

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Apr 1	Vigil Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
4:00 PM	For all Parishioners.
Sun., Apr 2	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
10:30 AM	For all Parishioners.
Mon., Apr 3	Monday of Holy Week
St J 8:00 AM	In thanksgiving for the graces received by Maria Tran Thi Thanh Huong and family.
Tue., Apr 4	Tuesday of Holy Week
SH 8:00 AM	+ Vincent and Myrtle White.
Wed., Apr 5	Wednesday of Holy Week
St J 8:00 AM	For the Smith, Jenkans, Craig, McGeoghan and Henighan families.
Thu., Apr 6	Holy Thursday the Lord's Supper
	At Sacred Heart 7:00 PM
Fri., Apr 7	Holy Friday the Passion of the Lord
	At St. John the Baptist 3:00 PM
Sat., Apr 8	Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord
	At Sacred Heart 8:00 PM
Sun., Apr 9	Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord
10:30 AM	For all parishioners.
Weekly Collection	March 26 \$1,169.00

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The other day someone asked me, 'Is there any spiritual significance behind why you washed (or clean) the chalice and paten?' I thought it was a very good question...and an answer I could share.

Firstly, the proper verb used for cleaning the chalice, paten or anything that may have touched either the body and/or blood of Jesus Christ is called 'to Purify'. In the Roman Missal this is referred as the purification.

There are two reasons why purification is done after communion: (1) the more practical reason is to have clean chalices and paten for the next Holy Mass. Similarly, as a person usually washes their dishes, we purify the chalice and

paten. (2) But secondly and most importantly as Jesus' Body and Blood is entirely present in each and every fragment of consecrated host and in each droplet of consecrated wine – if there are any particles left of the Eucharist in the chalice and paten they need to be properly handled. So water is poured to collect any particles and then the water containing the traces of the Blessed Sacrament is consumed by the priest (not allowing the Eucharist to be disposed in any other way).. This is the reason why also no soap is used and the purpose for the other smaller clothes on the Altar (Corporal and Purificators) – to catch any lose fragments.

We can by no means ever wash the particles of consecrated hosts or consecrated wine down the sink. It is the proper job of a priest (or deacon) to purify the Chalice and the Paten. And if it is deemed necessary and out of reverence a eucharist minister may purify, given that a priest or deacon is not available.

If we choose to receive communion in our hands it is important that we pay attention for any small particles. That we do not wipe or drop our hands before checking if there are any small pieces of host in our hands. This is also the reason why I water the tips of my fingers before touching anything.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Holy Thursday Adoration at Sacred Heart– April 6th

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.

Good Friday April 7th

Cancellation of:

- Adoration (1:30-6:30PM),
- 6:30 PM first Friday devotion Holy Mass
- Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart and St. John

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 8th

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 pamphlet

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 1st and 2nd. envelopes.

Office Closed Week of April 10 to 14th.

Mass Cancelations

There will be no 8AM Mass on Tues. April 11, Wed. April 12, and Thur. April 13. And there will be on 6:40 am Adoration of Friday April 14th, but there will be morning prayer and Holy Mass.

Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting

Thursday April 20th at 7PM in Rectory.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 21.1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the Prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples wet and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crows spread their cloaks on the road, and other cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the Prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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 & Latin Mass 11:00 am • St. John the Baptist 10:30 am