

## MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

### Sat., Dec 2 Vigil First Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM + Paul Emery from Anne Emery.

### Sun., Dec 3 First Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM For all parishioners.

### Mon., Dec 4 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM + Sheila Gosselin from the Buckely family.

### Tue., Dec 5 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM McCory Van Belois from Zita Lightfoot.

### Wed., Dec 6 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM + Sheila Gosselin from the Buckely family.

### Thu., Dec 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

SH 7:00 PM + Conrad Steward from Pat and Margaret Kelly.

### Fri., Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity

SH 8:00 AM +Theresa Cooper by Dave and Ann Bowen.

### Sat., Dec 9 Vigil Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM For all parishioners.

### Sun., Dec 10 Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM + Jack Cannon from Martin Cullen.

### Weekly Collection

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> \$1,377.4 Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> \$ 3,725.35

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This year on December 27th 2023 – *on the feast of Saint John the Evangelist* – we celebrate the 350th Anniversary of the first apparition of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. A devotion that was slowly yet securely revealed to the Church throughout the generations; from Saint John, to Saint Bernard of Clairvaux and Francis of Assisi (who inspired the 5 wound of Jeus devotion), to Saint Gertrude and Saint John Eudes, until the full revelation to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque.

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque received 4 major apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus:  
1. The First Apparition was on the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist (Dec. 27th 1673).  
2. The Second Apparition was on July 2nd 1674 (*which was considered, at that time, the Feast of the Visitation*).

3. The Third Revelation was on the First Friday of July 1674.

4. And the Last Apparition was on the First Friday of June 1675.

It was a total of an 18-month process for the beginning to the end of the revelation of this Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be established through Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. In 1856 in the time of Pope Pius IX the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was established to be celebrated in the Universal Church on the Friday after the Second Sunday of Pentecost.

This year, in honor of this 350th Anniversary of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – I would like to offer the opportunity to reexperience the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque did; highlighting each day of the apparition with a reflection on what occurred during the apparition → we will call it “Reliving the Apparition of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque”.

Together in Prayer

## WEEKLY NEWS

**Poinsettia** We will once again be collecting funds to purchase the poinsettias to decorate the altar for Christmas on the weekends at the entrance of the Church. A donation would be welcomed and appreciated.

**Advent Confessions:** Saint John the Baptist Church: Wednesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00PM with Adoration. Sacred Heart Church: Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-6:30PM with Adoration.

**Holy Mass of Immaculate Conception:** On Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at Sacred Heart Church. Friday Adoration will conclude at 4:45PM, Holy Mass will be at 5PM, followed by a light potluck for those who would like to join in the hall.

### **Sacred Heart Annual Memorial Wish Tree:**

We will be holding the Annual Wish Tree Mass on December 16/23 @ 5p.m. This year there will be Christmas songs prior to the mass and a light reception following the Mass. Please see the insert for the details. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Genge @ 705-292-6665 or [genge@sympatico.ca](mailto:genge@sympatico.ca)

### **Nativity Christmas Play**

The Oratory children’s Nativity Christmas Play will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic School on Friday Dec 15 at 7PM.

### **Posada (Christmas Novena)**

There is a Tradition of a Novena in preparation for Christmas which is called “Posada” – translated to inn or lodging. Parishioners are welcomed to gather in reenacting what Mary and Joseph did the nights before the Birth of Jesus, asking for Inn throughout Bethlehem. Activities: Songs, Rosary, Christmas Reflection. Posada will date from Dec. 16th – Dec. 24th – the first day will be after the Wish Tree Mass and Reception. More information for next week’s bulletin. Please bring a snack to share.

### **Christmas Adult and Children colouring contests**

We invite everyone to participate. The colouring images are at the entrance of the church, please submit your art by Dec 25<sup>th</sup> to Fr. Alex or the sisters or via email at [office@stjohnpeterborough.ca](mailto:office@stjohnpeterborough.ca)

### **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 – 6:30PM at Sacred Heart.

July 2nd 2024 – 6:30PM

July 5th 2024 – 6:30 PM

June 27th 2025 – TBA

### **Spiritual Exercise according to St. Ignatius of Loyola** (both in English and Spanish)

February 23-26<sup>th</sup> 2024 for Men

March 1-4<sup>th</sup> 2024 for Women

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](mailto:alexsalazar@ive.org)

### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

At St. John the Baptist:

Sun Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM

Sun Dec. 24th Christmas Midnight Mass 12:00 AM

Mon Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass 10:30 AM

At Sacred Heart:

Sun Dec 24th Christmas Eve Mass 5:30 PM

Sun Dec 24th Christmas Midnight Latin Mass 12:00 AM

Mon Dec 25th Christmas Day Mass 9:00 AM

Mon Dec 25th Christmas Latin Mass 11:00 AM

### **FORMED Sign-up**

1. Visit Website – [formed.org](http://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)*
5. Then 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 basement hall, talk and games.

## GOspel Mark 13.33-37 of Sunday Dec 3, 2023

Jesus said to his disciples: “Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

“It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with a particular task, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

“And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”