

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Oct 14 Vigil 28th Sunday in Ordinary T

4:00 PM For Leonard Johnston from the family

Sun., Oct 15 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM For all Parishioners.

Mon., Oct 16 St Margaret Mary Alacoque

St J 8:00 AM For World peace and for the victims of War.

Tue., Oct 17 St Ignatius of Antioch

SH 8:00 AM +Michael Duffus from Family

Wed., Oct 18 St Luke

St J 8:00 AM For Special Intention from Sharon McCann

Thu., Oct 19 Sts. John the Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues and comp.

SH 8:00 AM For vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Fri., Oct 20 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM For Bernard and Fran Ironside from Family.

Sat., Oct 21 Vigil 29th Sunday in Ordinary T

4:00 PM + Kitty Armstrong from Family

Sun., Oct 22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am For all parishioners

Weekly Collection

October 8th, 2023: \$

GOSPEL Matthew 22.1-10 of Sunday October 15

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

"Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: "Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'" But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. "Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the

streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests."

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends, in difficult moments like these - the war occurring between Israel and Hamas – it is important to remember the importance of the virtue of hope and prayer. There is a great degree of peace that only hope can grant to a soul. And there are only certain spiritual effects in our lives that only prayer to God can produce.

The virtue of hope grants a sense of peace knowing that despite the worries, difficulties and drastic situations that may arise there is a certainty (by hope) that good will prevail. A person who places their trust in God has no reason to despair because their trust in the benevolence (goodness) of God and in the omnipotence (power) of God. A person who places their trust in man alone (including himself) will usually be tempted by despair because they are reduced to human limits, while a person who trust in God is found safe and secure. Thus, in the virtue of hope let us place our trust in God, that God's goodness will prevail for those people affected by the terrible bombing.

Prayer is also one of the greatest benefits we can offer to all the people involved in the bombing and war between Israel and Hamas. Prayer produces a certain affect in our lives – whether we recognize it or not. Many times we never see the effects of prayer in our lives – but in some way, we can be certain that without prayer things could be worse. We are never given the side-by-side comparison between what our life would be with and without prayer. But one thing we can have for certain, life with prayer (ourselves and for others) is much better.

Part of praying for other people especially people in other countries, is that we also never see the effects of prayer in their lives; we don't see the many people who are touched by glimpse of hope and faith. Thus, prayer has a double effect: (1) for ourselves as it requires faith to prayer for we never see the effects of our prayer. (2) And it benefits them, for they receive the benefits of our prayer as they do not know who is praying for them – this is

the great unity and charity of the Church.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This process, through which adults become fully initiated members of our Catholic faith community, will begin November 1st, 2023. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr. Alex Salazar. It is open to any unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian churches, and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation.

FrAlexSalazar@peterboroughdiocese.org

Bible Study!

Classes are held Wednesday at 6:30 pm, at Sacred Heart Church Hall. This will be a great opportunity to deepen our knowledge on Sacred Scripture and the Life of Christ. Cost \$40 includes Workbook, Bookmark, Bible Timeline and Class.

CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY

Please join in a Rosary Rally on Saturday, **October 14 at 12 noon** on the Cathedral lawn to pray for Canada. Now more than ever Canada Needs Our Lady.... and our prayers! For info: 705-292-7056

FORMED Sign-up

1. Visit the Website – formed.org, select "Sign Up"
2. For Parish Name type in "Saint John the Baptist 300 Wilson Street" *Both parishes (Sacred Heart Church and Saint John the Baptist Church are using the same account)*
3. Then after selecting the Church, click on "Next"
4. Fill in your Name and email in order to create an account. *This will allow you to log in to the same account on multiple devices.*
5. The Select "Sign Up"

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

Will be canceled while Fr. Alex is away.

Young Adult Group

Will be canceled while Fr. Alex is away.

Catholic Missionary Children Oratory

For Children 7-12 years old. Saturdays 10:15 AM to noon at St. John the Baptist.

For info or to register contact Sr. Inmaculada stjohnandsacredheart@gmail.com

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Mon., Oct 23 St John Paul II

St J 8:00 AM For the Souls in Purgatory

Tue., Oct 24 St Anthony Maria Claret

SH 8:00 AM For the Victims of War.

Wed., Oct 25 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM For all the members of the Religious Family of the Incarnate Word

Thu., Oct 26 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM For the perseverance of all priests

Fri., Oct 27 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM For the perseverance of all priests

Sat., Oct 28 Vigil 30th Sunday in Ordinary T

4:00 PM + Ken Johnston from Family

Sun., Oct 29 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am For all parishioners

Weekly Collection

Will be posted next week

GOSPEL Matthew 22.15-21 of Sunday October 22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."