

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

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

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

Mon. Sept 29 St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels  
8:00 am For David and Heather Benhan & family from Larry & Elizabeth Donald.

Tue., Sept 30 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Wed. Oct 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Dr  
8:00 am + Roxy Zinkann from Charlie and Mary Porter.

Thu., Oct 2 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Fri., Oct 3 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

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

Sun., Oct 5 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 am For Stephany Santos from Larry and Elizabeth Donald.

| Last Weekend – September 21                         |            |               |
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| Mass                                                | Attendance | Contributions |
| 4:00 pm Saturday                                    | 54         | \$ 469        |
| 10:30 am Sunday                                     | 97         | \$ 500        |
| Online donations:                                   |            | \$ 193        |
| Total                                               | 151        | \$ 1,162      |
| Special donation: Needs of the Canadian church \$12 |            |               |
| Thank you for your generosity and support!          |            |               |

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday’s Gospel, we have the parable of the poor Lazarus and the rich man. Jesus addressed this parable to “The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all these things and sneered at him. And he said to them, ‘You justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts’”

In this parable the rich man represents the Pharisees. The rich garments are a symbol of the spiritual pride of the Pharisees. The food is a symbol of the Word of God which they use pride themselves on “dined sumptuously”, instead of as a mean of salvation. The emphasis in this parable is in the difference between the sin of pride and the sin of the flesh. Both are

wrong but the sin of pride is much worst than the sin of the flesh. The poor man is called by name in the parable (Lazarus) but not the rich man, because because God knows the humble, but not the proud. The sores of the poor man are a symbol of sin, because As sores disfigure the body, so sin disfigures the soul. The poor “would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table” When the sinner sees that the real food is the Word of God, and not his sins; he desires God, but it is found at the table of the rich man, difficult to reach. They both died and Lazarus was carried up to heaven and the rich man simply says “was buried” down. “In hell, the rich man lifts up his eyes, being in torments, and sees Abraham and Lazarus at his side” He was tormented not because he was rich, but because he was not merciful. “Abraham said, Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and you are tormented” He calls him son, even when he was in hell. The character of 3 sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders) remains even after death. “He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers... But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them’ He said, ‘Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’” The real Lazarus, the brother of Marta and Mary, was risen from the dead and they did not convert.

The Pharisees prided themselves on the things of God (spiritual pride) and they did not use the Word of God for the salvation of their own souls and to help their neighbors but to show off and this Pharisee of the parable end up in hell because of this. Let us ask our Blessed Mother to obtain for us true humility: that we may not fall into “spiritual pride,” boasting of religion, but instead seek with sincerity the salvation of our souls and our neighbor’s.

WEEKLY NEWS

LIFE CHAIN PETERBOROUGH

Sunday, October 5, 2025 from 2 to 3 pm followed

by prayer service at Sacred Heart Church. We will silently witness on Lansdowne from George to Park Streets. Signs will be available along with a shuttle service to Lansdowne.

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
**Information and introduction class Wed. Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**  
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  
religiouseducation@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 Wed Oct. 15. **Grades 7-12 for Confirmation.** Classes are on Thursdays at 3:45pm. The first day is on Wed Oct 16. **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)

**Sacred Heart College Centre for Evangelization**  
Mariology 101---An Introduction to Mary  
Often Catholics are confronted with certain questions regarding the person and role of Mary in the salvific mission of Christ. Questions such as: “Who is Mary in relation to Christ and to the Church? Why do Catholics honour Mary, when the Scriptures says that “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Act. 4:12)?  
The Fathers of the Council gave us the answers: by studying the revealed truth about her as contained in the Divine Revelation that came to us through the

Scripture and Tradition and safeguarded by the Magisterium of the Church.

If you are interested in this holy endeavour, you are welcome to join us on Monday evenings at Sacred Heart Church Hall, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning Oct 20-Mar. 30, 2026. Cost for the course is \$50.00. For more information or to register for the course, please contact Sister Dorothy Nzekwe by email at [srdorothy@solisisters.ca](mailto:srdorothy@solisisters.ca). or call at 705-313-6905. This course is being sponsored by Sacred Heart College Centre for Evangelization, through the Diocese of Peterborough.

**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.

GOSPEL Luke 16.19-31 of Sunday Sept 28

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

“The poor man died and was carried away by the Angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’

“But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

“The man who had been rich said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send Lazarus to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ Abraham said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”