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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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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.



**4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 24, 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. 25 - JAN. 1**

MONDAY, December 25

*Christmas Day Masses*

9:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

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

TUESDAY, December 26

*St. Stephen*

8:00 a.m. + Harold & Jerri Heffernan

WEDNESDAY, December 27

*St. John the Evangelist*

8:00 a.m. + Tom & Kaye Turpin

(Roddy Turpin)

THURSDAY, December 28

*Holy Innocents*

8:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

FRIDAY, December 29

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration & Benediction

7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

SATURDAY, December 30

No morning Mass

SUNDAY, December 31

*Feast of the Holy Family*

4:00 pm (Sat.) + Maria Teresa Arciero

(Caitriona Ni Chaollaidhe)

9:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. (Keene) + Gordon Turnbull

(The Bolin Family)

MONDAY, January 1

*Mary, Mother of God Masses (New Years)*

4:00 pm (Sun) ~ Missa Pro Populo

9:00 am (Mon) ~ Missa Pro Populo

10:30 am (Mon) (Keene) ~ Missa Pro Populo



**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. (Last Weekend to make a donation.**

**CANCELLED STAMPS**

Mail will increase over the next few weeks with Christmas celebrations. Collect your cancelled stamps and the CWL is happy to take them to the Sisters of St. Joseph for fundraising for Development 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. Collecting until Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024



*Merry Christmas*

**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



**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.



**Feast of the Holy Family**

LAY MINISTRY

4:00 p.m. (Sat.)

Sun 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister

Colleen Petersen

Valerie Collicutt

Julia Davis

Reader

Jean Hall

Judy Lukes

Claire Doris

**Dec. 30 - 31, 2023**

Gift Bearers

Wayne & Bev Harrington


Terry & Marlene Fitzgerald

Joanne & Sarah Nelson



**Christmas Wish  
From the CWL**


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



**The First CWL meeting  
of 2024 will be on  
January 2<sup>ND</sup> at 1 p.m. in  
the parish hall. come  
and join us.**

**Steubenville 2024**

The Peterborough Diocesan Youth Office is presently organizing a group to take part in the Steubenville Youth Conferences on June 28-30, 2024, in Steubenville, Ohio. Youth in high school (grades 9-12) are welcome to join our Youth Office group from across the diocese, especially from parishes who cannot form a sizeable group of their own. Final costs will be determined as soon as possible but any interested parishes and/or youth should let us know by January 15th, 2024. Let us know at 705-745-5123 or at [frstephendecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:frstephendecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org). For more information on the Steubenville Youth Conference, visit <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/>



**Thank you for your generosity!**

**December 17, 2023: Offertory \$3,725.00**

Fuel \$25.00;

**Catholic Women's Leadership Program  
2024-2025 Leadership Program  
Now Open For Applications**

We are happy to announce that we are currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 cohort of the Catholic Women Leadership Program. This Program provides an excellent opportunity for Canadian Catholic women from all walks of life, who are committed to making a difference in society, by developing their leadership skills.

[HOME | Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation  
\(CWLFL\) \(cwlfcanada.ca\)](https://cwlfcanada.ca)



**Schedule of Masses Over  
Christmas & New Years**



**Christmas Masses**

Sun. Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m. - Otonabee  
 Sun. Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. - Otonabee  
 Mon. Dec. 25 - 9:00 a.m. - Otonabee  
 Mon. Dec. 25 - 10:30 a.m. - Keene

**Sunday Masses**

Sat. Dec. 30 - 4:00 p.m. - Otonabee  
 Sun. Dec. 31 - 9:00 a.m. - Otonabee  
 Sun. Dec. 31 - 10:30 a.m. - Keene

**The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (New Years)**

Sun. Dec. 31 - 4:00 p.m. - Otonabee  
 Mon. Jan. 1 - 9:00 a.m. - Otonabee  
 Mon. Jan. 1 - 10:30 a.m. - Keene


**350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions  
of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Beginning December 27, 2023 (1<sup>st</sup> Apparition to St. Maragret Mary Alacoque) His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm has decreed Plenary & Partial Indulgences in celebration of this devotion. Please see the decree here on our webpage: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/JubileeSacredHeart/>

Sacred Heart, Peterborough, Sacred Heart, Trout Creek, and Sacred Heart Mission, Harwood/Baltimore are the designated parishes. All parishes will be holding events marking the Jubilee.

**Sacred Heart Peterborough**  
 "Reliving the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus according to Saint Margret Mary Alacoque" – Dates that highlight the 4 days of apparitions (beginning **December 27, 2023, at 6:30 pm**). Poster with all dates and information is attached.  
 Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity and consecration of parishioners to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. A Novena will be said 9 months in advance of the closing Solemnity on June 27, 2025.

**Sacred Heart Trout Creek**  
 The jubilee will begin on December 27, 2023, the anniversary of the first apparition, and will conclude on the Feast of the Sacred Heart in 2025. The jubilee's theme is "render love for love."

In honor of this jubilee, we at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Trout Creek, Ontario, will have activities planned throughout the year beginning with a **Votive Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on January 5, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.** We will have a prayer to The Sacred Heart to give out to all parishioners to be said at Mass and at home every Friday for the duration of the Jubilee.

**Beginning on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024** is a Novena to the Sacred Heart which will end on June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with Veneration of Relics, a short talk, and Mass beginning @ 5:30 p.m. to commemorate this Feast Day.

To conclude the Jubilee, Bishop Daniel Miehm will be with us to celebrate Mass on the **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 27, 2025.**

<b>Christmas Masses</b>		<b>Dec. 24 - 25, 2023</b>	
<b>LAY MINISTRY</b>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
Sun. 4:00 p.m.	Colleen Petersen	Jean Hall	Bob & Ruth O'Brien
Sun. 7:00 p.m.	Joanne Bolton	Patrick Lynch	Roddy Turpin
Mon. 9:00 a.m.	Judy Lukes	Valerie Collicutt	Joe Lukes & Al Collicutt
Mon. 10:30 a.m.	Aileen Doris	Liam Doris	Peter & Carolyn Doris

## LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MASS FOR The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. Today - Saturday, December 23, 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=CO3Ynl4DqEo>

## SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS EVE)

Starting on Sunday, December 24, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuOeg-ge8EY>

## SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

Starting on Monday, December 25, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7hw0Q5zOSQ>

## Wayside Matching Gift Campaign

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School, a Catholic, classical independent school located in Peterborough, has just announced a \$150,000 matching gift campaign. All donations to the school will be DOUBLED by two generous donors. If Wayside raises the first \$50,000 by December 31, Headmaster Dr. John Jalsevac and Board Chair Frank Callaghan have agreed to do a polar plunge in January to raise awareness about the school and the campaign. To donate, or find out more, visit [www.olwayside.ca/campaign](http://www.olwayside.ca/campaign). E-transfers can be sent to [donate@olwayside.ca](mailto:donate@olwayside.ca). Cheques can be sent to 575 Centre Line, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X5.



## The Catholic Herald - Christmas 2023

The Catholic Herald will be distributed in parishes & missions at Christmas, and it is available online through the link below.

Web Link: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/catholicherald/>







### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

An Advent season of just three weeks has not given us very much time to heed the call of St. John the Baptist to “prepare the way of the Lord.” This shortened runway has probably meant that we have been busier than ever in the lead-up to Christmas, maybe even more frazzled than usual, and not as ready spiritually as we would like to be. The Christmas rush seems to get ever more rushed, and we do our best to manage it all.

What a consolation then, to remember that Christmas is not so much about what we do, but about what God has done for us. Cardinal John Henry Newman (canonized in 2019) once wrote in a sermon that the special charm of Christmas is that Christ comes to us as our guest. And in that coming, Newman notes “He brightens everything. He does not take away, he adds. He makes the world our home, for he deigns to be the light of it.”

In this busy season, with all that is pressing in on us, may our hearts be attuned to Christ who comes to us as the Son of God, the Word made flesh, the Savior of the World. Let us open our hearts in welcome because, ready or not, here He comes!

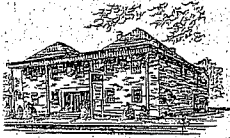
May His coming fill our families, churches and communities with light and joy this holy season.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Daniel Miehm

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