

## MASS SCHEDULE

- 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.
- Mon., Mar. 28 Weekday Ferial**  
8:00 AM + Lazlo DeRoth  
from the Holmquist family.
- Tue., Mar. 29 Weekday Ferial**  
8:00 AM For the deceased members of the  
Perry family  
from Stephen and Bonnie Jalsevac.
- Wed., Mar. 30 Weekday Ferial**  
8:00 AM for the intentions of Julia and Ian  
Holmquist from the family.
- Thu., Mar. 31 Weekday Ferial**  
8:00 AM Aborted and unborn babies  
from Lisette R.
- Fri., Apr. 1 Weekday Ferial**  
8:00 AM For all the deceased souls of the  
Joseph and Romero families  
from Lisette R.
- Sat., Apr. 2 Eve of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
4:00 PM For Dorothy and Frank Kennedy &  
Oliver and Ida McCann from the Family.
- Sun., Apr. 3 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
10:30 AM For all parishioners.

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This week we will talk about the virtue of Hope, that is the second of the three theological virtues. Hope is an expectation of future blessing (*or a future good*); or as Adolphe Tanquerey defines it, "the virtue that makes us desire God as our highest good and expect with a firm confidence eternal blessing." (*The Spiritual Life*) Our entire religious life is motivated by Hope. The virtue of Faith believes in God, Hope is the desire and is motivated towards God, and the virtue of Charity is the sure path to God. Hope encompasses our entire religious life, from just as we awaited His first coming, now when we hope for His second.

There are three temptations the devil uses against the virtue of hope: (1) lack of trust [to think God is not trust worthy], (2) despair [to think God doesn't care about our problems or God does not want to forgive us of our sins] or (3) presumption [the other extreme, thinking God has to forgive me therefore it doesn't matter I can keep sinning - Sirach 5:5-6].

How can we grow in the virtue of Hope? There are three underlying virtues we see in the virtue of hope; (1) Faith, as we can't hope for what we do not believe and so as we believe in God → we hope in Heaven. (2) Patience, as we wait like children waiting for the fulfillment of God's trust-worthy word. (3) Perseverance, as Saint Paul tells us, "Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one." (1 Cor. 9:25). Saint Augustine gives us a quote when he says, "Pray as though everything depended on God. [And] work as though everything depended on you."

A practical means to work towards this virtue is also to visit Jesus in the Church (or in adoration); there is no better way hope to see Christ in Heaven then to spend time with Him here on earth. Or when we desire a sweet or something else (especially in this time of lent) you can make it a prayer and say, I will deny myself this small thing because of hope for what God will give me later.

Together in Prayer

## WEEKLY NEWS

### UPDATE: Friday Adoration and Way of the Cross

For April 1st and 8th the Sacred Heart Adoration will be held at Saint John the Baptist from 1:30-6:30PM. There will be no Saint John the Baptist Way of the Cross at 4PM, but at 6:30PM after Adoration. Stay attentive to any changes.

### Easter Triduum Schedule

Masses will be held simultaneously at both churches.  
Holy Thursday April 14 - 7PM  
Good Friday April 15 – 3PM  
Easter Vigil Saturday April 16– 8 PM

### Retreat

You are invited to a retreat this Lent on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. John the Baptist after the Holy Mass at 10:30 am which will include information for spiritual growth, lunch, prayer and fellowship. To register please leave a message at 705 745 7631.

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 this weekend and or on April 2-3.

### 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.

### 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.

### Way of the Cross

- At St. John the Baptist Fridays at 6:30PM
- 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.

### 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 15.1-3, 11-32 of Sun. March 27

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them a parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So the father divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

"When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. The young man would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough

and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'"

"So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

"Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. The slave replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'

"Then the elder son became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

"Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'" bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

## CATECHISM WORD CORNER

**Incarnation:** The fact that the Son of God assumed human nature and became man in order to accomplish our salvation in that same human nature. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, is both true God and true man, not part God and Part man. (CCC 461,464)