

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Apr 5 Vigil of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
4:00 PM + Frank Harrington from Mary Swift.

Sun., Apr 6 The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
10:30 AM For All Parishioners.

Mon., Apr 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest  
St J 8:00 AM For Father Salvador.

Tue., Apr 8 Lenten Weekday  
SH 8:00 AM For the intentions of Eric & Marlaine Ramsbottom from Mary Ramsbottom.

Wed. Apr 9 Lenten Weekday  
SH 8:00 AM For the intentions of Lloyd and Liz Cullen from Martin Cullen.

Thu., Apr 10 Lenten Weekday  
SH 8:00 AM For Betty Sheehan from Dolly Bolger.

Fri., Apr 11 St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr  
SH 8:00 M For Rachel Ayotte from Dolly Bolger.

Sat., Apr 12 Vigil of Palm Sunday  
4:00 PM + Tom Swift from Mary Swift.

Sun., Apr 13 Palm Sunday  
10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Last Weekend – March 30		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00pm Saturday	34	\$ 249
10:30am Sunday	30	\$ 212
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	64	\$ 654
Special donation: Fuel & maintenance \$10 Poinsettias \$139		
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the days of the events of our salvation, it is good to reflect on the ways in which the Passion of Christ was the cause of our salvation. St. Thomas Aquinas, in *Summa Theologiae* III, Q. 48, Art. 6, teaches that there is a twofold efficient cause: the principal and the instrumental. The **principal efficient cause** of man’s salvation is God Himself. However, since Christ’s humanity is the “instrument of the Divinity,” all of Christ’s actions and sufferings operate **instrumentally**, by the power of His

Godhead, for the salvation of mankind. Therefore, Christ’s Passion brings about our salvation **efficiently**.

Let us now consider the **manners** in which the Passion of Christ caused our salvation:

1.**By efficiency**, in relation to His Divinity. Only the Divine Nature could offer a price of infinite value. Thus, the Passion of Christ, as united to His Divinity, efficiently brought about our salvation.

2. **By merit**, in relation to the will of the soul of Christ. Since merit arises from acts of the will, Christ merited salvation for us through His freely accepted sufferings.

3. **By satisfaction**, in relation to the flesh of Christ. Because the flesh is capable of receiving punishment, Christ, through His bodily suffering, satisfied the debt we owed and freed us from the penalty of sin.

4.**By redemption**, in relation to the price of His blood. As Scripture says, *“Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin”* (Heb 9:22), and *“By your blood you ransomed for God those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation”* (Rev 5:9). The Passion of Christ redeemed us by paying the price of our sins.

5.**By sacrifice**, in relation to the offering of His Passion to God. Christ’s offering was a true and perfect sacrifice, reconciling humanity with God.

As we enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ’s Passion during this sacred time, let us renew our gratitude for the immense love He showed us on the Cross. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who stood at the foot of the Cross, help us to contemplate the mystery of our salvation with faith and love.

God bless you all.

Fr. Gaston Giacinti

WEEKLY NEWS

**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.

**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 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

**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 at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains at 10:00 AM, concluding on the front steps of Immaculate Conception Parish.

**Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope:**

Save the Date Closing Celebration of the Year of the Sacred Heart: On the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday June 27, 2025, at 3:30 pm, please join His Excellency Bishop Miehm and the parishioners of our northern parishes at Sacred Heart Parish, Trout Creek, for the closing Mass celebration of the 350th Anniversary Year of the messages of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Program begins with Adoration and confessions 11-3, Holy Mass 3:30 pm and reception to follow.

**GOSPEL** John 8.1-11of Sun. April 6

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before the people, they said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. In the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They said this to test Jesus, so that they might have some charge to bring against him.

Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When the scribes and Pharisees kept on questioning him, Jesus straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once again Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground.

When the scribes and Pharisees heard what Jesus had said, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”