

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Mar 11	Vigil 3rd Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM	+ Noreen Allen from the Allen family
Sun., Mar 12	3rd Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM	For all Parishioners.
Mon., Mar 13	Weekday Ferial
St J 8:00 AM	In thanksgiving from Steven and Sylvia Poquiz.
Tue., Mar 14	Weekday Ferial
SH 8:00 AM	+ Jan Burke from management and staff of Highland Park Funeral Cen.
Wed., Mar 15	Weekday Ferial
St J 8:00 AM	+ Anna DeCarlo (Marino) from Vic DeCarlo and family.
Thu., Mar 16	Weekday Ferial
SH 8:00 AM	+ Daryl White.
Fri., Mar 17	St. Patrick, Bishop
SH 8:00 AM	Michael Duffus from the family.
Sat., Mar 18	Vigil 4th Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM	+Erman Mazzarolo and consolation of his family from Robyn Henighan.
Sun., Mar 19	4th Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM	For all Parishioners.
Weekly Collection	
March 5	\$ 1,756.75

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

In the Way of the Cross pamphlet we use in the parish there is a very nice history of why we practice this devotion, especially during the season of Lent. I thought it would be nice to share it – as this brief history is not found in every copy.

“During the Turkish occupation of the Holy Land in the late Middle Ages, when pilgrims were prevented from visiting its sacred sites, the custom arose of making replicas of those holy places, where the faithful might come to pray. One of the most popular of these devotions was the ‘Stations of the Way of the Cross,’ which were imitations of the ‘stations,’ or stopping places of prayer on the Via Dolorosa (*Way of Sorrow*) in Jerusalem. By the late sixteenth century the fourteen stations, as we know them today, were erected in almost all Catholic churches.

Among the best known prayers for the Way of the Cross are those first published in Italian by St. Alphonsus Liguori in 1761, which are presented here in a new, revised translation. (The one we use in the Church during the Friday Way of the Cross.) In his brief introduction to this devotion, St. Alphonsus wrote: ‘The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should, therefore, practice this devotion with the greatest possible fervor, placing ourselves in spirit beside our Savior as He walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with His, and offering to Him both our compassion and our gratitude.’”

When we pray the Way of the Cross with holy intent and love we are accepting the invitation of Our Lord to accompany Him with His cross, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (*Mt 16:24*).

Also, Plenary indulgences may be received for those who pray the Way of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, receive holy *communion* (*usually within a week*) and pray for the Pope’s Intentions (*usually just an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be*). Those who are impeded from visiting a church – for any health of physical difficulties, may gain the same indulgence by piously reading and meditating on the passion and death of our Lord for one-half hour.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Lenten Day Retreats

Free event, these retreats will be held at Sacred Heart. Each retreat ends with the corresponding Sunday Vigil Mass.

- Saturday March 18th Topic: **Shroud of Turin and Predominant Defect**, at Sacred Heart Church Basement starting at 12:30PM with Potluck.

- Saturday March April 1st Topic: **The Eucharist & True and False ideas of perfection (Holiness)**, at Sacred Heart starting at 12:30PM with Potluck.

Solemnity of St. Joseph Monday March 20th

This year the solemnity of St. Joseph is moved to Monday March 20th because March 19 is a Sunday. Please note there will be no 8AM Mass at St. John but a 10AM at Sacred Heart. The sisters will be celebrating their 35th year of foundation and would like to invite everyone to a potluck brunch after the 10 AM Holy Mass in the basement of Sacred Heart.

Two novenas: St. Joseph and the Annunciation

Please join us in the Novena to Saint Joseph (March 11-19) the intention is for *Catholic Faith in Canada* and the Novena of the Annunciation (March 16-24th) for the *Spiritual and Material Need of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Saint John the Baptist Catholic Parishes*.

Want to give up something for Lent? Want to help St. Vincent de Paul – Vinnies?

Grab a bag and put one item per day in the bag - clothing, household goods, etc. in good for re-use or re-sale 40 days - 40 items! EASY! You have purged, given up for Lent and helped someone!

Lenten Confessions

Saint John the Baptist Church – March 16th from 4-6PM with Adoration.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church – March 24th from 1:30-6:30PM with Adoration.

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

Saint John the Baptist at 11:30 AM & Sacred Heart at 6:30 PM.

Peterborough Pro-Life Annual General Meeting

Sat. March 18th, 12 noon at St. Anne's Hall. Guest speaker is Maeve Roche, Youth Coordinator at Campaign Life. Light lunch served. Free event. All welcomed... encourage youth to attend!

GOSPEL John (shorter) of Sunday March 12

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his children and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

“I see that you are a Prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming” (who is called the Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus.

So when they came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.”