

## MASS SCHEDULE

- Sat., Mar. 19 Eve of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
4:00 PM For many blessings and graces on Mary Porter.
- Sun., Mar. 20 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
10:30 AM For all parishioners.
- Mon., Mar. 21 Weekday Ferial**  
8:00 AM For all orphan souls.
- Tue., Mar. 22 Weekday Ferial**  
8:00 AM **Mass at Sacred Heart**  
for the deceased Jalsevack family members from Stephen and Bonnie Jalsevack.
- Wed., Mar. 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**  
8:00 AM For all orphan souls.
- Thu., Mar. 24 Weekday Ferial**  
8:00 AM **Mass at Sacred Heart**  
Intentions of Andre Joseph from Lisette R.
- Fri., Mar. 25 The Annunciation of the Lord**  
8:00 AM **Mass at Sacred Heart**  
Holy Souls of purgatory from Lisette R.
- Sat., Mar. 26 Eve of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
4:00 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Mar. 27 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
10:30 AM For Rita Johnston (Ann) from the family.

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This weekend falls between two great solemnities; the Solemnity of Saint Joseph (March 19th) and the Solemnity of the Annunciation – also known as the Incarnation (March 25th). And so, I thought it would be convenient to talk about the importance of these two significant days. Although they are not days of obligation, it is highly encouraged to attend mass these days because of their significance.

As you may know, Saint Joseph is the official Patron of Canada. The Recollect Franciscan first presented him as patron when Canada was still known as 'New France.' The early missionaries attribute the answers of many prayers and the fruits of their many apostolic works to St. Joseph. Only three years later in 1637, Pope Urban XIII officially announced St. Joseph as Patron of Canada.

Just as our confirmation Saint, Patron of our Faith - who ceaselessly pray for us, so does Saint Joseph ceaselessly pray for the people and the country of Canada. What a consolation, to think the Spouse of Mary and the Foster Father of Our Lord; has been

named Patron of this Country. In 1870, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Saint Joseph Patron of the Universal Church.

This Friday, on March 25th we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation - when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would bear the Son of God and the Eternal Word of God took on flesh. This marks the single most important event in the History of Salvation. Our very salvation, our very existence and our being here today in the Church rests upon this moment. Which is also why whenever we pray the creed, during the words, "...who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary..." we all bow our heads in a solemn act of love and gratitude for this most sacred event.

Our Faith grows immensely with the observance of these solemn feast. Let us therefore hold dear to our hearts these two most solemn days. Also, you can break fast and penance on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, and yes...you can eat meat too even though it's a Friday in Lent. (*Code of Canon Law 1251*)

Together in Prayer

## WEEKLY NEWS

### Emergency Relief Effort for Ukraine

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough reached out to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada to ask how we can help Ukrainians in these difficult times. The Eparchy has recommended that the Diocese encourage parishes and parishioners to donate and they have provided advice on how to do so. In this regard, the Diocese has made a \$10 000 donation to Ukraine to help ease the suffering of the Ukrainian people. Please see our website for two suggestions on how to help.

### Novena for Peace and Consecration of Ukraine and Russia by Pope Francis

Pope Francis will consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary next Friday at 5PM Rome time, 12 noon Ontario time on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Our Bishop invites us to join in the novena, prepared by the Ukrainian Catholic leaders, from March 17 – 25. We will join in prayer with the Holy Father consecration on the Holy Mass of the Annunciation of the Lord on Friday March 25th at 5PM at Sacred Heart and Bishop will celebrate the 12:10 noon Mass at the Cathedral. Please join us.

### Diocesan Covid update

The Ontario government has announced the end of public masking requirements in most non-medical settings effective Monday, March 21, 2022. Churches, missions, halls, and offices in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough will no longer require masking effective Monday, March 21, 2022.

### NOTICE: Daily Mass Schedule

All weekday Masses will be at Saint John the Baptist starting next Monday from March 21st – April 8th as work will be done in the church of Sacred Heart.

Lenten Confessions St. John Wed. March 23 3-6PM & all Saturdays 3-4PM. Sacred Heart Fri. April 8 (1:30-6:30PM) & all Fridays 5-6:30PM and Sundays 8-9AM.

Easter Lilies: A Donation would be appreciated to help purchase Lilies for the decoration of the church on Easter. Please make your donations at the back of the church on March 26-27 and April 2-3.

### Next Friday March 25 (due to Mass at 5PM)

-Way of the Cross at Sacred Heart is cancelled but there is the way of the cross at St. John at 4PM  
-Young adult group is cancelled

### Evening Adoration at St. John during Lent

You are invited to adoration every Thursday from 6-7PM and evening prayer at 7PM for the intentions of peace in the world and Canada.

Way of the Cross for Children All children are invited to the Way of the Cross at St. John the Baptist at 11:00 am on Saturday March 26, April 2 and 9.

### Last Organ Recital (each recital has different music)

Sunday March 20 at 3PM-4PM at St. John the Baptist. Of mostly Bach organ music, played by Randy Mills and friends. Free admission



### CATHOLIC Missionary Children book Sale:

**Devotion to Holy Face \$6:** Information, prayers and promises linked to the veneration of the cloth that Our Lord's face was wiped with.

**Lent and Easter Wisdom for Fulton Sheen \$20:** This book provides reflections for Ash Wednesday through the second Sunday of Easter. Reflections from Fulton Sheen are supported by Scripture, prayers, and spiritual growth activities.

**Seven Words of Jesus and Mary Lesson on Cana & Calvary \$16:** This book interprets the relationship between the seven recorded words that Our Blessed Mother spoke in the Gospels and the seven last words of Jesus as he hung on the cross.

**The Cross & the Beatitudes \$ 20:** This book shows how the first and last statements of Jesus' public life are intimately related. His entire ministry, with its ultimate fulfillment on Calvary's Cross, perfectly displayed the meekness, mercy, and poverty of His early teaching.  
**The stations of the Cross booklet -any donation accepted:** This is good to have at home! Especially during lent! You can pray the stations of the cross everyday!

### 40 Days for Life at 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 is from 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 [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 13.1-9 of Sunday March 20

Jesus was teaching the crowds; some of those present told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Jesus asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'"

"The gardener replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

## CATECHISM WORD CORNER

**Contrition:** Sorrow of the soul and hatred for the sin committed, together with a resolution not to sin again. Contrition is the most important act of the penitent, and is necessary for the reception of the Sacrament of Penance or confession. (CCC 1451)