

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Mar 2 Vigil 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM +Joe and Beulah Allen from the Allen family.

Sun., Mar 3 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Mon., Mar 4 St. Casimir

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

Tue., Mar 5 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM In thanksgiving for continued protection from Mr. & Mrs. Rosario.

Wed., Mar 6 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM For all souls.

Thu., Mar 7 St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, Martyrs

SH 8:00 AM In thanksgiving & for the grace of healing of the eyes of Isave Nguyen Thi Phuoc.

Fri., Mar 8 St. John of God, Religious

SH 8:00 AM In thanksgiving, for finding a new job and for souls of purgatory from Mary T

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 Donald.

Weekly Collection February 25 \$1,149.00

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Another Lenten Meditation of the Passion on the Courage of Jesus after His prayer in the Garden:

“Jesus, desolate and full of extreme anguish, arose from prayer to seek some kind friend who would sympathize in His sorrows and administer consolation to His afflicted spirit, but there was none to whom He could address Himself. He approached His disciples, but they were sleeping: He then returned and again had recourse to prayer, but received no response from His eternal Father.

Restless in His agony, He came once more to His disciples and said, ‘Could you not watch one hour with me? Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’ Is it not to us, that these complaints and reproaches are addressed? Do you not sleep when we should watch and pray? Are you not afraid that you will fall into temptation?

“Jesus prays the third time, and is not heard. Then, falling into extreme agony, God His Father

sent an angel to strengthen and console Him. Learn from this to reject the consolation of man, and have recourse to God in all your afflictions; to pray to Him in fears and doubts, and implore His protection in danger.

Jesus strengthened by prayer came to His disciples, and said to them, ‘Sleep on now, and take your rest...the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man shall be betrayed into hands of sinners. Rise, let us go...’ Where did He obtain this courage? Through Prayer. Imitate your Master; accompany your King; follow your Captain. When it is necessary to resist a temptation, or vanquish a repugnance of nature, say to your base and sleepy heart [soul], Rise you who sleep, and Jesus Christ will enlighten you, strengthen you, defend you render you victorious over your enemies, and crown you with glory after death.”

Let us take Advantage of this season of Lent to find a greater degree of courage from Christ through prayer, just as our Lord demonstrated for us.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Holy Mass cancelation

There will be No Holy Mass on Monday, March 4th at Saint John the Baptist at 8AM.

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.

Lenten confessions

At St. John the Baptist Wed March 6 from 3-6PM.
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 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.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

Chrism Mass - Monday, March 25, 2024

2:00 PM Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains

City-Wide Lenten Mission at St. Peter's

The Cathedral is hosting a city-wide Lenten Mission entitled “Our Pledge of Future Glory” presented by Fr. Juan Diego Sutherland and Fr. Luke Joseph Leighton of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The mission will be offered at 11:00am and at 7:00pm each of the three days - pick the time each day that works with your schedule! The Mission will run Monday, March 11th - Wednesday, March 13th. Admission is free but free will offerings are greatly appreciated. The mission will also be live-streamed each day. See posters for further details.

Pro-Life 101 for Youth: Defending the Pro-Life

Position The Ptbo Pro-Life Association and the Ptbo Diocesan Youth Office presents an evening of Pro-life training and formation presented by Maeve Roche, the Youth Coordinator for Campaign Life Coalition. Join us for an evening of pro-life apologetics to equip yourself with the ability to better defend the pro-life position. Enjoy an informative talk, tasty snacks and fellowship with other pro-life youth on March 7th, 7-9PM at the Bishop Doyle Hall (317 Hunter St. West) Please note that this is a youth-tailored event and is free of charge.

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, 885 River Rd, 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

The Sisters of St. Joseph are pleased to announce that the history of their Congregation from 1851-

1951 has been published and is available, for purchase at \$40

If you wish to purchase a copy of Wide Sleeves, which is soft-cover and 500+ pages, contact Karen Moncrief-Kitchen at 705-745-1309, ext. 502 or email kmoncrief-kitchen@csjcanada.org. We hope you enjoy the book which was written by two of our Sisters: Sr. Veronica O'Reilly of Lindsay and Sr. Joan Driscoll of Peterborough.

Employment Opportunity Assistant to the Bishop

Please check diocese website for details.
<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/employment-opportunities.aspx>

GOSPEL John 2.13-25 of Sunday March 3

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”

His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” They then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body.

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about human nature, for he himself knew what was within the human person.