

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Feb 10 Vigil 6th Sunday in OT

4:00 PM +Silvano (Frank) D'Altoe from his loving wife Mary Anne D'Altoe.

Sun., Feb 11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Mon., Feb 12 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM In thanksgiving for prayers answered from a parishioner.

Tue., Feb 13 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM +Rick Siegel.

Wed., Feb 14 Ash Wednesday

St J 8:00 AM + Maureen Collins and Pam Gillen from Rosemary Shaughnessy.

Thu., Feb 15 Ferial Weekday

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

Fri., Feb 16 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM For E. Muir from Andrew and T.

Sat., Feb 17 Vigil 1st Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM Intentions for the Saturday night ushers and their helpers from Carol Whiteside.

Sun., Feb 18 1st Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Weekly Collection

February 4 \$ 1232.00

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The other day we were in class with the RCIA candidates – *those preparing themselves to enter into the Catholic Church for this upcoming Easter Vigil* – and we came across a part of a video that I thought was very simple and good. It was talking about the third commandment, 'Thy Shall keep Holy the Sabbath'; elaborating upon the importance of Sunday obligation, the need to go to Mass every Sunday to preserve and grow our relationship with God. Then a phrase said, "We should not look the day as a Sunday Obligation, but rather as a Sunday of Opportunity." It's true! Each Sunday is an opportunity; an opportunity to encounter God, an opportunity to receive grace and an opportunity to receive the Eucharist. Over time – as we may have many years of Holy Mass under our belts, *we may be tempted to simply go through the motions* – but we should remember that each Holy Mass is an opportunity.

Sometimes you may find in a sacristy the following quote for the priest to read, "Celebrate this Mass as if it were your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass." In some way this quote, is not only for priests but for all to consider in each and every Mass as it were our first, our last and our only Mass.

- Our 'first Mass' – with the observance and wonder to detail (actions, words and gestures) as if it was the first time we were experiencing the Mass.

- As it were 'our last Mass' – with the great fervor and devotion of having done this for so long; as if it were the last thing we could do...and we want to do it well for Love of God.

- And our 'only Mass' – reminding ourselves that each Mass contains the interminable grace of God and the inexhaustible fount of mercy. Those who lived during the time of Jesus only had one Mass, they only witnessed the sacrifice of Jesus once and had to make the most of the one Holy Mass. We too should make use of it as if it was the only and singular opportunity to receive grace and mercy of God.

Therefore, for this Lenten resolution let us think about offering God a greater and more attentive participation in Holy Mass; as if it were our first, our last and our only Mass.

Together in prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Tax Receipts 2023

Please pick up at the entrance of church. Thank you for your support!

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Supper)

Join us on Tuesday, February 13th from 4:00-6:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church Hall. \$10 per person, tickets at the door.



Ash Wednesday February 14

Mass Schedule

St. John the Baptist: 8 AM & 9:30 AM School Mass – Parishioners are welcomed.
Sacred Heart: 5:30 PM Mass & Latin Mass at 7PM.

Renewal of Wedding Vows

As Valentine's day is coming up, all couples are invited to renew their wedding vows on next Saturday Feb. 17th or Sunday Feb. 18th, at their respective Mass times.



The Way of the Cross (The Stations of the Cross)

are usually observed during Lent, especially on Lenten Fridays and most importantly on Good Friday. It is one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics. The devotion consists of meditating on 14 events which form the 14 stations of the cross. The purpose of this devotion is to focus on the Passion of Jesus Christ. The way of the Cross will be guided every Friday, starting Feb 16th, at Saint John the Baptist at 11:30 AM & at Sacred Heart at 6:30 PM. Way of the Cross pamphlets will also be available throughout Lent for those who would like to come at another convenient time.

Annual Camp Northern Lights Special Collection

This collection will take place this weekend. Special envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. Please be sure to print your information including your Parish envelope number on your envelopes. 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.

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

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

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)*
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

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.

GOSPEL Mark 1.40-45 of Sunday February 11

A man with leprosy came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling said to Jesus, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

After sternly warning him Jesus sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

But the man went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to Jesus from every quarter.