

## MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

### Sat., Jan 13 Vigil 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT

4:00 PM +Germaine and Aurele Gratton  
from Lise and Martin Lacey.

### Sun., Jan 14 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM For all parishioners.

### Mon., Jan 15 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM For all souls in Purgatory especially  
for the F.O.S.S.(Friends of the  
suffering souls).

### Tue., Jan 16 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM +Audrey Leahy  
from Anne and Dale Kennedy

### Wed., Jan 17 St. Anthony, Abbot

St J 8:00 AM For Larry Donald.

### Thu., Jan 18 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM Brad and Carrie Gosselin  
from Martin Cullen.

### Fri., Jan 19 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM Shannon Cullen and family  
from Martin Cullen.

### Sat., Jan 20 Vigil 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT

4:00 PM + Noreen Allen by the Allen family.

### Sun., Jan 21 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM For all parishioners.

**Weekly Collection** Jan 1 \$1,675 Jan 7 \$3,833.25

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Catholic Faith (one of the oldest departments of the Roman Curia and responsible for defending the Catholic Church from Hersey) a few weeks ago came out with a document called "*Fiducia Supplicans*" which can be translated as 'Begging for Confidence' or 'supplicating trust.' In short, it is a document that presents the permission – *not the demand nor the requirement* – for priests to bless irregular matrimonial relationships. In some way giving the excuse that such blessings 'could' open a door to those of such situation to enter into the catholic faith.

Promotion of such blessing and consenting to such activities would present a dilemma of inconsistency in God's commands and morality. Our Lord has disapproved of such behavior throughout the Old and New Testament (*Sodom*

and Gomorrah [Gen. 19], Leviticus 18:22, Rom. 1:26-27, Jude 7). As we also know, God is all-knowing (Omniscience) and omni-present; this is not only reduced to knowing all things at one moment or instant but knowing all things in every moment in history and future. Therefore, what God spoke in the past also applies to the present, God's Will cannot and does not change with regards to truth and morality.

In defining blessings, the Catechism of the Catholic Church identifies that a proper blessing can be administer for one of two reasons; (1) to invoke God's power upon a person, place or thing to be used to God's Glory and/or (2) to dedicate something or someone to God. (CCC 1671, 2626) Therefore, a blessing cannot be administered with the intent to continue to oppose God will or commandments. *It would be as giving absolution in the confessional for a sin someone said they will commit later on in the day.* If the church compromises the truth, the one true attraction and calling she has for those who stand in darkness and lies, what else will she be able to offer and where will people go when they do seek the truth.

The temptation of irregular matrimonial state is certainly a difficult temptation for today's society. Thus, it is of great important for us to love the truth, have courage for the truth and to pray for those who struggle with this.

Together in the Faith

## WEEKLY NEWS

### We are looking for Bulletin sponsors

If you would like to advertise at the back of the bulletins please call or email the office. And we ask our parishioners to kindly support our current sponsors.

### 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

Beaverton, ON 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)

### 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

### Catholic Missionary Children Oratory

For Children 7-12 years old. Saturdays 10:30 AM to noon at St. John the Baptist. For info or to register contact Sr. Inmaculada at [stjohnandsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnandsacredheart@gmail.com)

### Altar Boy Group at Sacred Heart

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

### Young Adult Group at Sacred Heart

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.

### Put Some Fun Into February

Immaculate Conception, 386 Rogers Street, invites you to join them in enjoying a fantastic Roast Beef Dinner and fellowship in their parish hall on Saturday, February 3rd. Social hour at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Limited number of tickets: Adult \$25, under 12 \$10. Call the parish office 705-742-5466 now to book your tickets.



## Annual Camp Northern Lights Special Collection

Camp Northern Lights had a successful year in 2023 thanks to your generosity to our annual special collection for the Camp and will be running again this summer (52nd year). The Camp had a near capacity summer for both campers and counsellors last year and we expect it to be the same again this year.. This year the special Camp Northern Lights collection will take place on the weekend of February 10th and 11th. Special envelopes will be available in the church The Camp provides a wilderness camping experience for children aged 9-13 from local areas as well as a leadership experience for high school students as volunteer counsellors. Your camp donation will be added to your Parish tax receipt. Please be sure to print your information including your Parish envelope number clearly on the special collection envelopes provided. Please make all cheques payable to your Parish and reference Camp Northern Lights on the memo line on the cheque. For further information call Randy Riel at 705-872-7343. Thank you for all your continued support.

## GOSPEL John 1.35-42 of Sunday January 14

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated the Christ). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).