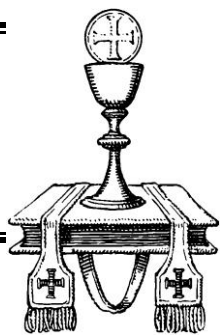


**Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021**



MASS SCHEDULE

- Sat., Sep. 4 Vigil of Twenty-Second Sunday OT**
4:00 p.m. For courage of those with metal illness.
- Sun., Sep. 5 Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary T.**
10:30 a.m. For all Parishioners of St. John.
- Mon., Sep. 6 Labour Day**
8:00 a.m. In thanksgiving for graces received from a parishioner.
- Tue., Sep. 7 Ferial Weekday**
8:00 a.m. **Mass at Sacred Heart**
For the Holy Souls of purgatory.
- Wed., Sep. 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
8:00 a.m. For Sarah's Badshaw Protection and her return to the faith.
- Thu., Sep. 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest**
8:00 a.m. **Mass at Sacred Heart**
+ Fr. Ray Corriveau from the Devereaux family.
- Fri., Sep. 10 Ferial Weekday**
8:00 a.m. **Mass at Sacred Heart**
For God's protection and guidance on the Tacuyog family.
- Sat., Sep. 11 Vigil of Twenty-Fourth Sunday OT**
4:00 p.m. + Justin Dingman by the Dingman & Bencze families.
- Sun., Sep. 12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary T.**
10:30 a.m. For all Parishioners of St. John.

Weekly Collections for August 29, 2021	
Offertory	754.00
Fuel and Church Maintenance	15.00
Flowers	50.00

Parish Office Hours for September

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
office@stjohnpeterborough.ca
www.stjohnpeterborough.ca

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As Catholics we should always seek to deepen our knowledge of the faith. This is why it is often recommended by the saints to take up good and holy books; and when it comes to holy books there is nothing better than the Holy Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Because as one 'begins to grasp the meaning of his or her faith, the more they come to grasp [and appreciate] their redemption.' (Pope Benedict XVI)

To dedicate a time during the week to prayer is good, excellent in fact; but we should also always seek to dedicate some time to learning. Learning a little more about our faith really helps to live a deeper and more profound prayer life. One that really starts to shape you and your lifestyle according to the path laid out by Christ. You don't have to read the Catechism from cover to cover, but you can, if you wish, pick a topic of interest and read through it that way.

As something to keep in mind, Faith Formation classes are going to start-up soon. It would be good to consider anyone in your family (or friends) who are still missing sacraments and encourage them to enroll in a class. This is also a Spiritual work of Mercy – "instruct the ignorant." Because although we personally are not instructing them, we are leading them to instruction. And always accompany these invitations to the faith with prayer – because its God alone who touches the souls.

Together in prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Pre-Authorized donation mistake

Please be advised, in error, the September 15th POP for all parishioners was processed through RBC on September 1st vs September 15th. We apologize and thank all our parishioners for their support via this method.

Altar Boy Group

1st & 3rd Fridays of the Month.
From 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. First Gathering Sept. 17th at Sacred Heart Church Hall.



Labor Day

Holy Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. at Saint John the Baptist. There will be no Morning Adoration. (Sacred Heart Church will be open for prayer)

Bible and the Mass



A class that will go through the Parts of the Holy Mass, how we can participate better in the Mass and on understanding the Mass with Sacred Scripture. Classes every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday of the Month. First Class September 29th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church Hall.

New Adoration Times (a test)

We are keeping the same adoration times at both corresponding parishes form 6:40 – 7:40 a.m. Tuesday to Friday but we will have additional adoration times at Sacred Heart starting Monday Sept. 6th:
Monday - Thursday 7-8p.m. (Spring & Summer)
Monday - Thursday 3-4p.m. (Fall & Winter)



Communion to Homebound



If you know someone who at this moment is not able to come to Holy Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact Sr. Krolowa at 705 745 7631 or office@stjohnpeterborough.ca office@sacredheartpeterborough.ca

Catechism Classes

The Catechism program will start soon. For more information about Baptism, First Communion and Confirmations please contact Sr. Inmaculada 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 & becoming Catholic please contact Sr. Inmaculada.

Pilgrimage of prayer for the year of St. Joseph

On Saturday, September 11, 2021 St. Joseph Parish, Bowmanville invites you to St. Stephen High School, Bowmanville from 1:00 – 4p.m. Free BBQ, games, confessions and prizes.
At 4:30 p.m. Mass & Litany of St. Joseph with our Bishop. Bring your own face mask and lawn chair. Learn more at stjoeschurch.ca

Two more reasons to visit Campbellford, ON

On September 11th 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. If that isn't enough you can visit Mary's Closet in the back of the rectory and part of the basement which 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. 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 7.31-37 of Sunday Sept. 5, 2021

Returning from the region of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

They brought to him a man who was deaf and who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."