

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Feb 25 Vigil 1st Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM + Ken Johnston
from Betty Ann and Al Murray.

Sun., Feb 26 1st Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM For all Parishioners.

Mon., Feb 27 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM + Peter Cowan from Bonnie and Stephen Jalsevac.

Tue., Feb 28 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM + Mary Shaughnessy
from her family.

Wed., Mar 1 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM + Erman Mazzarolo
from Ingrid and the family.

Thu., Mar 2 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM + Jan Burke from Joe and Kristen
Farace and family.

Fri., Mar 3 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM + Jan Burke
from Brian and Charlotte Hurley.

SH 6:00 PM First Friday Holy Mass

Sat., Mar 4 Vigil 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM + Joe and Bulah Allen
from the Allen family.

Sun., Mar 5 2nd Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM For all Parishioners.

Weekly Collection will be posted next week.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Throughout Sacred Scripture we notice the use of particular numbers – to name a few: three, seven, twelve and forty. We can say, it is no mere coincidence that Jonah spends three days in the belly of the whale, that Jesus (as a child) was lost three days in the temple and that Our Lord resurrected on the third day.

Therefore, just as three, seven and twelve has its own spiritual significance as numbers – *which we will not necessarily go into all of them now* - the number 40 has its own significance as the number that represents purification, cleansing and journey.

- Jesus was 40 days and 40 nights in the desert. (Matthew 4:2)

- The Israelites spend 40 years in the wilderness – in journey to the promised land.

- Noah and the Ark were on the water for 40 days

- Moses stayed on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights before he received the 10 commandments (Exodus 24:18)

- And 40 days from the Resurrection to the Ascension (Acts 1:3)

As we mentioned several times before, our forty days of Lent is to imitate Jesus' forty days of in the desert. But we can also consider how our forty days of Lent also resemble the Israelites forty years in the wilderness when they fled Egypt in search for Canaan - the promised land. A trip that would have only taken them roughly 11 days actually took them 40 years.

Some consider they were lost or disoriented. Still others say they may have traveled extremely slow as they were in large numbers including elders and youth. Whatever may have been the reason it took them forty years. Spiritually this represents the purification the Israelites had to undergo before being eligible to enter into the promised land. Similarly, for us, we spend these forty days of lent to purify ourselves so as to enter the promised land of Heaven..

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Tax Receipts

Please find tax receipts by the entrance of the church, thank you for your much needed support.

Parish Festival organization meeting

Volunteers needed to help organize the Parish Festival. The meeting is on Thursday March 2nd at 6:30PM at St. Johns basement.

Change of Mass Time Friday March 3rd

The 8AM Morning Mass remains the same but the Evening Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 6PM.

The Way of the Cross (The Stations of the Cross)

The way of the Cross will be guided every Friday during Lent, at Saint John the Baptist at 11:30 AM & at Sacred Heart at 6:30 PM. Way of the Cross

pamphlets will also be available throughout Lent for those who would like to come at another convenient time.

Lenten Day Retreats Please join us in our first parish Lenten retreats, you will receive a religious lesson, time for Holy Adoration, rosary and community time. Each retreat ends with the corresponding Sunday Vigil Mass.

Saturday March 4th at Saint John the Baptist Church Basement starting at 12:30PM with Potluck the topic is the Holy Shroud of Jesus.

Saturday March 11th at Sacred Heart Church Hall starting at 12:30PM with Potluck

Saturday March 18th at Saint John the Baptist Church Basement starting at 12:30PM with Potluck

Saturday March April 1st at Sacred Heart Church starting at 12:30PM with Potluck

Emergency Campaign - Earthquake in Turkey and Syria

There are four organizations that are well-positioned with connections in the earthquake area to respond to urgent needs if you would like to donate please use the Diocesan website link www.peterboroughdiocese.org/earthquake/

World Youth Day Bottle Drive

Clean out all your empty cans, beer, wine and liquor bottles post St. Patrick's Day! Please drop off at Immaculate Conception on March 25 from 9:30-2 pm May 27 from 9:30-2 pm. All proceeds go to WYD pilgrims. Thank you!

Way of the Cross---2023

After a three-year hiatus, the youth of our diocese will once again take to the streets of Peterborough to re-enact the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 7. We are looking for volunteers for all aspects of production. Please contact Tom W. at (705) 313-9846 if you are interested in helping out!

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/way-of-the-cross.aspx>

Way of the Cross website <https://wotc.ca>

Catholic Missionary Children Oratory For Children 7-12 year old. Saturdays 10:15 AM to noon at St. John the Baptist. For info or to register contact Sr. Inmaculada stjohndsacredheart@gmail.com

Young Adult Group at Sacred Heart on every 2nd, 4th and 5th Friday of the Month. Please join us at 6PM for 30 minutes of adoration followed by dinner in the Hall, talk and games.

Altar Boy Group at Sacred Heart

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

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 5.38-48 of Sunday Feb. 19

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his Angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly Angels came and waited on him.