

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Aug 23 Vigil of 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 pm + Silvano (Frank) D’Altoe from his family.

Sun., Aug 24 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 am For all parishioners.

Mon. Aug 25 Ferial Weekday  
8:00 am For Sr. Krolowa.

Tue., Aug 26 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Wed. Aug 27 St. Monica  
8:00 am + Don Stante from the family.

Thu., Aug 28 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Fri., Aug 29 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Sat., Aug 30 Vigil of 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 pm For all parishioners.

Sun., Aug 31 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 am For Vincent Daniel Maloney and family.

Last Weekend – August 17		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	44	\$ 342
10:30 am Sunday	61	\$ 485
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	105	\$ 1,020
Special donation: Fuel and maintenance \$10		
Thank you for your generosity and support!		

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In this Sunday’s Gospel, *“Someone asked Jesus, ‘Lord, will only a few people be saved?’ He answered them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow gate’”* Jesus did not answer his question by saying yes or no. What advantage would it do for him? But He immediately focuses on what is important: *“Strive, strive to enter through the narrow gate”*. This is the message for this weekend: to strive.

*“After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door”* this is when we died. Then Jesus adds *“then you will stand outside knocking and saying, ‘Lord, open the door for us. We ate and drank in your company’. Then He will say to you, ‘I do not know where you are from. Depart*

*from me, all you evildoers!’ And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth”* Here we are able to see the existence and qualities of Hell.

*“Depart from me”* makes reference to the “pain of loss” which is the eternal separation from God. “evildoers” are the condemned. *“wailing and grinding of teeth”* makes reference to the “pain of sense” which is the bodily sufferings (‘wailing’ referring to extreme heat and ‘grinding of teeth’ to extreme cold).

But for all of us, who still live in this world, the message is “to STRIVE”. The word strive ἀγωνίζομαι [ἀγών] means ‘to be engaged in a struggle’, specifically of an athletic event, be a contestant. It is not a passive activity, but a positive and deliberate, daily effort. *“narrow gate”* THE GATE represents the Cross. It is NARROW because of the afflictions and sacrifices it brings. Just as an athlete must train, discipline the body, and sacrifice comfort to win the prize, so too we must train the soul through prayer, frequent sacrament of Confession, Holy Communion... Saint Paul says, *“Run so as to win”* (1 Cor 9:24) strive, strive and strive.

OUR CONSCIENCE is the battlefield, the arena where the fight takes place. We have TO STRIVE to keep it clean, free from sin and endure the tribulations. It is in this context that we read THE SECOND READING to Hebrews 12 *“My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by Him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges” Endure your trials as ‘discipline’; God treats you as sons. At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees”* This is the heart of the Christian race: to accept the discipline of the Lord not as a punishment, but as the training of a loving Father who prepares His children for eternal life. Let us ask Our

Blessed Mother to help us enter through the narrow gate.

Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE

WEEKLY NEWS

Musical Play Christine Helferty, the 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:

St. Mary’s in Lindsay Mass in celebration of the 200-year anniversary of the Peter Robinson Settlers Sunday August 31st at 11am at St. Mary’s in Lindsay, Bishop Miehm and Father Tom will be offering mass in celebration of the 200-year anniversary of the Peter Robinson Settlers. Everyone is invited.

Douro Doings 2025  
Monday September 1st is “Douro Doings 2025” at Douro Park: children’s games, entertainment, classic car show and more. You are invited.

Retrouvaille Marriage Weekend in Toronto  
September 5th – 7th is the next Toronto Retrouvaille Marriage Weekend in Toronto. Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriages going through troubles. For more check their website.

Celebration of the Canonization of Carlo Acutis & Peir Giorgio Frassati Saturday September 6 at the



Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains, we will be celebrating “the Canonization of Carlo Acutis & Peir Giorgio Frassati”. At 5 pm Mass with blessings of relics of Carlo Acutis, followed by a reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall and finally Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm.

The Misfits concert in aid of Church for stolen electronic equipment’s Fund-raising appeal through free will offering. KofC and Parishioners at St. Anne Church launched a fundraising drive to replace stolen items. The Misfits will be performing music in the church at 859 Barnardo Ave, Peterborough, on Saturday September 13th at 7pm – 9 pm. Admission is free. There will be an intermission, and BAR will be open in the Hall.

Pilgrimage to the Martyr’s Shrine  
Saturday September 20 is the Pilgrimage to the Martyr’s Shrine. Our parishes will go along with the Cathedral bus. Please for more information, please call the Cathedral Office 705 745 4681.

GOSPEL Luke 13.22-30 of Sunday August 24

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few be saved?”

Jesus said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

“When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then in reply he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’

“Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ But the Lord will say, ‘I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!’

“There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the Prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”