

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Nov 4 Vigil 31st Sunday in Ordinary T

4:00 PM For all Parishioners.

Sun., Nov 5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM For the deceased priest of the Diocese of Peterborough

Mon., Nov 6 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM For the intentions of Larry and Elizabeth Donald from Maria Raposo

Tue., Nov 7 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM The Intentions of Jim and Darin O'Grady from Martin Cullen

Wed., Nov 8 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM No Mass

Thu., Nov 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

SH 7:00 PM + Mary O'Brien from Maria Raposo

Fri., Nov 10 St Leo the Great, Pope

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

Sat., Nov 11 Vigil 32nd Sunday in Ordinary T

4:00 PM + Terry Cavanagh from the Bancze Family

Sun., Nov 12 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am For all parishioners

Weekly Collection

October 29th, 2023: \$1,772.55

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

A question has come to me, whether it is okay for Catholic to smoke marijuana or cannabis? As Catholics it is never advised to use them – whether we consider it recreational, medical or other related personal consumption.

On June 19, 2018, the Senate passed Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) which open the doors to Cannabis to recreational use. In response, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued a “Statement on the Legalization of Cannabis/Marijuana for Recreational Use.” This statement comments on what the CCCB worries will be the effects of using and promoting the use of marijuana for recreational purposes. The document can be searched and found under the name of, “Statement on Canada’s Opioid Crisis and Drug Addiction – CCCB.” You are welcome to read the document.

Some may argue that marijuana is similar to alcohol, that people consume simply to enjoy a drink while may choose to drink in order to get drunk. While enjoying a drink is not sinful to get drunk is. We can also say, getting drunk with alcohol and high with marijuana are analogous (similar) and both sinful. As mentioned, some people drink without sinning; for example, enjoying the taste and the social exchange that takes place between friends. In the process, the consumption of alcohol can help people relax without getting drunk. St. Paul also wrote about the medicinal benefits of wine (1 Tim. 5:23).

While on the other hand, people typically consume marijuana to deliberately get high or experience a “buzz.” As mentioned, this is equivalent to getting drunk, which often lowers a person’s ability to perform various activities, or the person may not have full control of their mental faculties. Further, not consuming personally doesn’t exonerate one from blame, especially if that person is selling it to others.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Next Turkey Dinner Meeting

Our next Turkey Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, November 22nd at 10AM. If you could not attend the last meeting, we would still appreciate your help. If you can not attend this meeting and would like to help, please email Fr. Alex Salazar at FrAlexSalazar@peterboroughdiocese.org

SAVE THE DATE: Advent Turkey Dinner

This year's Parish Turkey Dinner will be on Sunday, December 3rd at 5PM at Sacred Heart Church Hall. Please join us for a nice meal, fun, community, raffle and entertainment. Tickets will be on sell next weekend after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Tickets may also be purchased at Saint John the Baptist Office (300 Wilson Street) during regular office hours. Price: \$18 for Adults and \$2 for Kids.

Donations for Raffle

We are looking for prize donations to help raffle out at the Parish Turkey Dinner. If you have something, you would like to donate please bring the prizes the day of the event (Dec. 3rd). Or you may drop them off at Saint John the Baptist Church Office beforehand. (Ideas for prizes: tools, gift cards, baked goods, pictures, home decorations, etc.)

SAVE THE DATE: Wish Tree Mass

This year's Wish Tree Mass is on Saturday, December 16th, 2023. This is a Mass for all the Faithful Departed presided by His Excellency, Bishop Daniel Miehm. Donation slips will be provided at the back of the Church.

Spiritual Exercise according to Saint Ignatius of Loyola

February 23-26th 2024 for Men
(English and Spanish)

March 1-4th 2024 for Women
(English and Spanish)

Location: Fair Haven Conference Centre
B2215 Durham Regional Hwy 48,
Beaverton, ON L0K 1A0

COST: \$300 To Fill out first inquiry please go to:
<https://forms.gle/Zf8TfqZ7KN7P32Hf9>

For questions or more Information please email Fr. Alex Salazar at alexsalazar@ive.org

Sunday Missals 2023-2024 are available for purchase at the back of the church.

Catholic Missionary Children Oratory

For Children 7-12 years old. Saturdays 10:30 AM to 12:30pm at St. John the Baptist.

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

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 (like iPads, Phone, laptops or smart TVs)

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

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

Young Adult Group at Sacred Heart on every 2nd, 4th and 5th Friday of the Month. Please join us at 6PM for 30 minutes of adoration followed by dinner in the Hall, talk and games.

GOSPEL Matthew 23.1-12 of Sunday November 5, 2023

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ chair; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practise what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi.

“But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father — the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. The greatest among you will be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”