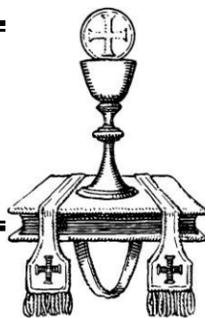


**Twenty-Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 29, 2021**



**MASS SCHEDULE**

- Sat., Aug. 28 Vigil of Twenty-Second Sunday OT**  
4:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving for answered prayers.
- Sun., Aug. 29 Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary T.**  
10:30 a.m. For all Parishioners of St. John.
- Mon., Aug. 30 Ferial Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. In thanksgiving for graces received from a parishioner.
- Tue., Aug. 31 Ferial Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. **Mass at Sacred Heart**  
For the Holy Souls of purgatory from a parishioner.
- Wed., Sep. 1 Ferial Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. For Children starting school from a parishioner.
- Thu., Sep. 2 Blessed Andre Grasset, Priest**  
8:00 a.m. **Mass at Sacred Heart**  
+ Fr. Leo Maillet  
from the Devereaux family.
- Fri., Sep. 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Dr.**  
8:00 a.m. **Mass at Sacred Heart**  
For a special intention from a parishioner.
- Sat., Sep. 4 Vigil of Twenty-Third Sunday OT**  
4:00 p.m. For courage of those with metal illness.
- Sun., Sep. 5 Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary T.**  
10:30 a.m. For all Parishioners of St. John.

Weekly Collections for August 22, 2021	
Offertory	754.00

**Parish Office Hours for August**

For the month of August the Parish office will be opened every Wednesday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 705 745 7631

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends,

As you all may know the Catholic Church in Afghanistan is going through a very rough time and have arranged the evacuation of over 10,000 Christians (mostly protestants and/or converts from Islam). This is a huge setback for religious freedom in the country. These are surely very difficult moments for our Christian brothers and sisters of that country (and other neighboring countries).

Two things we ought to take from this: First and foremost is to pray for them, as they are our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. It is our duty to prayer for them, to support them in prayer and to seek the God of all consolation for them. The best thing we have to offer them, is the support of our prayers.

And second is to manifest and live a spirit of gratitude for the faith we have received and are able to practice. A spirit of gratitude not only in prayer but also in our way of life. How much these fellow Christian would love to live their faith openly and yet they are suppressed. And how free are we to live our faith openly, and yet we seem suppress ourselves. Thus, we can support our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ with our prayers and with our witness of Christian life. Together in Prayer

**WEEKLY NEWS**

**Catechism Classes**

The Catechism program will start soon. For more information about Baptism, First Communion and Confirmations please contact Sr. Inmaculada at stjohnandsacredheart@gmail.com

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please contact Sr. Inmaculada.

**Pilgrimage of prayer for the year of St. Joseph**

You are invited! The parishes named for St. Joseph will be hosting a celebration of faith and

prayer for this year dedicated to St. Joseph. The schedules are found below.

• **Sunday, August 29, 2021 - St. Joseph Parish, Powassan**

-9:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Miehm  
IMPORTANT LOCATION NOTE:  
The Mass will be held at Clark Community Centre, 250 Clark St, Powassan, ON, P0H 1Z0

• **Saturday, September 4, 2021 - St. Joseph Parish, Bracebridge**

-9:00 AM Daily Mass at St. Joseph Church  
-9:30 AM—12:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions (with some invited priests)  
-2:00 PM—4:30 PM Optional Visit to the St. Joseph Cemetery & Sacrament of Reconciliation (with some invited priests)  
-5:00 PM Holy Mass  
Most Reverend Daniel Miehm Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough, at St. Joseph Church, Bracebridge

• **Saturday, September 11, 2021 - St. Joseph Parish, Bowmanville**

-Join us at St. Stephen High School, Bowmanville  
-1:00PM – 4PM Free BBQ, games, confession and prizes  
-4:30 PM Mass & Litany of St. Joseph with Bishop  
Bring your own face mask and lawn chair. Learn more at stjoeschurch.ca

**Two more reasons to visit Campbellford, ON**

Many travel to Campbellford to patronize Dooher's Bakery, Empire Cheese and World's Finest Chocolate. But on September 11th you will have two more awesome reasons for this scenic drive. St. Mary's Parish at 21 Centre St. is holding their ANNUAL GIANT YARD SALE from 8:00am – 2:00pm. Many treasures will have your name all over them. COVID 19 protocols will be in effect. If that isn't enough you can visit Mary's Closet in the back of the rectory and part of the basement which was launched on July 24 and is open every Saturday from 8:30am-2:00pm. Mary's Closet carries gently used clothing for infants, children, ladies, and men as

well as small used appliances. Treat yourself on Sept. 11 and check off these 5 items on your bucket list! (Maybe you can use the bucket to carry your treasures!!) Note: Rain date for the Giant Yard Sale is September 18th. Any questions please call 705-768-0844.

**P.S.** Mass is at 5:00pm

**GOSPEL Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23 of Sunday Aug. 29**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles. So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

Jesus said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile them, but the things that come out of a person are what defile them.

"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.