

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Apr 27 Vigil 5th Easter Sunday

4:00 PM + Rita Giardino from Susan and Joel Walton.

Sun., Apr 28 5th Easter Sunday

10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Mon., Apr 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor

St J 8:00 AM For intentions of Rick & Deb Cullen.

Tue., Apr 30 St. Marie De L'Incarnation, Religious

SH 8:00 AM + Paul Tran Thanh Tuan and Joseph Tran Minh Tuan.

Wed., May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

St J 8:00 AM For intentions of Catherine Offrerski from Marith Cullen.

Thu., May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

SH 8:00 AM + Theresa Clancy from Maureen Fitzpatrick.

Fri., May 3 St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

SH 8:00 AM + Jim Kelly from Pat and Margaret K.

Sat., May 4 Vigil 6th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM +Leonard Johnston from the family.

Sun., May 5 6th Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Weekly Collection April 21st \$ 1,306

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The last couple of weeks we have covered the importance of reverence and love for the Eucharist; both for ourselves and to preserve this reverence among others. As we said the Eucharist is the greatest Treasure given to us.

The Catholic Church has presented two options for receiving communion: On the tongue and in the hands. Both are permitted in the Catholic Church as long as due reverence towards the Eucharist is preserved. Although, among the two St. Thomas Aquinas encourages us to receive on the tongue saying, "Out of reverence towards this Sacrament, nothing touches it, but what is consecrated."

Sometimes receiving on the tongue may seem a bit odd and uncomfortable; we may be worried about germs or simply may have never done it before and don't feel comfortable changing. If due to germs - I will say that the times I touch a person's tongue is slim to none per mass. The Priest also goes through a process of purifying their hands soon just before the consecration and before distributing

communion. Communion on the tongue is a spiritual display and reminder that we are fed by Christ through the hands of a priest.

Some of you may have seen the Pelican image in the Church (*whether on a chasuble, stained glass window or painting*). Four Pelicans; the mother and her three young. First, this is a symbol of the Holy Trinity (One God – Three Persons). Second, the mother pelican is opening her side, remind us how Christ opened up His side (*pierced by the lance*) to give us the Eucharist. And thirdly, we can consider how the pelican feeds her young directly, in the mouth. This is a beautiful image we can consider how in the Mass we received the Eucharist from the Passion of Christ, from His wounded side (*blood and water*). Jesus Sacrifices Himself to feed us and he feeds us directly.

I simply open up the option again to consider receiving Communion on the tongue. If you do choose to continue to receive Communion in the hand, this serves as a reminder to have clean hands before communion.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Reminder The First Friday and First Saturday of the month is coming up, join us in the devotion to make a Communion of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. That's what Jesus and Mary have asked of us: to repair the sins of the world with prayer and penance for the conversion of sinners and for peace throughout the world. First Friday Mass is on May 3rd 6:30PM and First Saturday Mass is on May 4th 8:30AM both at Sacred Heart Church.

Feast day of St. Marie of the Incarnation

Tuesday April 30th is the feast day of St. Marie of the Incarnation. She is the patroness of the community of the Sisters serving at our parishes. A First Class Relic of St. Marie of the Incarnation will be displayed at Sacred Heart for veneration on Tuesday after the 8AM Holy Mass and all are invited to breakfast after the Holy Rosary.

Daily Homily Reflections

The Institute of the Incarnate Word priests, which is the religious family where Fr. Alex belongs, have a YouTube Channel – "CatholicVoice". In this

YouTube Channel they offer a daily reflection on the Gospel of the day, you are welcomed to watch and/or subscribe.

Saint John the Baptist Finance and Property Committee

We are still looking for someone within the parish community with financial and/or property knowledge to help with the Finance and Property Committee. If you are interested please contact Fr. Alex Salazar via email:

FrAlexSalazar@peterboroughdiocese.org

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 stjohndsacredheart@gmail.com

Altar Boy Group at Sacred Heart

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

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"

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

March For Life

In Ottawa, May 9, 2024. The day begins with 7:30 am Mass at the Cathedral. Bus leaves from there at 8:15 am, returns approx. 9 pm. Cost \$35 per person, \$50 per family and \$10 students. Priests and religious are free. To reserve please call Elizabeth, 705-292-7056. Please consider a donation if not attending.



Fr. Tom Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Tom's 40th Anniversary of Ordination will be celebrated on Sunday May 26th at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Mass 10:30AM reception to follow at Bishop Doyle Hall across from the Cathedral. All are welcome.

The Peterborough Filipino-Canadian Catholic

Community warmly invites you to come and enrich your faith at our monthly Filipino Mass every first Sunday of the month. Starting May 5th @ 4:00PM Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. All Are Welcome! Come and experience the joy of worshiping together as one community. For info contact Edd Panganiban at (905)441-6859 CP(647)609-7638

Martyrs' Shrine 2024 Spring Gala

Featuring Keynote – His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo on June 12, 2024 at 5:30 to 9PM. Special performance by the St. Michael's Choir School. Martyrs' Shrine The new director of the Martyr Shrine in Midland Orilla is Father John O'Brien SJ, who is well known in our area as a former headmaster of Our Lady of the Wayside School and former editor of our diocesan magazine, the Catholic Herald before being called to the priesthood. <https://martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala/>

GOSPEL John 15.1-8 of Sunday April 28

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

"Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."