

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

- Sat., Nov 30 Vigil 1st Sunday of Advent**
4:00 PM + Glen and Joan Shaughnessy.
- Sun., Dec 1 1st Sunday of Advent**
10:30 AM For all parishioners.
- Mon., Dec 2 Ferial Weekday**
St J 8:00 AM + Glen and Joan Shaughnessy.
- Tue., Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest**
SH 8:00 AM For the intentions of Fr. Alex Salazar from Krystyna Stanton.
- Wed., Dec 4 St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor**
St J 8:00 AM For the intentions of Fr. Alex Salazar from Yvan and Andrea Lac.
- Thu., Dec 5 Ferial weekday**
SH 8:00 AM For the deceased member of the Sacred Heart Auxiliary.
- Fri., Dec 6 St. Nicholas Bishop**
SH 8:00 AM For Fr. Alex and Fr. Gaston from Hendrick and Donna Jongsma.
- Sat., Dec 7 Vigil 2nd Sunday of Advent**
4:00 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Dec 8 2nd Sunday of Advent**
10:30 AM For the intentions of Fr. Alex Salazar from Yvan and Andrea Lac.

Weekend of November 24		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00pm Saturday	54	\$ 350
10:30am Sunday	120	\$ 642
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	174	\$ 1,185
Special donation Fuel and maintenance \$5		
<i>Thank you for your generosity and support!</i>		

MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we begin the beautiful season of Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin ad-ventus and the Greek parousia, both pointing to the coming of the Lord. Advent is a sacred time of preparation as we await the birth of Jesus at Christmas and look forward to His glorious return at the end of time.

In this holy season, the Church invites us to embrace the spirit of waiting, watching, and keeping vigil. These are not passive actions but a call to

attentive hearts and active faith. To wait for Christ means to desire Him; to watch means to stay alert in prayer; and to keep vigil is to remain steadfast in hope, trusting in His promises.

The fruit of this Advent season will depend on how deeply we recognize our necessity for Christ. If Christ is not important in our lives, then we will not feel the need to prepare for his coming. But if he really is important, then there will be a worthy preparation for him in our souls. Advent calls us to feel the need of Christ. Let us make room in our hearts for the One who comes to save.

May this Advent be a time of grace for you and your families, as we journey together toward the joy of Christmas.

In Christ, Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE

WEEKLY NEWS

Job Opportunity!

Sacred Heart Parish is excited to announce the reopening of its parish office at 208 Romaine Street. We are seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant. Office hours are Wednesdays and Fridays, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. If interested, please contact Fr. Gaston at 705-750-8956 or via email at frgastongiacinti@peterboroughdiocese.org

Sacred Heart Annual Memorial Wish Tree

This year's Mass will be on Dec. 21st at 5p.m. There will be Christmas carols prior to the Holy Mass and a light reception following the Mass. To participate please fill out a form found at the entrance of the parish.

Word of God Merchandise Sale – Dec 8th

Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Evangelize through Scripture verses 'Hesed Garments' was born to bring this vision to fruition in our community. The Word 'Hesed' has its origin from the Hebrew language meaning 'Steadfast Love' – God's Covenant Love for his People. We have Products that infuse Sacred Scriptures into everyday life like T-shirts, Tote bags, Kitchen Towels, Aprons, Throw Cushions with The Word of God on them. Our Products will be on Sale at your parish (Sacred Heart & St Johns) on December 8th after the morning mass, this could be a great Christmas Gift for your family and friends as we celebrate this

beautiful Season. Contact Nithya / Daniel @ Hessedgarments@gmail.com for further info.

Advent Confessions

Next weekend we start a new liturgical year with the Season of Advent. We will have Advent Confessions at Sacred Heart on Friday December 6th from 5pm to 6:30pm and at St. John's on Friday December 13th from 5pm to 6pm.

Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Wednesday December 11th at 7pm we will have a Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. John's Church, followed by a presentation and a potluck in the basement of the Church. Everyone is invited.

Christmas Play

Sister Inmaculada with the Catholic Missionary Children of our parish and St. John's School is organizing the Christmas Play for Friday December 13th at 6pm at St. John's School. Save the date!

Tradition of the Blessing of the Bambinelli

at both parishes, on the December 14th and 15th everyone is invited to bring the Baby Jesus figurines from their home Nativity sets to the Church for a special blessing.

Christmas Activity – The Posadas

From December 16th through December 23rd at 6:00 pm we will have The Posadas. Come and join to renew your spirit as we approach Christmas.

Monday 16th at St. John's
Tuesday 17th at Sacred Heart
Wednesday 18th at St. John's
Thursday 19th at Sacred Heart
Sunday 22nd at St. John's
Monday 23rd at Sacred Heart

Christmas Concert

Friday Dec 20 at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church by "The Sacred Heart Children's Choir and bellringers" directed by Mr. Randy Mills and sponsored by the Traditional Latin Mass. You are all invited.

Christmas Schedule

Tue. Dec. 24th 3:00pm at St. John's - Confessions
Tue. Dec. 24th 4:00pm at St. John's - Holy Mass
Tue. Dec. 24th 5:30pm at Sacred H. - Holy Mass
Wed. Dec. 25th 8:00 am at Sacred H. - Confessions
Wed. Dec. 25th 9:00 am at Sacred H. - Holy Mass
Wed. Dec. 25th 10:30am at St. John's - Holy Mass

Wed. Dec. 25th 12:00pm at Sacred Heart - Confessions
Wed. Dec. 25th 12:00pm at Sacred Heart – Traditional Latin Mass

Holy Mary Mother of God – New Year Schedule

Tue. Dec. 31st 3:00pm at St. John's - Confessions
Tue. Dec. 31st 4:00pm at St. John's - Holy Mass
Tue. Dec. 31st 5:30pm at Sacred Heart - Holy Mass
Tue. Dec. 31st 11pm-12am at St. John's - Adoration
Wed. Dec. 1st 8:00am at Sacred Heart - Confessions
Wed. Dec. 1st 9:00am at Sacred Heart - Holy Mass
Wed. Dec. 1st 10:30am at St. John's - Holy Mass
Wed. Dec. 1st 12:00pm at Sacred Heart - Confessions
Wed. Dec. 1st 12:00pm at Sacred Heart - T Latin Mass

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

Pilgrims of Hope---Jubilee Year 2025 Jubilee Opening Mass will be on Dec. 29th, 2024, 10:30 am at St. Peter-In-Chains, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm. The faithful will be asked to gather outside the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will all 'pilgrimage' across the street to St. Peter's for the celebration of Holy Mass. Plenary Indulgences available for the pilgrimage.

Volunteers needed for the Rosary program

The Diocesan Rosary program in our schools is now in full swing! We need volunteers who will be willing to go into the schools for ½ day a couple of times a month. Training is provided as all supplies. Volunteers may contact Maria Fitzgerald at 705-740-3991

GOSPEL Luke 21.25-28, 34-36 of Sun. Dec. 1

Jesus spoke to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."