

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

- Sat., Sep 28 Vigil 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00 PM + Rebecca Jakins from Kathy Richards.
- Sun., Sep 29 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:30 AM For all parishioners.
- Mon., Sep 30 St. Jerome, Priest, Dr.**
St J 8:00 AM +Glenn and Joan Shaughnessy.
- Tue., Oct 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, Dr**
SH 8:00 AM For Walter and Olive Curtis.
- Wed., Oct 2 The Holy Guardian Angels**
St J 8:00 AM In thanksgiving.
- Thu., Oct 3 Ferial weekday**
SH 8:00 AM For the deceased members of the Sacred Heart Auxiliary.
- Fri., Oct 4 St. Francis of Assisi**
SH 8:00 AM + Thomas Okwara.
- Sat., Oct 5 Vigil 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 AM **First Saturday at Sacred Heart**
4:00 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Oct 6 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:30 AM +Glenn and Joan Shaughnessy.

Weekend of September 22		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00pm Saturday	47	\$ 822
10:30am Sunday	87	\$ 603.85
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	134	\$ 1,618.85
Special Collection fuel and church maintenance:	\$ 20	
Special Donation from Knight of Columbus:	\$ 2,000	
<i>Thank you for your generosity and support!</i>		

MESSAGE

Dear parishioners,

This past week we celebrated the Canadian Martyrs: Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, René Goupil, Jean de Lalande, Antoine Daniel, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier, Noël Chabanel. It is very important for us to know the lives of these great saints, because they are part of our history and identity as Catholics. They brought the seed of faith at the very beginning and planted the love of Christ in these lands and persevered in it until they bore witness with their own lives.

As Tertullian, an author from the 2nd century, wrote, "the blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church". We are the Church from these martyrs and

ultimately from Christ. As we reflect on their heroism and patient suffering, let us share our faith with others, let us plant the love of God and neighbor, and remain faithful to our conscience by avoiding sin to the point giving up of our own lives. In Christ,

Fr. Gaston

WEEKLY NEWS

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Information and introduction class Oct 23 at 6pm at Sacred Heart Basement.

This process, through which adults become fully initiated members of our Catholic faith community, will begin again this fall. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please contact M. Almah. The process involves a weekly commitment to formation sessions and participation at Sunday Mass. It is open to any unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian churches, and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation. Please contact M. Almah religionseducation@stjohnpeterborough.ca

Sacraments for children grades 2-8

- First Reconciliation classes, October to January Wednesdays 5:30pm-6:45pm (must be completed before first communion classes)

- First Holy Communion classes, February to June Wednesdays 5:30pm-6:45pm

For grades 7-12

- Confirmation classes, October to May, Thursdays 5:30pm - 6:45pm

Please contact Sr. Inmaculada at religionseducation@stjohnpeterborough.ca

Last weekend sisters garage sale at St. John

The sisters would like to thank all those who donated and contributed to this event. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Life Chain Sunday, October 6 from 2 - 3 pm

Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold signs with messages such as "Abortion kills children" & "Abortions hurts women" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us next Sunday

October 6 from 2-3pm. This is a family-friendly event appropriate for people of all ages. It's a unique opportunity to provide our neighbours with a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth. Remember how Our Lord asked His apostles: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mk 14:37) Arrive to pick up signs at Sacred Heart Church at 1:30-1:45 pm and proceed to Lansdowne St. Silent prayerful witness. Adoration and prayer to follow afterwards in the church. For more info call 705-772-1579 or visit www.peterboroughprolife.ca

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.

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 to 6:30PM.



Altar Boy Group at Sacred Heart

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

Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew - Upcoming dates Sept 19, Oct 3, 17 and 31.

Join the DRIVEN TO PRAISE prayer Group as we journey now through the Beatitudes 7pm – 8 pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. For more info contact Daniel @ DanielRozario@live.com or 647 928 6414.

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

Volunteers needed for my ministry to seniors

Fr. Andrew Bégin, the Chaplain to Seniors in our diocese, is in need of help. He needs volunteers. The roles for volunteers include:

- Assisting seniors from their rooms to the chapel
 - Proclaiming the readings
 - Bringing Communion to those unable to attend
- The times when he requires the most help are as follows:
- Tuesdays: 10:30 to 11:45 at Princess Gardens
 - Wednesdays: 9:00 to 10:30 at Peterborough Manor
 - Sundays: 9:00 to 10:30 at Rubidge Hall

Please contact the office if you are interested.

Women's Discernment Weekend

A discernment weekend in Quebec at the monastery of Abbey of Sainte-Marie des Deux-Montagnes on November 15-17. The purpose of the weekend will be to expose young women to an experience of contemplative life and to take some time away with God to discern His will. The cost is \$150 for the weekend. <https://forms.gle/NG7JrCJQJgjMoYe77> Questions contact Mary-Kate Long at marykatelong210@gmail.com.

St. Martin's Country Bazaar October 19th

At St. Martins parish hall Ennismore from 10am to 2pm. Admission \$2, light lunch/tea room \$5. There will be a raffle table, children's area, preserves, baking and locally made products for sale.

Leahy – The Next Generation St. Mary of the Visitation Parish in Campbellford has organized a fundraiser with this well-known musical family on Oct. 6th at 2pm at the Stirling Festival Theatre. For tickets call St. Mary's Parish, at 705-653-1093.

GOSPEL September 29

After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us.

"For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the rewards."

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.

"If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for your to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched."