

## MASS SCHEDULE - Sacred Heart

<b>Sat., Mar 29</b>	<b>Vigil of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 5:30 PM For all Parishioners.
<b>Sun., Mar 30</b>	<b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass from a parishioner. Latin 12:00 PM Latin Mass.
<b>Mon., Mar 31</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> St J 8:00 AM + Doris Peoples from Maria Raposo.
<b>Tues., April 1</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> SH 8:00 AM Thanksgiving from a parishioner.
<b>Wed., April 2</b>	<b>St. Francis of Paula, hermit</b> St J 8:00 AM + Georgina Da Costa from Bonnie Jalsevac.
<b>Thu, April 3</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> SH 8:00 AM + Marilyn Cerveney from Pat and Margaret Kelly.
<b>Fri., April 4</b>	<b>St. Isidore, Bishop, Doctor</b> SH 8:00 AM + Mrs. Christine Kennedy from Mike and Carla Gorman.
	SH 6:30 PM First Friday Mass
<b>Sat., April 5</b>	<b>Vigil of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 5:30 PM For all parishioners.
	SH 8:30 AM First Saturday Mass
<b>Sun., April 6</b>	<b>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 9:00 AM +Del Burke from Wayne and Pat Johnston. Latin 12:00 PM Latin Mass.

Weekend of March 23		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
5:30pm Saturday	40	\$ 461
9:00am Sunday	100	\$ 1,498
5:00pm Sunday(Latin)	97	\$ -
Online donations:		\$ 224
<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>-</b>
Special donation: For Boiler on March 23	\$900	
March 16	\$2,100	
<i>Thank you for your generosity and support!</i>		

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, we reflect on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The key to understanding this parable is found in the opening verse: "The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to him, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So to them he addressed this parable".

The phrase "to them" reveals the purpose of the parable: it is directed at the Pharisees and scribes, who were criticizing Jesus for welcoming sinners. It is also noteworthy that the Gospel refers to "this parable" in the singular, even though Jesus actually tells three parables: 1- "What man among you having a hundred sheep...?" (a man's perspective); 2- "What woman having ten coins...?" (a woman's perspective); 3- "A man had two sons..." (God's perspective). For Jesus, these three parables form one unified teaching. The message is clear: If a man rejoices upon finding a lost sheep...; If a woman rejoices upon finding a lost coin...; Then how much more does God and the angels rejoice when a sinner repents?

Regarding the Prodigal Son, when he says: "I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you...'" The Fathers of the Church see this as an image of the Sacrament of Confession. This coming Saturday, April 5th, we will observe the "Jubilee Day of Grace." Throughout the Diocese, all parishes will offer Confessions at different times. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to receive the Lord's mercy.

Also, please remember that one the Precepts of the Church obliges us to receive Holy Communion and go to Confession at least once a year, especially during the Easter season (Canon 920 and 989).

God bless you. Fr. Gaston Giacinti

## WEEKLY NEWS

**Bake Sale** "The Catholic Missionary Children Oratory" will have a bake sale at the entrance of the Church next weekend to raise funds to help children in need. Please support their efforts to do almsgiving.

### Holy Communion for the homebound

The Blessed Sacrament is the greatest treasure God has left us on earth: Himself. Because of this, the Church has always taken great care to ensure that we treat it with due respect and reverence.

One of the ministries directly related to the Blessed Eucharist is bringing Holy Communion to the homebound. Every Thursday, we have two ministers who bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Please let us know if you know someone in need so we can arrange to bring them Holy Communion. The Blessed Sacrament can be brought ONLY by a priest or

an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. For practical and safety reasons, we will NOT be distributing the Eucharist to the homebound during the 'Communion Line' at Mass. Instead, it will be given only to Eucharistic Ministers after Mass. Fr. Gaston G. **Parish office at Sacred Heart** We will be relocating "the Sacred Heart Parish Office" back to the rectory of Sacred Heart. We are pleased to welcome our new secretary, Nithya Rozario. We invite you to an Open House on the weekend of April 5th and 6th. After each Holy Mass, you are welcome to visit the new offices and meet our new secretary. The office will be open starting April 9th. Office hours will be Wednesday and Friday from 3PM to 5PM.

### Bible Study Reminder on the Gospel of Matthew -

#### Upcoming Classes - April 10<sup>th</sup> & April 24<sup>th</sup> at St. John

Join the DRIVEN TO PRAISE prayer Group as we journey now through the Gospel of St. Matthew 7pm - 8 pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. For more info contact Daniel 647 928 6414.

**Prolife Annual Meeting** The Peterborough Prolife Annual General Meeting will be on Sat, April 12th at 12 noon at Knights of Columbus Hall, Reid St. Guest Speaker: Jakki Jeffs, Alliance for Life. Light lunch is provided. Members and non-members invited to attend. 705 772 7579 peterboroughprolife.ca

### Holy Thursday – April 17th

6:00pm Mass of the Last Supper at Sacred Heart  
7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper at St. John's  
7:30pm TL Mass at Sacred Heart

### Good Friday – April 18th

10:00am Stations of the Cross at the Cathedral  
1:00pm TL Ceremony of the Passion at Sacred Heart  
3:00pm Ceremony of the Passion at Sacred Heart  
4:30pm Ceremony of the Passion at St. John's

### Easter Vigil – April 19th

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart  
10:30pm TL Mass at Sacred Heart

## GOSPEL Luke 15.1-3, 11-32 of Sun. March 30

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 he told them a 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 the father 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. The young man 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. The slave replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'

"Then the elder son 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.'"

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