

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Oct 11 Vigil of 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm For Leonard Johnston.

Sun., Oct 12 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am For all parishioners.

Mon. Oct 13 Thanksgiving Day
8:00 am For Marius Clements from Zita

Tue., Oct 14 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Wed. Oct 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, Doctor
8:00 am No Mass

Thu., Oct 16 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Fri., Oct 17 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Sat., Oct 18 Vigil of 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm For all parishioners

Sun., Oct 19 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am For Michael Santos from Larry & Elizabeth Donald.

Last Weekend – September 28		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	39	\$ 469
10:30 am Sunday	87	\$ 500
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	126	\$ 1,162
Special donation: Needs of Canadian Church 12.00		

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The topic for this weekend is THANKSGIVING. In the First Reading we have the cleansing of Naaman the Leper. He returns and gave thanks to Elisha for his healing. In the Gospel we have the cleansing of ten lepers. The Samaritan returns gave thanks to Jesus for his healing. This weekend we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is our turn to return and give thanks to the Lord for everything.

LEPROSY is a symbol of sin. Because, as leprosy disfigures the exterior image of man, so sin disfigures the interior image of God in man. Being a leper meant the worst SEGREGATION ever imagine, like a living dead. They have sores everywhere in the nose, lips, toes, etc... re-used cloth in their wounds, smell. They were VANISHED from the towns and cities. They have to live in caves or sepulchers. The book of Leviticus (13: 45) says that the leper should dwell apart, have their garments rent, the hair

disheveled and the mustache covered, and shall ring a bell and cry out ‘unclean, unclean’. Ten lepers presented before Jesus. *“And when he saw them, He said, ‘Go show yourselves to the priests’”* The Fathers of the Church say that it is a symbol of the sacrament of Confession. Going to the priest still being lepers, implies faith on the part of the lepers. *“As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed”*. ACTIONS: 1) *Returned* 2) *Glorifying God in a loud voice* 3) *And he fell at the feet of Jesus* 4) *And thanked Him*.

This sentence from Jesus is the teaching: *“Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”* Thanksgiving is part of the virtue of JUSTICE “to give each his due” The nature of the debt varies according to the nature of the causes giving rise to the debt. 1) The first cause of all our debt is found primarily **in God**, because He is the first principle of all our goods. 2) Secondly it is found **in our parents**, because they gave us life and care for our upbringing. 3) Thirdly it is found in **people dressed in authority**, from whom general favors proceed. 4) Fourthly it is found in **benefactors**, from whom we have received particular and private favors. THANKSGIVING: **By religion** we pay back to God due worship (incomplete justice). **By piety** we venerate our parents (incomplete justice). **By observance** we venerate persons excelling in dignity (justice). And **by thankfulness or gratitude** we give thanks to our benefactors (justice). The greatest moment we have to give thanks to God is right after receiving Holy Communion at Mass. This time is called Thanksgiving. Let us ask our Blessed Mother to always give thanks to the Lord.

Fr. Gaston Giacinti

WEEKLY NEWS



NO MASSES on October 14th and 15th and no Masses during the Diocesan Clergy Studies November 4th 5th and 6th.

Catholic Missionary Children Oratory – Reminder
All children ages 7 to 10 are invited on Sat. Oct 18th to join the CMC at St. John the Baptist church at 10am. For info contact Sr. Inmaculada 705 977 6410

Fr. Gaston out of town
1- Oct. 13-15: in Upstate NY for the IVE Priest’s Studies. Fr. Stephen DiCarlo will cover October 13th and NO MASS on Oct. 14th &15th
2- Oct 16 to Nov16: in Argentina (home) for vacations. Fr. Andrew Whiting will be covering from Oct16th to 27th, Fr. Andres Ayala will be covering from Oct 28th to Nov 17th NO MASS on November 4th 5th and 6th due to Clergy Studies.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
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. It is open to any unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian churches, and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation. Classes will be conducted every Thursday at the basement of Sacred Heart Rectory from 6-7:30pm. Please contact M. Almah 249 688 0930 religiouseducation@stjohnpeterborough.ca

Sacramental preparation for Holy Communion, Confirmation and Baptisms
To register please contact Sr. Inmaculada 705 977 6410.

Sacred Heart College Centre for Evangelization
An Introduction to Mary Course. On Monday Sacred Heart Church Hall, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning Oct 20-Mar. 30. Cost for the course is \$50.00. For more info or to register please contact Sister Dorothy Nzekwe 705-313-6905 srdorothy@solisisters.ca.

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

Federation of North American Explorers
A Catholic scouting movement is opening its Peterborough Chapter for boys ages 6 to 12! The inaugural meeting will be held on Tuesday October 14 at Our Lady of Wayside Catholic School (575 Centre Line), from 4:45 to 6:15 pm. For more information and to register, please contact Group Chief James Heron at 905-995-8450 or email james.d.heron@gmail.com Thank you for

making a lasting difference in the life of your son or grandson! www.fneexplorers.com

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS at St. Annes Parish
Join the Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday October 24 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, children 5 - 12 years \$7.00 and children under 5 are free. A family rate for two adults and two children is \$30.00. Dinner includes spaghetti, sauce, buns, tea, coffee, juice and dessert. We will also be having a 50/50 draw with tickets available at the door.

St. Paul’s Lakefield Evening Retreat All are invited to join the women of St. Paul the Apostle in Lakefield (4 Reid Street, Lakefield) for the Mother's Evening Retreat. Come be encouraged in the beautiful vocation of Motherhood. Includes Holy Mass, Confessions and a talk with Special Guest: Father Tom Lynch. Fellowship and Refreshments to follow. All welcome. Thursday, Oct. 16th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Quiet Days
Do you feel the need for “a day away”, some personal time for quiet, prayer and reflection? The Sisters of St. Joseph are making a space for you at their home at Mount St. Joseph, for just such a need. From Mon to Fri 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Snacks and noon meal will be available. Mass is at 11:15 a.m. Monday - Thursday. You are responsible for your own use of time. Call at least 3 days minimum in advance to confirm availability. Suggested offering of \$30. Wheelchair accessible, no smoking. For booking or questions call 705-745-1309 (ext. 502) to speak to Maia.

GOSPEL Luke 17.11-19 of Sunday October 12

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

When Jesus saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan

Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”

Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”