locations.
osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net or 295-6952



Chalice is a ministry of the Catholic Community, creating and nurturing relationships of life and love. To find out how Chalice Helps go to website <http://www.ccare.ca/>

World Youth Day

The Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life has announced that Pope Francis has chosen the themes for the next three years: for 2017, "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Lk 1:49); for 2018, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God" (Lk 1:30); and for World Youth Day, 2019, "I am the servant of the

Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:30).

The themes set forth the itinerary for the three-year World Youth Day journey that will culminate at the international celebration of the event to be held in Panama in 2019.

<http://press.vatican.va>



From the Pastor's Desk

■ *Fr. Michael*



Life Chain