

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Sept 3 Vigil 23rd Sunday in Ordinary T.

4:00 PM For all Parishioners.

Sun., Sept 4 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM For the intentions of Bob and Mary Kelly from Martin Cullen.

Mon., Sept 5 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM + Gerald Joseph Hogan and Rita Ellen Hogan.

Tue., Sept 6 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM For Dorothy and Frank Kennedy from Oliver McCann and Marjorie Sayeau.

Wed., Sept 7 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM For the intention of Jason and Meg Ironside from the family.

Thu., Sept 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SH 8:00 AM For Rita and Joe Duffus from the family.

Fri., Sept 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest

SH 8:00 AM +Jackaline Joy Duffus from Mike and Marg Heffernan.

Sat., Sept 10 Vigil 24th Sunday in Ordinary T.

4:00 PM For Jim Gibson from Anne Emery.

Sun., Sept 11 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM For all Parishioners.

Weekly Collection	August 21	\$ 991.68
	August 28	\$ 1,182.25

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

When the church celebrates the feast day of a Saint, it is typically the day of their death (or their martyrdom) – in some way symbolizing the day of their birth into eternal life. But there are only three people in which the Church celebrates the earthly birth as well. First, is Christmas the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The second is the birth of Saint John the Baptist – the precursor of Christ. And thirdly, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – to be celebrated on September 8th.

The Church has celebrated the Mary's birth since the sixth century. The Church chose

September 8th as it is determined by the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th - when Mary was conceived). As the Immaculate Conception falls nine months prior to the Nativity.

Although the Bible does not give us an account of Mary's birth, it is believed that she was born in Jerusalem to Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Both, Joachim and Anne, received a promise from God of a child who would advance God's plan of Salvation for the world. They joyfully received, nurtured and raised Mary, whom we now call 'Our Blessed Mother'!

Saint Augustine tells us the entire world rejoices at her birth. As he writes, "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

Any son or daughter would celebrate with great joy the birth of their Mother. So too, we should rejoice and celebrate the birth of Mary. A Birthday celebration bring happiness and joy to families and friends. The Birth of Mary brings us joy for we are called friends of Jesus (*John 15:15*) and children of Mary (*John 19:25-29*) as our Lord also says "For whoever does the will of my father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." (*Mark 3:35*) Thus in our own way – whether its by the Rosary, the Mass or another spiritual gift - let us celebrate the Birth day of our Blessed Mother.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Talent needed Do you enjoy singing? Or you play the piano or the organ? We are looking for help to sing and play at our weekends Masses at both St. John and Sacred Heart Parishes. If you enjoy these activities and would like to help

please contact Sr. Krolowa at 705 745 7631 or office@stjohnpeterborough.ca

Peterborough Prolife BBQ

Free BBQ, Prolife speaker and AGM. The event will be held at St. Peter's Cathedral K of C Hall from 11:45am-2pm, Saturday September 17th, 2022. For more information visit www.peterboroughprolife.ca or contact Brad at (705) 772-1579.

Wayside / Chesterton Academy

Open Enrolment now for 2022/2023! Offering a dynamic Catholic Liberal Arts and Science Education for students from Kindergarten through Grade 12. For more information please call or email: 705-749-3658, admin@olwayside.ca or visit <https://olwayside.ca/> and <https://chestertonschoolsnetwork.org/schools>

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

This process, through which adults become fully initiated members of our Catholic faith community, will begin again this fall. 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. The process involves a weekly commitment to formation sessions and participation at Sunday Mass. It is open to any unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian churches, and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation.

Altar Boy Group at Sacred Heart

1st & 3rd Fridays of the Month, 6:15 - 8:30 PM at Sacred Heart.

Friday Adoration at Sacred Heart

Every Friday there is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart in reparation for the offences made to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from 1:30 to 6:30PM and confessions from 5:00 to 6:30PM.



GOSPEL Luke 14.25-33 of Sunday Sept 4

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate their father and mother, spouse and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even their life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

"Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

"So therefore, whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple."

Catechism Word Corner

Saint: The "holy one" who leads a life in union with God through the grace of Christ and receives the reward of eternal life. The Church is called the communion of saints, of the holy ones (CCC 823, 946; cf. 828).