

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

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.

Mon., May 6 St. François De Laval, Bishop

St J 8:00 AM For the Priests retired from pastoral ministries of the diocese of Ptbo.

Tue., May 7 Weekday Ferial

SH 8:00 AM For the Priests retired from pastoral ministries of the diocese of Ptbo.

Wed., May 8 Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine

St J 8:00 AM + Bella Buckley from Claudette Buckley.

Thu., May 9 Weekday Ferial

SH 7:30 AM + Finn & Hronn Haraldsson from Maria Raposo.

Fri., May 10 Saint John of Avilla, Priest, Doctor

SH 8:00 AM Pat Provosno from Frank & Diane C.

Sat., May 11 Vigil The Ascension of the Lord

4:00 PM +Carmen Lapello from Mary Anne and Debbie D'Altoe.

Sun., May 12 The Ascension of the Lord

10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Weekly Collection April 28th \$916.00

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

On Thursday, May 9th, thousands of Canadians will be walking in the March for Life on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The march had first began in 1998, with only several hundred. This year's march will be our 27th; this is an achievement of perseverance, but certainly not an achievement that we have had to march for so long with practically no progress in the defense of the truth.

The Catholic Church has always protected the Dignity of life from Conception to natural death. As the 'Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World' (*Gaudium et Spes*) says, "Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of Conception..." (*Gaudium et Spes*, 51). Therefore, it is our duty whether it is by giving witness, support or to pray for prolife causes. We are to seek in the most effective way to protect the sacredness of life. It can often be a temptation of apathy to think that someone else will step in and do it and that we do not need to do anything. But it is a grace of personal conviction to take matters into your own hands; even if its as simple yet vital as prayer.

The Prophet Isaiah also gives us a beautiful quote saying, "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will never forget you!" (*Isaiah 49:15-16*) Here our Lord shows his concern for each child in the womb of a mother. He says, 'borne' and not 'given birth to' this show that God's love for the child (and a mother's love for the child) begins at the moment of conception. God remember these individual children and how bless would we be to be the ones God recognized as the defenders of these unspoken voices.

Therefore, I encourage you to be a voice for these unborn; whether its by attending the March for Life. Or Praying for these souls and the for the Prolife Cause. On Thursday, May 9th there will be a Mass at Saint Peters-in Chain Cathedral at 7:30AM. The bus will leave to Ottawa immediately afterwards. Although you can not attend the March it would be nice to attend the Mass, and if you cannot do either – I do encourage you to pray, at least three Hail Mary's.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Feast day of Our Lady of Lujan

Wednesday May 8th is the feast day of Our Lady of Lujan, she is the Patroness of the Institute and as such has played a preeminent role in fostering her vocations and sustaining her missionaries.

In short, wherever the Institute has gone, Our Lady of Lujan has gone with her, and with her has spread the devotion to her. Join us on Wednesday for Holy Mass at 8AM at St. John the Baptist and all are invited to breakfast after the Holy Rosary.

Mass Time Change

On Thursday May 9th the Holy Mass will be at 7:30 AM at Sacred Heart Church.

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.

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.

To reserve please call Elizabeth, 705-292-7056.

Please consider a donation if not attending.

Outreach to the poor vocations event

All young adults are invited to join Fr. Stephen DeCarlo in an outreach to the poor vocations event on Saturday, May 18th, at Santa Cruz Parish in downtown Toronto. From 9AM-4PM, we will join the Hamilton-based Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ in service to the poor and experience a real taste of religious life. There will be time for Mass, Adoration, and a vocations Q&A hosted by Fr. Stephen and the Sisters. There is no cost associated with this event and any interested persons are invited to contact Fr. Stephen at frstephendecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org

St. Mary's Lindsay---Pro-Life Lunch and Learn

Join us at St. Mary's Church, Lindsay, on May 19th for a Pro-Life lunch and learn. Mass at 11AM, lunch at 12 noon in Parish Hall, Speakers from 1PM to 3:00PM. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00PM.

Priestly Ordinations often happen in the month of May, which means that many of our priests are celebrating important anniversaries.

Congratulations to Father Jim Sercely, who reaches the milestone of 50 years of priestly ministry this week! Other notable anniversaries include Father Tom Lynch and Father Richard Woloszyn (40 years), Father Paul Gemmiti and Father Brian McColl (30 years), Father Gerry Campeau (25 years) and Father Sany Sesaiah (20 years). May God continue to bless them all in His service!

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.

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 15.9-17 of Sunday May 5

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

"You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

"You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."