

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Aug 9 Vigil of 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 pm + Augustino Angel Martinez.  
Sun., Aug 10 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 am For all parishioners.  
Mon. Aug 11 St. Claire, Virgin  
8:00 am In thanksgiving for graces received.  
Tue., Aug 12 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM  
Wed. Aug 13 St. Pontian, Pope & St. Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs  
8:00 am For all parishioners.  
Thu., Aug 14 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM  
Fri., Aug 15 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM  
Sat., Aug 16 Vigil of 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 pm For all parishioners.  
Sun., Aug 17 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 am For Duncan & Jean McRae from the family.

Last Weekend – August 3		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	52	\$ 662
10:30 am Sunday	58	\$ 470
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	110	\$ 1,325
Special donation: Special donation \$1,900 Fuel and maintenance \$395 Youth, vocations \$580		
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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

As the summer continues, many of us are enjoying a much-needed time of rest, travel, and quality moments with family and friends. Vacation is a beautiful gift - not only a break from our usual routines but also a time to renew our bodies, refresh our minds, and deepen our relationships. Even our Lord Jesus Himself took time to withdraw from the crowds to pray and rest with His disciples. Rest is not idleness - it is part of God’s design. He gave us the Sabbath not only as a commandment but as a blessing: a time to be re-centered in Him. It is a time in which we can re-focus our life and see our activities from outside.

I encourage you, during this vacation season, to keep Christ at the heart of your rest. Wherever you go - whether near or far - make time for prayer and please don’t forget to attend Sunday Mass. A vacation with God is not only relaxing - it’s renewing for the soul. Also, you can do a Confession as part of your renewal (don’t forget we must do it at least once a year).

And for those who are not able to travel or take time off, know that rest can also be found in small, quiet moments, in a walk, a conversation, or time spent with the Lord in the silence of your heart.

Let us pray for one another - for safe travels, for joyful reunions, and for a spirit of peace that prepares us to return to our daily work with greater love and zeal. May our Blessed Mother protect us. God bless you.

Fr. Gaston

WEEKLY NEWS

Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew – August 14th at St. John’s 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.

Musical Play Christine Helferty, our organist at the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart, is presenting an original one-act, two-person musical called "Past the Limit" on August 22, 23, and 24 at the Peterborough Theatre Guild. Tickets can be purchased at christinehelferty.com. The story is about love, loss, and the sacred place where shared suffering transforms hearts.”

Sacramental Preparation Program 2025-2026  
First Reconciliation grades 2-12 (October-January), First Holy Communion grades 2 -12 (February- May), Confirmation grades 7-12 (October - May) The website has the pre-registration form.

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.

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

Summer Social by Peterborough 20s and 30s Group - August 17Calling all Catholics in their 20s and 30s in the Peterborough and surrounding areas to join us for a summer social! Please spread the word and personally invite your friends. Sunday, August 17th. 6pm sports and visiting, 8pm bonfire. For questions and location, text 343-369-8739 or email peterborough20sand30s@gmail.com.

150th Anniversary of St. Mary’s Grafton  
Please join us in celebrating our 150th Anniversary with His Excellency Bishop Miehm on August 17 at the 10 am Mass followed by cake & coffee. Other events scheduled: Golf Tournament on August 15, 2:30 pm, August 16, 11 am Cemetery Mass followed by a BBQ. All are welcome to attend.

We’re also preparing a 9-day Novena leading up to the weekend (August 9–17), with guest priests presiding each day as we honour Our Lady of the Assumption. Please help us spread the word. Forward this to anyone—family, friends, former parishioners—who might have a bond with St. Mary’s. We’re hoping to reconnect with as many hearts as possible. If you’re interested in supporting the event financially or volunteering, please contact: Michael Mullin mmullinkofc@gmail.com 416-300-8680

Funds raised from this event will assist with the restoration of the church windows and the Big Red Barn—landmarks many parishioners remember fondly from their youth.

August 15---Jubilee Mass Huntsville  
Jubilee Mass celebrating Marian spirituality at St. Mary of the Assumption, Huntsville. Mass at 10 am and reception to follow.



GOSPEL Luke 12.13-21 of Sunday August 3

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he[a] would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?” And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.