

## MASS SCHEDULE

- Sat., Feb. 26 Eve of the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary T.**  
4:00 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Feb. 27 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
10:30 AM For Dorothy and Frank Kennedy & Oliver and Ida McCann.
- Mon., Feb. 28 Weekday Ferial**  
8:00 AM + Mary Shaughnessy by the family.
- Tue., Mar. 1 Weekday Ferial**  
8:00 AM **Mass at Sacred Heart**  
For the spiritual and corporal healing of Isabelle and Michael McKinnon from Bill and Geraldine.
- Wed., Mar. 2 Ash Wednesday – Pray for Peace**  
8:00 AM For Rita Giradino from Susan and Joel Walton.
- Thu., Mar. 3 Weekday Ferial – World day of Prayer**  
8:00 AM **Mass at Sacred Heart**  
For the spiritual and corporal needs of Paul and Joseph Jalsevac from Stephen and Bonnie Jalsevac.
- Fri., Mar. 4 St. Casimir**  
8:00 AM **Mass at Sacred Heart**  
+ Clare Shaughnessy from his nieces.
- Sat., Mar. 5 Eve of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
4:00 PM For Loretta Collins from Susan and Joel Walton.
- Sun., Mar. 6 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of lent**  
10:30 AM For all parishioners.

### Weekly Collections for Feb 13 and 20, 2022

Offertory for both weeks	1,891.00
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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As we are now about to enter the 3rd month of the year and as we are preparing ourselves for Lent – *how times flies*. I thought it would be convenient for us to (1) examine how our New Year's resolutions are going and (2) to take the time to think about what sort of prayers and/or sacrifices we may offer for Lent.

It is always good after some time – *typically once a month* - to examine how our New Years resolutions are going. To see if we have been keeping up with our spiritual proposals; whether or not we have been too lenient in our prayer life or lax in some of the efforts we were making. And if we have been keeping up with our resolutions, it can also be a good time to give thanks to God for giving

us the grace to be faithful to them and to Him through them.

We should also spend some time before Lent starts to think about our Lenten prayers or sacrifices. While we are thinking about what sacrifices to offer, we can remember: God always returns to us a hundred-fold what we have given Him. It is amazing to think, that in one Lent well lived can really be the means for many graces and the means of our salvation. 'What are forty days of prayer and sacrifice compared to eternal life?'

God meets us where we are at as long as we go to Him where He is waiting for us. In other words, God wants us to offer some penances that are difficult, but He doesn't demand of us anything that is impossible – He doesn't demand of us something that would be detrimental to harm our physical health. Penance can be as simple as giving up one thing for lunch (or at every meal), not adding sugar and/or creamer to tea or coffee, or giving up watching sports during the weekdays or throughout the entire Lent. Let us be generous and valiant with our offerings.

And lastly, we can also offer time of prayer. The purpose of Lent is not only to remove ourselves from those pleasurable things that may distract us from God, but it is also to fill those vain pleasures with the love of God. For example, I offer the sweetness of dessert because I want to know the sweetness of God. I offer the knowledge of knowing sports or news for the grace to know God.

Together in Prayer

## WEEKLY NEWS

### Ash Wednesday Mass on March 2

Saint John the Baptist at 8 AM and Sacred Heart at 5 PM. **Pope Francis** has issued an Appeal regarding the worsening situation in Ukraine. "To everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next March 2, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war."

## Way of the Cross

Join us in accompanying our Lord on the Way of the Cross starting this Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>. Saint John the Baptist Fridays at 4 PM & Sacred Heart Fridays at 6:30 PM. Way of the Cross booklets will also be available throughout Lent for those who would like to come at another convenient time.

## Blessing of Electronic Organ at St John the Baptist / Organ Recital Series

To celebrate the finishing of the installation of the Rodgers electronic organ in St John the Baptist Church, and to recognize the workers who made this possible, a few events are planned in March (J.S.Bach's birth-month): Sunday March 6, 3PM-4PM. Liturgical Blessing of the organ, recognition of volunteers associated with it, and short organ recital. Sundays, March 13, 20 – 3PM-4PM. Two concerts, 1 hour long each, of mostly Bach organ music, played by Randy Mills and friends. Free admission - Covid protocols in place.

## Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2022 - Virtual

On Saturday, March 5th from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm ET. The Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration, and Eucharistic Adoration. It will be a day of compelling talks, Spirit-filled praise and worship, and much more. <https://www.ljhr.ca/>

## 40 Days for Life is coming to Peterborough!

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion facilities. Our campaign will take place during the season of Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday March 2nd until Palm Sunday April 10th. Bring your families and friends and peacefully pray for an end to innocent lives being taken from our community! Sign up for your vigil hours at

## The CATHOLIC Missionary Children Oratory

from our parishes will start a

Lenten mission project to give alms to needy children abroad.

**These children will be "selling" different items such as rosaries, books, bake goods, etc. at the end of Sunday Masses. Some of the items were made by the children.**



March 5-6



March 12-13

[www.40daysforlife.com/en/peterborough](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/peterborough) or come to our location on Hospital Drive across the street from PRHC anytime between 8am and 8pm daily. For more information contact Danielle Heron at (289) 400-9179 or [40daysforlifeptbo@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifeptbo@gmail.com)

## GOSPEL Luke 6.39-45 of Sunday February 27

Jesus told his disciples a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like their teacher.

"Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.

"Out of the good treasure of the heart, the good person produces good, and out of evil treasure, the evil person produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks."