

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Mar 22 Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM For Rita Johnston from the family.

Sun., Mar 23 The 3rd Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Mon., Mar24 Lenten Weekday
St J 8:00 AM + Doris Peoples from Maria Raposo.

Tue., Mar 25 The Annunciation of the Lord
SH 8:00 AM For the intentions of Eric and Marlaine Ramsbottom from M. Mary Ramsbottom.

Wed. Mar 26 Lenten Weekday
St J 8:00 AM + Doris Peoples from Maria Raposo.

Thu., Mar 27 Lenten Weekday
SH 8:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass from a parishioner.

Fri., Mar 28 Lenten Weekday
SH 8:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass from a parishioner.

Sat., Mar 29 Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM For all souls from a parishioner.

Sun., Mar 30 The 4th Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Last Weekend – March 8		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00pm Saturday	56	\$ 385
10:30am Sunday	80	\$ 562
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	136	\$ 1,140
Special donation: Fuel & maintenance \$5		
Thank you for your generosity and support!		

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

As we journey through the holy season of Lent, our community accompanies those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil. Through Baptism one becomes a son/daughter of God. Through Confirmation one receives the Holy Spirit and becomes a soldier of Christ. Through Holy Communion one receives the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ.

Among the most significant steps in this preparation are the “Three Scrutinies”, special rites celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of

Lent. The Scrutinies are based on the Gospel readings from John and are intended to strengthen the catechumens by uncovering and healing what is weak and strengthening what is good. They invite the entire community to a deeper conversion, as we reflect on our own need for God’s mercy and transformation.

1) **First Scrutiny**, which is the Third Sunday of Lent, we have the passage of the Samaritan Woman at the Well. This scrutiny focuses on the living water that Christ offers to quench our deepest spiritual thirst.

2) **Second Scrutiny**, which is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we have the passage of the Man Born Blind. Here, the theme is spiritual enlightenment. The man born blind receives both physical and spiritual sight, symbolizing the journey of faith.

3) **Third Scrutiny**, which is the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we have the passage of the Raising of Lazarus. This final scrutiny emphasizes Christ as the Lord of life.

Through these rites, the catechumens are prepared to fully embrace their new life in Christ at the Easter Vigil. As a parish, let us pray fervently for our catechumens, supporting them by our intercession.

Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE

WEEKLY NEWS

Holy Thursday – April 17th
6:00pm Mass of the Last Supper at Sacred Heart by Fr. Stephen DeCarlo
7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper at St. John’s by Fr. Gaston Giacinti
7:30pm TLMass at Sacred Heart by Fr. Neil Roy

Good Friday – April 18th
10:00am Stations of the Cross at the Cathedral
1:00pm TLCeremony of the Passion at Sacred Heart by Fr. Neil Roy
3:00pm Ceremony of the Passion at Sacred Heart by Fr. Gaston Giacinti
4:30pm Ceremony of the Passion at St. John’s by Fr. Stephen DeCarlo

Easter Vigil – April 19th
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart by Fr. Gaston Giacinti (concelebrated by Fr. Stephen DeCarlo)
10:30pm TLMass at Sacred Heart by Fr. Neil Roy

Volunteers The Diocese has required that all volunteers must be screened so if you are a volunteer at either Sacred H. or St Johns and have not been contacted yet, please reach out to Nithya Rozario @ 416 558 2562/ nithyavathi@gmail.com at the earliest or Ann Kennedy 705 742 8534.

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.

Way of the Cross 2025
On Good Friday, April 18th, 2025, the young people will once again reenact the Stations of the Cross in the streets of downtown Peterborough! Beginning with a prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains at 10:00 AM, the young actors will don period-authentic costumes and re-present Jesus' Passion and crucifixion at each intersection along Hunter Street, concluding on the front steps of Immaculate Conception Parish. It is a powerful and moving testimony of faith from our young people and it is an inspiring event for both young and old. All are welcome!

Priestly Ordination of Deacon Peter Bissonnette
It is with great joy that we announce that Peter Bissonnette will be ordained to the priesthood on May 30th, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, Peterborough! All are welcome!

GOSPEL Luke 15.1-3, 11-32 of Sat. March 22

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So Jesus told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the



younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

“When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

“But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’

“So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

“Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’

“Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’

“Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”