

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Sept 20 Vigil of 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 pm For all parishioners.

Sun., Sept 21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 am + Thelma O’Brien from the Family.

Mon. Sept 22 Weekday Ferial  
8:00 am Bob and Charity Harrison & Family  
from Larry & Elizabeth Donald.

Tue., Sept 23 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Wed., Sept 24 Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin  
8:00 am Curtice and Lucy Benhan & Family  
from Larry and Elizabeth Donald.

Thu., Sept 25 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Fri., Sept 26 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Sat., Sept 27 Vigil of 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 pm For all parishioners.

Sun., Sept 28 The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 am + Nicola and Cristina Caravaggio  
from the Family.

Last Weekend – September 14		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	55	\$ 447
10:30 am Sunday	106	\$ 824
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	161	\$ 1,464
Special donation: Fuel and Maintenance \$90, Needs of the Canadian church 184, Vocations and youth \$10		
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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear parishioners,

This weekend we have the Parable of the Dishonest Steward. The Rich man is God, to whom all things belong. The steward represents everyone of us, because we are not owners of our talents, gifts, and properties, but administrators of them (1Cor. 4:7). St. Ignatius of Loyola gives us the principle of how to use all things: “Man was created for God. All other things on earth, were created for man, that they may help him to reach the end for which he was created. Therefore, man is to use them insofar as they help him reach his end, and he ought to rid himself of them insofar as they hinder him”. The parable says that the steward was accused of squandering the property of his master, that is, the

misuse of his talents and goods. So the master summoned him and said, “What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship” (this is our personal judgment after death) “because you can no longer be my steward” (our administration ends when we die). The steward said to himself, “What shall I do?”. And then he says “I know what I shall do, so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes”. What are these homes? Jesus explains what these homes are after the parable: “I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings” the homes are the eternal dwellings in heaven. The dishonest steward will make friends with dishonest wealth. By his generosity to the poor, he will obtain intercessors for after his death.

Let us ask our Blessed Mother, the most faithful steward of God’s grace, to help us use our talents and goods for the glory of God and the salvation of our souls and by our generosity to the poor, we may obtain intercessors that will receive us in the eternal homes of heaven. Amen.

Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE.

WEEKLY NEWS

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
Information and introduction class Wed. Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm at Sacred Heart Basement.  
This process, through which adults become fully initiated members of our Catholic faith community, will begin again this fall. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please contact M. Almah. The process involves a weekly commitment to formation sessions and participation at Sunday Mass. It is open to any unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian churches, and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation. Please contact M. Almah 249 688 0930  
religiouslyeducation@stjohnpeterborough.ca

Sacramental preparation for Holy Communion, Confirmation and Baptisms The parent orientation meeting and registrations will be on Wed. Oct. 8th from 5:30-6:45pm at St. John.

**Grades 2-12 for First Holy Communion.** Classes are on Wednesdays at 5:30pm. The first day is on October 15, 2025. **Grades 7-12 for Confirmation.** Classes are on Thursdays at 3:45pm. The first day is on October 16, 2025. **JK to grade 8 for Baptism** are invited to the meeting. Please bring:

1. A copy of the Baptismal certificate of your child.
2. \$50 fee for registration. (Cash or check written to St. John the Baptist Church, let us know if this is an issue)

Holy communion for the homebound If you know a parishioner or a family member who is unable to come to Holy Mass on Sundays because they are sick and homebound, please contact Sr. Krolowa 705 977 6279. The Blessed Sacrament may be brought to them on a regular basis. Remember that lay people that are not Eucharistic Ministers cannot bring Holy Communion to their relatives at home.

50-50 draw is back!  
We are starting back the 50-50 draw on every second weekend of the month. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact:  
For Saturdays: Debora D’Altoe 705 957 3430.  
For Sundays: Dan Finnegan 705-768-5545.

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

CCCB to Federal Minister of Finance  
The CCCB President, Bishop William T. McGrattan, sent a letter to the federal Minister of Finance regarding potential threats to the charitable status of pro-life pregnancy centre’s and organizations that promote religion. This letter follows up on the Permanent Council’s earlier letter of 8 March 2025, to which there was no response, and is strategically timed with government’s preparations for the Federal Budget this fall. The drafting of the letter was carried out in consultation with the CCCB’s Advisory Committee for Legal/Political Affairs. It will be posted on the CCCB website here:  
In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/justice-and-peace/citizenship-and-the-common-good/>  
Indoor Garage Sale The Cathedral CWL will be hosting an indoor Garage Sale on Sat., Sept. 27th 10am-2pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall across from the church. Everyone welcome! If you would like a spot in the hall with an 8ft table to

sell things, the cost is \$30. Please contact Patricia at 1-647-545-3078 for more information.

GOSPEL Luke 16.10-13 of Sunday Sept. 21

Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that the manager was squandering his property. So the rich man summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.”

“Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’

“So summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil,’ He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.’

“And his master commended the dishonest manager because he acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

“And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

“No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

St. John the Baptist School  
The next school Mass held at our parish will be on Thursday Oct 9th at 9:30 a.m.  
St. John the Baptist School Office 705 745 4113