

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

- Sat., Jan 25** Vigil of the 3rd Sunday in OT
4:00 PM For Noreen Allen from the Family.
- Sun., Jan 26** The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM For all Parishioners.
- Mon., Jan 27** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
St J 8:00 AM +Conrad Maclsaac
From Steve and Bonnie Jalsevac.
- Tue., Jan 28** St. Thomas Aquinas
SH 8:00 AM +Terry Bolger
From Dolly Bolger.
- Wed., Jan 29** Ferial Weekday
St J 8:00AM Intentions of Larry & Elizabeth Donald
From Dave and Rosemary Hotrum.
- Thu., Jan 30** Ferial Weekday
SH 8:00 AM For the Intentions of Mary Porter
From the SSVM Sisters.
- Fri., Jan 31** St. John Bosco, Priest
SH 8:00 AM Intentions of Theresa Beresford
From Astrid Nordholt
- Sat., Feb 1** Vigil of the Presentation of the Lord
8:30 AM First Saturday at Sacred Heart
4:00 PM +Don Stante
From the Family.
- Sun., Feb 2** The Presentation of the Lord
10:30 AM For all Parishioners.

Last Weekend – January 19		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00pm Saturday	54	\$ 302
10:30am Sunday	95	\$ 620
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	149	\$ 1015
Special donation: fuel and Maintenance: \$25		
<i>Thank you for your generosity and support!</i>		

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,
This past week, we observed “the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”, as I mentioned in the last bulletin. In many parts of the world, it was also a time dedicated to “Prayer for the Unborn and the End of the sin of Abortion”. This week of prayer is often commemorated on January 22nd, marking the anniversary of the tragic 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion in the United

States. That decision has claimed the lives of countless innocent children and left profound scars on families and communities. St. John Paul II reminds us in Evangelium Vitae (#62): “Paul VI was able to declare that this tradition is unchanged and unchangeable. Therefore, BY THE AUTHORITY WHICH CHRIST CONFERRED UPON PETER AND HIS SUCCESSORS, in communion with the Bishops, I DECLARE THAT DIRECT ABORTION, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, ALWAYS CONSTITUTES A GRAVE MORAL DISORDER, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being. This doctrine is based upon the natural law and upon the written Word of God, is transmitted by the Church’s Tradition and taught by the ordinary and universal Magisterium.” All Catholics are bound by this truth, as it is given by a Saint Pope speaking with the authority of Christ.

Thanks to the sacrifice, prayer, and perseverance of many people over the years, and to the guidance of good leaders, Roe v. Wade was overturned on June 24, 2022, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Since then, abortion laws have been left to the individual states, but the battle to defend life is far from over. Our role as faithful Christians is to always promote life and also to care for and offer healing to those who have been affected by abortion—whether by procuring, advising, or supporting it. Let us be witnesses to the mercy of God, showing that forgiveness and hope are always possible through His infinite love. Let us continue to pray and work for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death, trusting in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

God bless you
Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE.

WEEKLY NEWS

Reminder

Next Sat. Feb 1, is first Saturday devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Pro-Life at Sacred Heart Church: Rosary at 8:00 am and Holy Mass 8:30 am, Follow refreshments.

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 stjohnandsacredheart@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:

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope:

World Day for Consecrated Life St. Mary’s Lindsay
Join us February 2nd when St. Mary’s Lindsay celebrates the year of Jubilee and the World Day of Consecrated Life. Our schedule is as follows:

- 10:30 a.m. Blessing of the candles (please leave your candles on the stairs of the altar for blessing)
10:45 a.m. Parishioners pick up their blessed candles
11:00 a.m. Mass offered by his Excellency Bishop Miehm
12:15 p.m. Reception in the parish hall at St. Mary School

St. Peter’s Cemetery St. Peter’s Cemetery is a not-for-profit organization and offers flower stand rental and watering, monument cleaning and contrary to popular belief, is NOT FULL! There are several burial options available. St. Peter’s Cemetery in Peterborough is looking for a replacement riding tractor to maintain our grounds. If anyone has a used riding tractor for sale, please let us know. For more info or to set up an appointment please contact Alexis Robertson Stpeterscemetery@bellnet.ca or 705-742-9951

GOSPEL Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21 of Sun Jan 26

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom.

He stood up to read, and the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and

recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

Then he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."