

## MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

### Sat., Feb 17 Vigil 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

### Sun., Feb 18 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM For all parishioners.

### Mon., Feb 19 Ferial Weekday

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

### Tue., Feb 20 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM For a healthy baby from parishioner.

### Wed., Feb 21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor

St J 8:00 AM In thanksgiving for work from parishioner.

### Thu., Feb 22 Chair of At. Peter, Apostle

SH 8:00 AM For the Souls of purgatory.

### Fri., Feb 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

SH 8:00 AM For a special intention from parishioner

### Sat., Feb 24 Vigil 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM For Francis and Bernard Ironside from your family.

### Sun., Feb 25 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM + Kathy Finnegan from family.

**Weekly Collection** February 11 \$ 1,328

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The Devotional prayer of the Way of the Cross is filled with much history. There is a brief history found in the copy we pray in the Church.

“During the Turkish occupation of the Holy Land in the late Middle Ages, when pilgrims were prevented from visiting its sacred sites, the custom arose of making replicas of those holy places, where the faithful might come to pray. One of the most popular of these devotions was the ‘Stations of the Way of the Cross,’ which were imitations of the ‘stations,’ or stopping places of prayer on the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow) in Jerusalem. By the late sixteenth century the fourteen stations, as we know them today, were erected in almost all Catholic churches.

Among the best known prayers for the Way of the Cross are those first published in Italian by St. Alphonsus Liguori in 1761, which are presented here in a new, revised translation.

(The one we use in the Church during the Friday way of the Cross.) In his brief introduction to this devotion, St. Alphonsus wrote: ‘The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should, therefore, practice this devotion with the greatest possible fervor, placing ourselves in spirit beside our Savior as He walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with His, and offering to Him both our compassion and our gratitude.’”

When we pray the Way of the Cross with holy intent and love we are accepting the invitation of Our Lord to accompany Him; growing also in a Spirit of compassion and discipleship.

Plenary indulgences granted to those who pray the Way of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, receive holy communion (*usually within a week*) and pray for the Pope’s Intentions (*usually just an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be*). Those who find it difficult to from visiting a church – for any health of physical difficulties, may gain the same indulgence by piously reading and meditating on the passion and death of our Lord for one-half hour.

Together in Prayer

## WEEKLY NEWS

### Happy family day Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>

We would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed family day!

### Thank You! Shrove Tuesday

Thank you everyone who volunteered to help with preparation, serving and cooking for Shrove Tuesday Dinner. Thank you also all those who attended the Dinner, as it brought about a wonderful occasion. It is always nice to gather as a parish community.

### Lenten confessions

At St. John the Baptist Wednesday March 6 from 3:00 – 6:00PM

At Sacred Heart Friday March 22 from 1:30 – 6:30PM

### Tax Receipts 2023

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

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

The way of the Cross will be guided every Friday, throughout Lent, at Saint John the Baptist at 11:30 AM and at Sacred Heart at 6:30 PM. Way of the Cross pamphlets will also be available for those who would like to come at another convenient time.

### Sacred Heart Choir

Christine Helferty has taken direction of the choir for the 9AM Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Parish. All voices (including children aged 10+) are invited to join! No previous experience necessary. Please contact Christine by call or text at 343-369-8739 to learn more or to sign up.

### 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/i1kd7cqRSYdxzkJz7>

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. 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.

### Other news:

#### Costello Classic Catholic Hockey Game

The Costello Classic is returning! On Friday, March 1st, young men from Peterborough Diocese will play a game of hockey with a team from St. Augustine's Seminary from 6-8PM! Join in the fun at the Warsaw Arena (93 Ford Street, Warsaw, ON, K0L 3A0) and cheer on the guys enjoying an evening of fun and hockey!

## GOSPEL Mark 1.12-15 of Sunday February 18

After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the Angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”