

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

- Sat., Dec 23 Vigil Fourth Sunday of Advent**
4:00 PM +Mary and Robert Whiteside and deceased children from Carol Whiteside.
- Sun., Dec 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent**
10:30 AM For all parishioners.
4:00PM **Christmas Eve Mass**
12 Midnight **Christmas Midnight Mass**
- Mon., Dec 25 Christmas, The Nativity of the Lord**
St J 10:30 AM For all parishioners.
- Tue., Dec 26 St. Stephen, the first Martyr**
SH 9:00 AM Norm Lightfoot from Zita Lightfoot.
- Wed., Dec 27 St. John, Apostle, Evangelist**
St J 8:00 AM +Anne Anglesey Merriles from Joe Marino and family.
- Thu., Dec 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**
SH 8:00 AM +Elli Meyer from Stephen and Bonnie Jalsevac.
- Fri., Dec 29 5th day within the Octave of the Nativity**
SH 8:00 AM +William Featherstone from the Brand's family.
- Sat., Dec 30 Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
4:00 PM +Paul McNamara from Carol Whiteside.
- Sun., Dec 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
10:30 AM For all parishioners.
4:00 PM **New Years Eve Mass**
- Mon., Jan 1 New Years Day Mass**
St J 10:30 AM For all parishioners.
- Tue., Jan 2 St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen Bishops and Doctors**
SH 9:00 AM + Sheila Gosselin from June Caley.
- Wed., Jan 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
St J 8:00 AM Ed Donald from Larry & Elizabeth Donald.
- Thu., Jan 4 Ferial Weekday**
SH 8:00 AM +Sheila Gosselin from the Allen family.
- Fri., Jan 5 Ferial Weekday**
SH 8:00 AM + Donal Louis Roy from Brenda Goodwin.
- Sat., Jan 6 Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord**
4:00 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Jan 7 Epiphany of the Lord**
10:30 AM +Rita & Leonard Johnston from the family.

Weekly Collection December 17 \$ 1,463

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 basement hall, talk and games.



Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! On behalf of myself the sisters, we would like to wish you and your families a most blessed and joyful Christmas! That just as the poor family in Bethlehem received with great hospitality Mary and Joseph into their stable, for in receiving Mary and Joseph they also welcomed the birth of Jesus, you too may continue to receive the joyful presence of Jesus into your homes in the company of Mary and Joseph.

I would also like to take a moment to appreciate all the generous help and support of all the parishioners of Saint John the Baptist throughout this past year. Your prayers, volunteer work and support – however great or small it may seem – helps in the mission of Christ and the very purpose of His Nativity; so that others may come to know and receive the love and mercy of God. You are all in my prayers and intentions especially during the celebration of the Christmas Masses. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Alex Salazar, IVE

M. Almah, Sr. Krolowa and Sr. Inmaculada, SSVM

WEEKLY NEWS

Please note This is a double bulletin—please keep until Sunday Dec 31, 2023 The Holy Family of JMJ.

Office Closed The office will be closed from January 1st to January 5th. For any needs or emergency please contact Sacred Heart Rectory: 705-874-7100 or Father at alexsalazar@peterboroughdiocese.org

Changes in Mass and morning Adoration Schedule

Tue Dec. 26 no morning adoration, Mass at 9AM

Tue Jan 2 morning adoration 8AM Mass at 9AM

Dec. 27th 2023 - Reliving the Devotion to the

Sacred Heart according to St. Margaret Mary

Alacoque This year running into the 2024 and 2025 we will be celebrating the 350th Anniversary of the Apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. Each of the 4 days of the Apparition will be highlighted with Adoration, Prayers and a Reflection on what Jesus revealed to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque on that day. Join us in reliving the Devotion of the Sacred Heart for yourself! The dates are below:

Dec. 27th 2023 – 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart.

July 2nd & 5th 2024 – 6:30PM & June 27th 2025

Start the New Year 2024 in Adoration and prayer

Fr. Alex and the sisters invite you to join on Sunday December 31st: 11:00 PM exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament followed by benediction at Mid-night at Saint John the Baptist and with cheers after! Please bring finger food to share.

Donation Envelopes for 2024 We thank everyone for your yearly donations! 2024 donation envelopes are at the entrances of the church. Please fill out the first envelope with your address and phone # to update our records. If you are new please pick a box that has no name and completely fill your address and phone #.

Christmas Adult and Children colouring contest

We invite everyone to participate. The colouring images are at the entrance of the church, please submit your art by Dec 25th to Fr. Alex or the sisters or via email at office@stjohnpeterborough.ca

Spiritual Exercise according to St. Ignatius of

Loyola (both in English and Spanish)

February 23-26th 2024 for Men

March 1-4th 2024 for Women

Location: Fair Haven Conference Centre

B2215 Durham Regional Hwy 48,

Beaverton, ON L0K 1A0

Cost: \$300

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

Free - FORMED Sign-up

1. Visit Website – formed.org, select “Sign Up”.
2. For Parish Name type in “Saint John the Baptist 300 Wilson Street” *both parishes (Sacred Heart & St. John are using the same account)*
3. Then after selecting the Church, click on “Next”.
4. Fill in your name & email 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)* Then Select “Sign Up”

GOSPEL John 1.1-18 of Monday Dec. 25

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of the human race. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who receive him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or with the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the Father's only-begotten son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me’.” From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only-begotten Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.