

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Mar 1	Vigil of the 8th Sunday in OT
4:00 PM	For the 4pm ushers and helpers from Carol Whiteside.
SH 8:30	First Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart.
Sun., Mar 2	The 7h Sunday in OT
10:30 AM	For all parishioners.
Mon., Mar 3	Ferial Weekday
St J 8:00 AM	For Bernard and Fran Ironside from Joey Craigen.
Tue., Mar 4	St. Casimir
SH 8:00 AM	For Intentions of Eric and Marlaine Ramsbottom from Mary Ramsbottom.
Wed., Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
St J 8:00AM	+Janet Shea from Stephen and Bonnie Jalsevac.
St. J 9:30 AM	School Mass at St. John the Baptist.
SH 5:00 PM	Mass at Sacred Heart.
SH 7:00 PM	Traditional Latin Mass at Sacred Heart.
Thu., Mar 6	Ash Thursday
SH 8:00 AM	+ Peggy Scott from Dolly Bolger.
Fri., Mar 7	Ash Friday
SH 8:00 AM	Wyatt Cullen from Martin Cullen.
SH 6:30 PM	First Friday Mass at Sacred Heart.
Sat., Mar 8	Vigil of the 8 th Sunday in OT
4:00 PM	For all parishioners.
Sun., Mar 9	The 8 th Sunday in OT
10:30 AM	For Michael and Stephanie Santos and family from Larry and Elizabeth Santos.

Last Weekend – February 23		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00pm Saturday	78	\$ 566
10:30am Sunday	64	\$ 960
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	142	\$ 1,719
Special donation: Fuel & maintenance \$90		
Thank you for your generosity and support!		

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent, the Gospel this Sunday invites us to reflect on the condition of our hearts. In Luke 6:39-45, Jesus teaches us using vivid images—a blind person leading

another blind person, a disciple becoming like his teacher, and a tree known by its fruit.

One of the most challenging parts of this passage is Jesus’ call to remove the wooden beam from our own eye before noticing the splinter in our brother’s eye. How often do we criticize others while ignoring our own faults? True discipleship requires humility—an openness to recognize our weaknesses and seek God’s grace for transformation.

Jesus also reminds us that “from the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks.” Our words and actions reveal what is within us. If our hearts are filled with resentment, pride, or selfishness, that will inevitably show in how we treat others. But if we allow God to purify our hearts through prayer, confession, and acts of charity, then we will bear good fruit—words that uplift, deeds that serve, and a witness that draws others closer to Christ.

As we approach Lent, let us take this Gospel to heart. Let us ask the Lord to open our eyes to our own need for conversion. May our words and actions reflect the love of Christ, and may we strive to be “good trees” that bear abundant fruit for His glory.

God bless you

Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE.

WEEKLY NEWS

Palms

Please bring your old palms to the office during office hours, they will be used for Ash Wednesday ashes. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3:30 to 5pm.

All You Can Eat Shrove Tuesday Supper

Join us on Tuesday, March 4th from 4:00-6:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church Hall. \$10 per person, tickets at the door for Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit salad and more.

Ash Wednesday - March 5

-Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of ‘Fasting’ (only one full meal) and ‘Abstinence’ (from meat).

-All Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of ‘abstinence from meat’ from age 14 onwards. Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until 59 (except in case of illness).

Ash Wednesday – March 5 schedule of Masses

8:00 am Mass at St. John the Baptist

9:30 am School Mass at St. John the Baptist

5:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

7:00 pm Traditional Latin Mass at Sacred Heart

The Way of the Cross (The Stations of the Cross)

The way of the Cross will be guided every Friday during Lent, at Saint John the Baptist at 12:00 AM & at Sacred Heart at 6:30 PM, or if First Friday after the 6:30PM Mass. Way of the Cross pamphlets will also be available throughout Lent for those who would like to come at another convenient time.

This Friday is first Friday of the month and of Lent.

The schedule is as followed:

6:40-7:40 am Adoration, morning prayer

8:00 am Holy Mass at Sacred Heart

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. John's

1:30 pm – 6:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as usual

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Confessions

6:30 pm Holy Mass at Sacred Heart

7:15 pm Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart

There will be “NO Altar Servers Meeting” this Friday, though they are encourage to come to the activities.

Jubilee year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope: This coming Friday and Saturday March 7th and 8th we have “24 hours for the Lord”. In different parishes of our Diocese there will be Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament. At Sacred Heart there will be the usual Adoration Friday from 6:40am to 7:40am and from 1:30pm to 6:30pm.

Presentation for Lent March 8th and March 9th

Next weekend, Fr. Gaston will present a PowerPoint on the chronology of the Gospel events, focusing on the week before the Passion, Passion Week, and the timeline of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The presentation will include maps, times, and locations.

Saturday, March 8th – Sacred Heart Church, after the 5:30 PM Mass (in the basement).

Sunday, March 9th – Saint John’s, after the 10:30 AM Mass (in the basement).

All are welcome!

Tax Receipts The tax receipts **are ready** for pick up at the entrance of the church. The Federal

Government, CRA, has confirm an extension for charitable donations. Parishioners may request, in writing or via email, to the parish office if they would like individual tax receipts for January and February 2025 to utilize in 2024. Receipts for these two months can be used in either 2024 or 2025.

Volunteers The Diocese of Peterborough has required, that all volunteers in any capacity must be screened through the Diocese Volunteer screening Program, so if you are a volunteer at either Sacred Heart or St Johns and have not been contacted yet for the screening, please reach out to Nithya Rozario @ 416 558 2562/ nithyavathi@gmail.com at the earliest or Ann Kennedy +17057428534.

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
3. Then after selecting the Church, click on “Next”.
4. Fill in your name & email to create an account.
5. Then Select “Sign Up”

GOSPEL Mark 10.13-16 of Saturday March 1

People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

And Jesus took the children up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

