

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Aug 26 Vigil 21st Sunday in Ordinary T

4:00 PM + Margaret Dwyer
from Anne Emery.

Sun., Aug 27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Mon., Aug 28 St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor

St J 8:00 AM For Daniel and Nithia, Israel and
Jeremiah from the Lac family.

Tue., Aug 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

SH 8:00 AM + Charles and Marianne Duffus
from the family.

Wed., Aug 30 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM + Anna Nguyen Thi Lan from Anna.

Thu., Aug 31 Ferial Weekday

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

Fri., Sep 1 Ferial Weekday

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

Sat., Sep 2 Vigil 22nd Sunday in Ordinary T

4:00 PM For all Parishioners.

Sun., Sep 3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM For unborn children and for all
souls in purgatory.

Weekly Collection

August 13 \$1,117.00

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The Catholic Church has always honored and venerated the lives of Saint – not necessarily for their own personal achievements, but rather because of the work God was able to accomplish in them through their fidelity to Him. Among the different types of veneration there are two: (1) God receive the veneration of *'Latria'* which means adoration and praise. While Mary and the all saint receive veneration of *'dulia'* which means reverence and honor. Whenever we honor a saint and his spiritual life we are also and most importantly honoring God. To honor the saints is part of Catholic life. There are many ways to honor the lives of the saints: by reading about their life (books), honoring in a special way

their feast day, having a picture of them or venerating a relic. *We will focus on the relics.*

The word relic comes from the Latin word *'Relinquo'* which literally means 'I leave.' In the sense that the saint leaves back a piece of themselves (*obviously not intentionally*).

There are three classes of relics:

- A First Class Relic - is piece of the body of the saint (usual of a martyr). These relics are to be treated with the great respect and delicacy. (*For example: bone, blood, hair, etc.*)

- Then are Second Class Relics – this is typically a clothing or a possession of the Saint he would have often used (*For example: their bible, their shirt, vestment or shoes, etc.*)

- Lastly are Third Class Relics – objects that have touched a first or second class relics (very common) or something the saint may have touch in an single occasion. *For example: a clothe that touched the tomb of a Saint.*

It is always a great treasure for the Church to have relics, whether they are first, second or third class. They remind us of the work God was able to accomplish in their lives, thus giving us the confidence that God can also perform great things in our lives.

WEEKLY NEWS

RCIA Orientation (Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults)

On Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 at 6:30 PM a brief RCIA Orientation will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (208 Romaine Street, Peterborough). This Orientation is for those who are interested in entered the Catholic Church or for those who have not yet received all their sacraments (Baptism, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation). This orientation will cover the basic obligation of becoming a Catholic and best means for preparing yourself. This orientation does not imply any commitment. Coffee and Tea will be provided. Please enter through the Parish Hall – side door

behind the ramp. For any question please email: FrAlexSalazar@peterboroughdiocese.org

Bible Study Coming Soon!

We are hoping to offer a New Bible Study course soon. Please stay on the look out for more detail on the course. This will be a great opportunity to deepen our knowledge on Sacred Scripture and the Life of Christ. As Saint Jerome says, "Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ." For initial interest please email: office@stjohnpeterborough.ca

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.

Altar Boy Group at Sacred Heart

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

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

Organization Enough is Enough

A family friendly organization which provides downloadable guides for parents in areas of internet safety, online gaming, cyber bullying, sexual trafficking and more. There are a few of the guides at the back of parish and more PDF's are available at this link: <https://internetsafety101.org/quickguides>

Celebration & Thanksgiving Mass St. Therese Courtice

Please join the Congregation of the Daughters of Leuca in celebrating the beatification of their foundress, Mother Elisa Martinez on Saturday September 9, 9:30 am, St. Therese in Courtice, His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm presiding. Light refreshments will follow in the hall. RSVP required,

dml.stmaryofleuca@gmail.com or call 905-436-2308 Poster Attached.

Douro Doings 2023

The 93rd Douro Doings will be held again this year on Monday Sept. 4 at the Douro Park, lots of games, car and truck show, slow pitch and more. A roast beef dinner will be at the parish hall.

2023 PARISH MISSION---OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL HASTINGS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Hastings is having a parish mission September 15-17, 2023. Al Smith will be reflecting on the writings of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. The relics of the Holy Face will be on display. Free will offering. Schedule: Sat. 1- 4 pm reflections; Holy Mass at 5 pm; 7-10 pm documentary on Bishop Sheen. Sunday from 3:30-5 pm reflections and discussions. You may find more information at: <https://ladyofmountcarmelhastings.ca/>

GOSPEL Matthew 16.13-20 of Sunday Aug 27

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the Prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.