

## MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

<b>Sat., Mar 25</b>	<b>Vigil 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
4:00 PM	For all Parishioners.
<b>Sun., Mar 26</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
10:30 AM	For Rita Johnston from the family.
<b>Mon., Mar 27</b>	<b>Weekday Ferial</b>
<b>St J 8:00 AM</b>	For all souls in purgatory specially for the (F.O.S.S.) (Friends of the suffering Souls).
<b>Tue., Mar 28</b>	<b>Weekday Ferial</b>
<b>SH 8:00 AM</b>	+ Pauline Abbott
<b>Wed., Mar 29</b>	<b>Weekday Ferial</b>
<b>St J 8:00 AM</b>	+ Billy Arsenault
<b>Thu., Mar 30</b>	<b>Weekday Ferial</b>
<b>SH 8:00 AM</b>	Deceased members of the Anna and Anthony families and unborn babies.
<b>Fri., Mar 31</b>	<b>Weekday Ferial</b>
<b>SH 8:00 AM</b>	For all souls in purgatory.
<b>Sat., Apr 1</b>	<b>Vigil Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
4:00 PM	For all Parishioners.
<b>Sun., Apr 2</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
10:30 AM	+ Jenna Bridgewater from Debby Terrion.
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	March 19 \$ 1,380.80

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As we continue to approach the Passion of our Lord, we can consider how the meditate of the Passion of our Lord is the most essential meditation for any Catholic. As our Lord reveals to Saint Faustina saying, "There is more merits to one hour of meditation on my sorrowful Passion than there is in years of penance...the contemplation of my painful wounds is a great profit to you, and it brings me great joy." Or as Saint Bonaventure says, "He who desires to go on advancing from virtue to virtue, [and] from grace to grace, should meditate continually on the passion of Jesus."

Many saints preferred the meditation on the Passion of Jesus because they found much spiritual fervor and perseverance in these

meditations. They were able to foster (1) a stronger repugnance towards sin and (2) a greater appreciation for the resurrection and Heaven. A person who seldom considers the passion of Jesus – takes our Lord's death for granted and do not consider the great price He paid for our salvation.

In another meditation Saint Leo the Great says, "The earth – our earthly nature – should tremble at the suffering of its creator and redeemer. The rocks -the hearts of unbelievers – should burst asunder."

In some way the meditation of the Passion allows for us to relive for ourselves the passion of our Lord. To be among the people who saw Jesus fall three times as He carried the cross, to experience how many people rejected our Lord. We can consider the numerous Hearts our Lord must have touched while on the way to Calvary (Veronica, Simon the Cyrene, Saint Longinus – *the man who pierced our Lord side while on the Cross*) ... now we can only imagine the great benefit this meditation can have on our lives.

Together in Prayer

## WEEKLY NEWS

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Last Lenten Day Retreat Saturday March April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Topic: *The Eucharist & True and False ideas of perfection (Holiness)*, at Sacred Heart Church basement starting at 12:30PM with Potluck, this is a free event and will finish with the 5:30 Holy Mass.

### **Holy Thursday Adoration at Sacred Heart– April 6<sup>th</sup>**

On the night of Holy Thursday, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place, all are invited to accompany Jesus just as the disciple's kept vigil with Christ before his passion. The church will be open after the Holy Mass of the Lords Supper at 7:00pm to midnight, you may schedule your visit at the sheet available at the back of the church or feel free to come at any time.

**On April 7<sup>th</sup>**, The first Friday of the month there will be: no Adoration(1:30-6:30PM), no Holy Mass of the first Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart at 6:30PM and no Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart because it is Good Friday. We will have the 3 pm Good Friday liturgical celebration at Saint John the Baptist church. And at 10 AM starting at the Cathedral the youth will re-enact the Way of the Cross in the streets of Peterborough finishing at Immaculate Conception.

### **Holy Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>**

You are invited at 9AM at Sacred Heart for the Rosary of the 7 Sorrows of Mary, a Meditation and prayer of the Divine Mercy Novena which will start on Good Friday April 7, please take a phablet.

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

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

**Other activities in the Diocese** Please see at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

## GOSPEL John ( shorter version)

The sisters of Lazarus sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard this, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will

never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Jesus was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him

### **Holy Week Schedule**

CHRISM MASS: April 3 • Mass at Cathedral 7:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY: April 6 • Mass of the Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart 7:00 pm followed by a Eucharistic procession and Adoration.

GOOD FRIDAY: April 7 • Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St John the Baptist 3:00 pm with Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY: April 8 • Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart 8:00 pm. Please note there will be no 4:00 pm Mass at St. John or 5:30 pm Mass at Sacred H.

EASTER SUNDAY: April 9 • Sacred Heart 9:00 am St. John the Baptist 10:30 am