

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Nov 22 Vigil of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
4:00 pm For all parishioners.

Sun., Nov 23 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
10:30 am + Fr. Arockiaray Pushpanathan.

Mon. Nov 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs  
8:00 am + Peter Le Duc & all Souls.

Tue., Nov 25 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Wed. Nov 26 Ferial weekday  
+ Pedro Rosa Reggiardo & Flor Maria Rocha.

Thu., Nov 27 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Fri., Nov 28 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Sat., Nov 29 Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent  
4:00 pm For all Parishioners.

Sun., Nov 30 First Sunday of Advent  
10:30 am Thanksgiving for prayers heard and answered from the Naegeli Family.

| Last Weekend – November 16, 2025           |            |               |
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| Mass                                       | Attendance | Contributions |
| 4:00 pm Saturday                           | 61         | \$ 545        |
| 10:30 am Sunday                            | 79         | \$ 392        |
| Online donations:                          |            | \$ 193        |
| Total                                      | 140        | \$ 1,130      |
| Special donation: World Missions \$25.00   |            |               |
| Thank you for your generosity and support! |            |               |

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear parishioners,

Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in his encyclical Quas Primas in 1925. It was intended specifically for those who deny the kingship of Christ in society and promote the errors of Liberalism and Secularism, the very society in which we live today.

LIBERALISM promotes a false notion of freedom (as rebellion), particularly against God’s moral laws. Man becomes his own god, dictating his own rules and laws, even rebelling against the moral order that God has placed in nature.

SECULARISM seeks to remove God from the public sphere, from society itself. But, as we know,

without God, there is no world, no man, no society. As the principle goes: “God created man. Man forms societies. Societies must recognize God.”

The Second Psalm describes the rebellion of these movements against God, as the psalmist asks himself: *“Why this tumult among nations, among peoples this useless murmuring? They arise, the kings of the earth, princes plot against the Lord* (God the Father) *and His Anointed (Jesus): ‘Come, let us break their fetters. Come, let us cast off their joke’”* This passage expresses a conspiracy and rebellion against God. In the Old Testament, “the joke” was a figure of speech to refer to the weight of the law of God. It perfectly applies to Liberalism. In Liberalism there is this wrong idea of freedom as the supreme value, even above God and moral laws.

The psalm continues: *“He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord is laughing at them to scorn. Then He will speak in his anger, his rage will strike them with terror. ‘It is I* (God the Father) *who have set up MY KING (Jesus) on Sion, my Holy Mountain’ I will announce the decree of the Lord: The Lord said to me: ‘You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day. Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations, put the ends of the earth in your possession”*

It is appropriate to have at the end of the Liturgical year the solemnity of Christ the King, because at the end of history *“when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”* Matthew 25:31–32 *“I saw one like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven; he approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is everlasting; it will not pass away, and his kingship will never be destroyed.”* Daniel 7:13–14

Let us all profess, like the “Cristeros” did with their lives, the Royal Kingship of Christ in our society. Let us ask this through our Blessed Mother. Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE.

WEEKLY NEWS

Christmas Play

The St. John the Baptist Catholic Missionary Children group will putting the annual Christmas play on December 19 at 7:30 pm at St. John the Baptist school. Please keep it on your calendar.

Advent Confessions  
Friday December 5th from 5pm to 6:30pm at Sacred Heart. Followed by First Friday Mass.  
Friday December 12th from 5pm to 6:30pm at Saint John (no confessions at Sacred Heart that day)  
Followed by the Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Turkey Dinner  
This years Sacred Heart parish turkey dinner will be held on Nov. 30 at 5p.m. Tickets will be available at the office for purchase during office hours. The cost is the same as last year \$18 for adults and \$2 for children. If you would like to help out with the dinner and preparations, please contact Ed Genge 705-875-8045.

Catholic Missionary Children Oratory  
All children ages 7 to 10 are invited on Saturdays to join the CMC at St. John the Baptist church at 10 am. For info contact Sr. Inmaculada 705 977 6410 or stjohndandsacredheart@gmail.com

DIOCESAN NEWS

Missionary Families of Christ  
MFC, a Christian-Catholic ministry whose mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the community through evangelization that is focused on the family renewal and strengthening of the culture of life, will hold its Christian Life Seminar (CLS) during Saturdays Nov 15 and 29. This seminar is free and open to all. For details, please contact Nilesh/Sianna at (437) 223-9289 and (647) 937-9289, or Oscar/Symphony Llacuna (416) 697-5707.

Employment Opportunity  
Immaculate Conception Church, has a need for an organist to play the large organ in their mezzanine for each Sunday’s 9:30 a.m. Mass. Qualified applicants to contact the parish office at office@immaculatepeterborough.ca.

St. Joseph’s, Douro Advent Concert  
You are warmly invited to St. Joseph's Parish for an uplifting celebration that carries us from the anticipation of Advent into the joy of Christmas! Gather with family and friends on Sunday,



November 30, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, for an afternoon of festive music, community, and sharing. Help Us Enhance Our Church: Every note played, and dollar donated will help. All funds raised will go directly toward purchasing a much-needed new sound system for the church. Come enjoy the music and support a great cause!

Deacon Formation Program Fall 2026  
A new program will be starting up in Sept 2026. This is a 4 year program open to men aged 35-62 who are discerning a call to become a deacon. Program only runs every 4 years so now is the time if you think you are interested. Direct any inquiries to Dcn. Bill Radigan billradigan@peterboroughdiocese.org

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 23.35-43 of Sunday Nove 23

The leaders scoffed at Jesus saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”