

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Mar 9 Vigil 4th Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM For all parishioners.

Sun., Mar 10 4th Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM Jeff and Tricia Donald and family from Larry and Elizabeth Domald.

Mon., Mar 11 Ferial Weekday
St J 8:00 AM

Tue., Mar 12 Ferial Weekday
SH 8:00 AM + Maria Le Thi Bach.

Wed., Mar 13 Ferial Weekday
St J 8:00 AM + Ron Cullen from Bob & Mary Kelly.

Thu., Mar 14 Ferial Weekday
SH 8:00 AM

Fri., Mar 15 Ferial Weekday
SH 8:00 AM For healing of the Rozario family by Israel Rozario.

Sat., Mar 16 Vigil 5th Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM + Rita Johnston from the family.

Sun., Mar 17 5th Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Weekly Collection March 3 \$1,679.20

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

During the season of Lent, priests typically spend much more time in the confessional than usual. The other day as I was waiting in the confessional between penitents, the thought came to me 'Priests are to wait in the confessional patiently just as God waits patiently for sinners to come back to His mercy.' The confessional is where the priest identifies himself with the patient and merciful God, and the penitent who comes to confess their sins gives proof that their waiting was not in vain and grants hope that others too may come to receive the forgiveness of sins. The time a priest spends in the confessional is never wasted; even if no one comes, it serves as a penance and a prayer for souls in need of God's mercy.

We can also remind ourselves of the Bible verse, "...there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." (Luke 15:7) Our Lord declares joy! We can only imagine the great joy, the great festivities that must occur in heaven at each confession.

Doing an examination of conscience and confessing our sins are never entirely delightful (the

joy and peace comes afterwards), but they are certainly necessary tasks for anyone who seeks holiness and perfection. For example: an artist is always looking for imperfections in his art to better his work and a company always tests for flaws in their system to better their service. The same thing for ourselves, we must often examine ourselves; 'what is helping my soul towards Heaven and what is not helping my soul?' Whenever God reveals to us a sin or something we need to confess it is a sign of God's mercy for two reasons: (1) Now we have something to confess to receive mercy and (2) we know what to fix and in fixing it we become a better image of God. Do we blame the doctor for finding our illness, or do we thank him for also giving us the remedy?

Therefore, let us take advantage of this season of Lent to examine our conscience and confess our sins. Let's not leave God's mercy waiting.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Saint John the Baptist Parish Council Meeting

We have a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30PM in the Parish Basement. We would like to begin talking about ideas for the Parish Festival and other Parish Activities.

Parish Mass Intentions

We have free space for weekday Mass intentions starting next week. Remember the Catholic Mass is the most powerful form of prayer, it is a common practice to have it offered for a living person, a deceased person, in thanksgiving, for a celebration or for a special intention. Having a Mass said for someone is a powerful way to intercede or pray for them on their behalf.

Lenten confessions

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

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 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.

Chrism Mass - Monday, March 25, 2024

2:00 PM Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

Holy Week Schedule

CHRISM MASS: March 25 • Mass at Cathedral 2PM

HOLY THURSDAY: March 28 • Mass of the Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart 7:00PM followed by a Eucharistic procession and Adoration.

GOOD FRIDAY: March 29 • Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St John the Baptist 3:00PM with Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY: March 30 • Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart 8:00PM. Please note there will be no 4:00PM Mass at St. John and 5:30PM Mass at Sacred H.

EASTER SUNDAY: March 31 • Sacred Heart 9:00AM & Latin Mass 11:00AM • St. John the Baptist 10:30AM

DIOCESAN NEWS:

City-Wide Lenten Mission at St. Peter's

The Cathedral is hosting a city-wide Lenten Mission from Mon, March 11th - Wed, March 13th at 11:00am and at 7:00pm each of the three days - pick the time each day that works with your schedule! Admission is free but free will offerings are greatly appreciated.

"Shadow Week" at Our Lady of the Wayside

Catholic School: March 11-14 Interested in a joyfully Catholic, classical education for your children? Our Lady of the Wayside/Chesterton Academy, a K-12 Catholic, classical school in Peterborough, is inviting you to send your child(ren) for a "shadow day" at the school any day next week (March 11-14). As Wayside takes an Easter, rather than a March break, classes are on as normal at Wayside next week. Your child can experience how extraordinary an ordinary day at Wayside is, by spending the day "shadowing" a student in their grade level. The day will begin with daily Mass at 8:30AM. To register your child, contact Wayside at RSVP@olwayside.ca, or give us a call at (705) 749-3658.

Gala Dinner---25th Anniversary Our Lady of Mount Carmel is hosting a gala dinner for Fr. Joseph Devereaux on the occasion of his 25th year of priesthood. Saturday April 6, 5:30 pm, at Dreamland Resort, Hastings. Dinner, silent auction, and guest speaker will be held in support of his studies at Pope Leo XIII Institute. Tickets are \$100 before March 20; \$125 after March 20; and \$50 to sponsor clergy and religious. For tickets: Jennifer Seymour, 1-647-261-2230; office@ladyofmountcarmelhastings.ca

Novena to St. Joseph Sunday March 7 to March 18

Prayer of the Holy Cloak

O Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, you who were chosen by God above all men to be the earthly head of the most holy of families, we beseech you to accept us within the folds of your holy cloak, that you may become the guardian and custodian of our souls.

From this moment on, we choose you as our father, our protector, our counselor, our patron; and we beseech you to place in your custody our bodies, our souls, all that we are, all that we possess, our lives and our deaths.

Look upon us as your children; defend us from the treachery of our enemies, invisible or otherwise; assist us at all times in all our necessities; console us in the bitterness of our lives, and especially at the hour of our deaths. Say but one word for us to the Divine Redeemer whom you were deemed worthy to hold in your arms, and to the Blessed Virgin Mary, your most chaste spouse. Request for us those blessings that will lead us to salvation. Include us among those who are most dear to you and we shall set forth to prove ourselves worthy of your special patronage. Amen.

GOSPEL John 3.14-21 of Sunday March 10

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. The one who believes in him is not condemned; but the one who does not believe is condemned already, for not having believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

"And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."