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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.

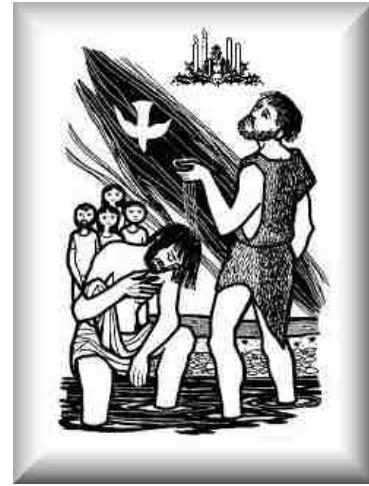
NEW PARISHIONERS—

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.



**2ND Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023**

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

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: 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

DEC. 11 - 17

MONDAY, December 11
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention



TUESDAY, December 12
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:30 p.m. ~ For the respect & sanctity of all human life
From conception to natural death

WEDNESDAY, December 13
St. Lucy
8:00 a.m. + Frank Doris
(Mike & Noreen Malloy)

THURSDAY, December 14
St. John of the Cross
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention



FRIDAY, December 15
6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration & Benediction
7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

SATURDAY, December 16
No morning Mass

SUNDAY, December 17
3RD Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm (Sat.) + Dennis Vernon Barry
(Albrerto Barry)

9:00 a.m. + Harry & Lillian English, Bernard English
& Cathy Gibson
(Anne's Family)

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

Advent Ways of Holiness

<https://www.ncregister.com/features/6-ways-to-keep-your-advent-holy>

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.



CANCELLED STAMPS

Mail will increase over the next few weeks as Christmas celebrationsour cancelled stamps and take them to the Sisters of St.



Joseph for fundraising use by Develop approach. The CWL is happy to collect yment and Peace. Cut them from the envelope with a half inch border and place them in the designated box on the table at the back of the church. Thank you. Any questions, call Diane Creeden at 742-9625.

Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services

A gold-coloured box will be on the back table during Advent to receive donations to Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services. This non-profit organization has a trained staff to provide hope and 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. Also, if you wish put cash in envelope be sure to include your name & address.

ADVENT MISSION

---St. Mary's Campbellford

Campbellford St. Mary's Church will hold an Advent Mission facilitated by Fr. Tom Rosica
"The Infancy Narratives"

The Mission session will be delivered as follows:

- Session 1 – Monday, December 11th
at 12:00 noon and again at 6:30 p.m.
- Session 2– Tuesday, December 12th
at 12:00 noon and again at 6:30 p.m.
- Session 3 – Wednesday, December 13th
at 12:00 noon and again at 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Annual Memorial Wish Tree:

We will be holding the Annual Wish Tree Mass on December 16/23 @ 5p.m. This year there will be Christmas songs prior to the Mass and a light reception following the Mass. Please see the insert for the details. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Genge @ 705-292-6665 or genge@sympatico.ca

3rd Sunday of Advent

LAY MINISTRY
4:00 p.m. (Sat.)
Sun 9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister
Joanne Bolton
Bob O'Brien
Rose Wornoff

Reader
Mary Anne Burnie
Mary Pat Goodridge
Julia Davis

Dec. 16 - 17, 2023

Gift Bearers
Greg & Jean Hall
Barb Lynch & Anne Coughlin
Grace & Joy Davis

Come Join In An Hour of Carolling

This Week-end.

Sunday December 10, 2023

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In Assumption Church

Followed By Refreshments in Parish 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, Gaudete 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.



800th Anniversary of St. Francis & the Creche---Plenary Indulgence from Dec 8-Feb 2, 2024

The Conference of the Franciscan Family is pleased to announce that a Plenary Indulgence has been granted on this, the 800th Anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's establishment the Christmas Crib (Creche) at Greccio, Italy in 1223. This Plenary Indulgence is available from **Dec 08, 2023 until Feb 2, 2024**. It may be obtained by visiting a Church, Oratory or Chapel served by the Franciscans and praying before the nativity scene present there. For further information or to visit please call La Verna 705-243-9131



Thank you for your generosity!
December 3, 2023: Offertory \$1,978.00
Fuel \$435.00; St. V.de P. \$342.00

Reconciliation Times Before Christmas

Tue. Dec. 19 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Wed. Dec. 20 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 21 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Fri. Dec. 22 - 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Sat. Dec. 23 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Donation of Flowers For Christmas

Flowers Donated for Christmas may be dropped off in the Church on the weekend of Dec. 17/18) (4th Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve this year)



Journey through Advent

With Advent beginning next Sunday, I am pleased to inform you that the National Liturgy Office, the *Office national de liturgie*, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis are once again releasing the video series titled "**Journey through Advent**".

This year's presenters are the Most Rev. Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, and the Most Rev Alain Faubert, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal. They will each present, in English and French respectively, a reflection on the Readings of Mass for each Sunday in Advent, one week at a time.

Beginning today, Monday, 27 November, and every Monday in Advent, the video for the upcoming Sunday will be made available on the CCCB website. On the same day, I will also provide you and your diocesan communications staff the link to the video, so that you may share it as opportune within your diocese.

The links to the videos for the First Sunday of Advent are:
in English: <https://www.cccb.ca/oec/journey-through-advent/>
in French: <https://www.cecc.ca/oec/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/>

Gentle Women Peaceful Dove : TAIZE PRAYER EVENING



Taizé is a form a Christian prayer originating from the ecumenical Christian community of Taizé in France. You are invited to rest in God through the singing of simple chants, alternating with periods of silent reflection and scripture. It is a time to "come away and rest for a while" and experience the simplicity and depth of the Word of God. All are welcome!

When: December 20, 2023 -- 6:30 p.m. Where: St. Joseph Douro Ontario 300 country Road 8

Let us prepare for the great celebration of Christmas. Let us pray for PEACE throughout our world. Bring a friend

December 12th celebrate the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Mary's Church, Lindsay

Father Simon Magana will be celebrating the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a bilingual mass. Join us at St. Mary's Church, 40 Russell Street East, Lindsay for:
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass (English and Spanish)
6:00 p.m. Refreshments and Video at the Parish Hall (St. Mary School Gym)

Simbang Gabi

The Filipino community will be holding their traditional Novena Mass (Simbang Gabi) this year at Immaculate Conception parish, 386 Rogers Street, from December 15th to December 23rd at 6:30 p.m. A communal sharing of traditional Philippine dishes follows ALL Masses. Masses will be celebrated by a different priest each day, with Bishop Miehm celebrating on the last day. All are welcome

LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MASS FOR The Second Sunday of Advent

The Mass for the First Sunday of Advent will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. Today - Saturday, December 9, 2023. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. Please join in prayer through the weblink

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOWCznsTvQY>

The parish of Our Lady of Assumption Church in Keene has an opening for a part time, approx. 16-20 per week, Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper. The position is responsible for providing administrative and accounting services for the parish. The candidate requires experience in office administration work, Microsoft office programs and accounting with *Quickbooks software experience required/preferred. Qualified candidates are asked to submit their resume to office@assumptionotonabee.ca by December 12, 2023. A copy of the Job Description is available upon request, via email, to the parish.

Advent Reconciliation in the City

St. Peter-In-Chains, Day of Grace is Saturday December 9, 9:30 am-4:30 pm
Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 9th – 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 16th – 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

St. Alphonsus, Thursday December 14, 2023, from 4 pm to 8 pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 3:30 pm.

Saint John the Baptist: Wednesday, December 6th 3-6pm with Adoration

Sacred Heart: Friday, December 15th 1:30-6:30pm with Adoration



Catholic Youth & Young Adult Social Justice Outreach

On Saturday, December 16th, Catholic youth & young adults from across the area are invited to help out at the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry located on 256 Murray St. We will meet at 8:30AM and help sort food, stock shelves, and hand out supplies to clients, ending at noon. A tour of the food pantry is part of the outreach. As the Christmas season is upon us, it is a good thing to be mindful of those in need. “Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did it for me” (Matt 25:40)

For more information or questions, contact Fr. Stephen at frstephendecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org

Community Carol Sing 2023—Hamper Fund

The Peterborough Community Carol Sing will take place on Sunday, 10th December 2023 at 2:30 pm in The Salvation Army Temple, Simcoe & Aylmer Streets, Peterborough. The Carol Sing will be led by Combined Choirs, The Salvation Army Band led by Mr. Ron Reid, along with organist, Mr. Bob Grandy. Readers and musicians will be Ms. Jalen Brink, Rev. Scott Couper, Maj. Naomi Dalley, Rev. Kevin Derry, Mr. Graham Hart, Rev. Lyle Horn, Ms. Teresa Kaszuba and the Peterborough Pop Ensemble. A special offering will be taken in support of The Peterborough Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Fund. Please join us for an afternoon of Christmas music and readings as we celebrate this wonderful season of the year. More information at www.communitycarolsing.com

Avent 2023 La Verna

Come and join us on a journey of re-discovery of the Christmas story. Saturday December 16, 10:30-3:30pm, Mass will follow. \$30.00 includes lunch, beverages, snacks. Pre-registration is required laverna@capuchins.ca, or 705-243-9131.



Thank You From PATH



Nov. 2023

Dear congregation members
of Our Lady of the Assumption
Roman Catholic Church,

On behalf of PATH, thank
you for the generous clothing
donations for the upcoming
Ready For Home project.

PATH (Peterborough Action
for Tiny Homes) is a
volunteer-run initiative
to provide support and
eventually shelter for
people needing a hand up.
Volunteers are currently

making improvements to the building at 385 Lansdowne St. East, in order to offer a variety of services. PATH has partnered with Elizabeth Fry Society to offer these services and supports. We're looking forward to starting the programs soon.

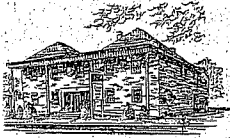
Thanks again for your interest and your support!

Sincerely
Maggie Allin
PATH volunteer

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