

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Nov 26 Vigil 1st Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM + Catrina Killen White
from Charlie and Mary Porter.

Sun., Nov 27 1st Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM For all Parishioners.

Mon., Nov 28 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM + Peter Martinez Valentino Le Minh
Due from his sister.

Tue., Nov 29 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM + Barb Cullen from Martin Cullen.

Wed., Nov 30 St. Andrew, Apostle

St J 8:00 AM In thanksgiving for graces received.

Thu., Dec 1 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM + Raymond Bolger from Dolly Bolger.

Fri., Dec 2 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM + Raymond Bolger
from Dolly Bolger.

Sat., Dec 3 Vigil 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM + Paul Emery from Anne and family.

Sun., Dec 4 2nd Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM For all Parishioners.

Weekly Collection will be posted next week

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As we are beginning to enter into this new liturgical year – thus entering the season of advent it is good to remind ourselves of the purpose of a liturgical calendar.

The Liturgical Year serves two principal purposes: (1) To relive for ourselves the life of Christ. None of us were alive during the life of Christ, thus in order to personalize His teachings and better implement them in our lives. We can say it is almost necessary to consider in the span of a year and every year the key moments in the life of Christ; giving us enough time to consider each event with devotion throughout the year and frequent enough every year to grow in love for these mysteries. Just as a family recalls birthdays, anniversaries and memorial events in their lives, so should we recall salvific events in the life of our Lord – who has called us His brother, sister and mother.

(2) Secondly, the Liturgical Calendar encourages us to have an element of constant learning in the mysteries of these salvific events. It is not sufficient to consider these events only once, but to constantly learn and love these effects in our lives. At each Christmas there should be a greater sense of understanding and appreciation for the Incarnation of the Eternal Word of God.

It can be easy to fall into a sense of numbness or tepidness when we have celebrated Christmas - forty, sixty or seventy times. But if we were to grow in love for these events, just a little each year, we would be overjoyed at the coming of each Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost.

Sometimes we can go through the motions in preparing for Christmas, but behind ever action and gesture there should be a salvific meaning. This spiritual and salvific meaning has built up the tradition and longevity of these Christian celebration. Let us make an effort to consider the beauty of each major celebration in the Liturgical Calendar. Thus, again building the beauty of our Catholic tradition.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Latin Mass for Nov. 27th will be at 3PM.

One Can, One Box, One Bag---Advent Challenge In Support of Sacred Heart Food Bank

Advent challenge to bring 1 item, can, box, jar or bag for each Sunday Mass and place in the St. Vincent de Paul box at St. John's in support of the Sacred Heart Food Bank. If each person brings one item, we can pack our food bank for those in need in our community.

POINSETTIA

We will once again be collecting funds to purchase the poinsettias to decorate the altar for Christmas on the weekends at the entrance of the Church. A donation would be welcomed and appreciated.

Sacred Heart Annual Memorial Wish Tree Mass and Nativity Christmas Play

You are invited to the candlelight Memorial Mass on Saturday December 17, 2022 5:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church with Bishop Daniel Miehm. If you would like a Memorial light place on the Wish Tree in memory of your loved ones, please see the insert for the details. Following the Mass there will be the Nativity Christmas Play prepared by the oratory children. This event aids in fundraising for Sacred Heart parish renovation projects. If you have any questions please contact Ed Genge at 705 292 6665 or genge@sympatico.ca

Christmas Adult and Children colouring contests

We invite everyone to participate. The colouring images are at the entrance of the church, please submit your art by Dec 18 to Fr. Alex or any of the sisters or via email at office@stjohnpeterborough.ca

Lent Confessions

Confession is an important part in preparing for Christmas. Please separate time to make a good confession. Priest will be available:
Sacred Heart Catholic Church: Friday, Dec. 2nd 1:30-6:30PM (during usual Adoration hours)
Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church: Wednesday, Dec. 14th From 3-6PM (with Adoration)

Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception

Thursday, Dec. 8th at 5PM at Sacred Heart Church. Those who have been preparing themselves for the Consecration to Blessed Virgin Mary will do their Consecration to Mary During the Holy Mass. If you have been preparing for the Consecration but cannot attend this Holy Mass please let Fr. Alex know:

FrAlexSalazar@peterboroughdiocese.org

Spiritual Exercises According to Saint Ignatious of Loyola preached by Fr. Alex or another IVE priest.

For Men: Jan. 30 – Feb 2, 2023

For Women: Feb 6 – 9, 2023

At Manresa Jesuit spiritual renewal centre. The retreat starts on Monday at 7pm and ends on Thursday with lunch. For registrations or any questions please contact Fr. Alex Salazar at alexsalazar@ive.org

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 Matthew 24.37-44 of Sunday Nov. 27

Jesus spoke to his disciples: "As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

"Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Catechism Word Corner

Advent: The liturgical season of four weeks devoted to preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas (CCC 524 The Church makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.