

## MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Jan 24	Vigil of the Third Sunday in OT 4:00 pm	For all Parishioners.
Sun., Jan 25	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 am	+ Manuel and Cecilia Raposo.
Mon. Jan 26	St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops 8:00 am	For the intentions and holiness of Mary Porter.
Tue., Jan 27	Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM	
Wed. Jan 28	St. Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor 8:00 am	For the intentions of Scott, Tyla and family from the Ironside family.
Thu., Jan 29	Mass at Sacred Heart at 8:00 am	
Fri., Jan 30	Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM	
Sat., Jan 31	Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in OT 4:00 pm	For the Stante family.
Sun., Feb 1	The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 am	For all Parishioners.

Last Weekend – January 18, 2026		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	57	\$ 392
10:30 am Sunday	82	\$ 520
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	139	\$ 1,105

Thank you for your generosity and support!

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

On this 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been arrested, so he withdrew to Galilee and from that time on began to preach. After John the Baptist was imprisoned, Jesus began His public ministry. St. John Chrysostom notes, "He did not preach till John was in prison, that the multitude might not be split into two parties." And St. Jerome explains, "Mystically interpreted, Christ begins to preach as soon as John was delivered to prison, because when the Law ceased, the Gospel commenced." Matthew emphasizes the fulfillment of the prophecy (First Reading) "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen" A note here: there were two Galilees, one for the Jews, the other for the Gentiles. This division had existed since the time of

Solomon, who gave twenty cities in Galilee to Hiram, King of Tyre; this portion was afterwards called Galilee of the Gentiles, while the remainder stayed Galilee of the Jews. St. Jerome remarks, "According to the interpretation of those Hebrews who believe in Christ, the two tribes, Zebulun and Naphtali, were taken captive by the Assyrians, and Galilee was left deserted... Scripture here means that the region which had been the first to suffer captivity now was the first to see the light of Christ's preaching." A Gloss adds, "In the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali, where the first captivity of the Jews by the Assyrians occurred, there the Gospel was first preached—where the Law was first forgotten, the light of Christ shines first" St. Jerome further explains: 'The people who either sat or walked in darkness have seen light, and that not a faint light, as the light of the Prophets, but a great light, as of Him who in the Gospel says, "I am the light of the world"

Finally, Jesus proclaims: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Pseudo-Chrysostom comments, 'He does not straightway preach righteousness which all knew, but repentance, which all needed. For repentance corrects the will. As if He has said: 'Prepare yourselves by repentance, for the time of eternal reward is at hand'

Let us ask our Blessed Mother for those who live in darkness may be able to see the great light which is Christ.

Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE.

## WEEKLY NEWS



### Congratulations to the 50/50

Winner The lucky number is 591779 for the Sun Jan 11<sup>th</sup> raffle price of \$88.50!!!!

### Bible Study Reminder on the Gospel of Matthew -

Thurs Feb 5th Join the DRIVEN TO PRAISE prayer Group as we journey now through the Gospel of St. Matthew 7pm-8pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. For more info contact Daniel @ DanielRozario@live.com or 647 928 6414

### Parish outreach event

The Catholic Missionary Children Oratory of our parish is organizing a special outreach event for children in our local community. Participants will enjoy games, prizes, and snacks while learning about Saint John Bosco, patron saint of youth.

We kindly request donations of prizes, snacks, or monetary contributions to help cover the costs of this event. Approximately \$500 is needed to ensure the

event remains free for all children. If you would like to contribute with a check please make it to St. John the Baptist Church with memo: St. John Bosco Festival. In previous years, this event has welcomed around 100 children. For more information, please contact Sister Inmaculada by text at 705-977-6410.

**Shrove Thursday Feb 17** Sacred Heart starting at 4pm until 6p.m, pay at the door. This is an all you can eat for \$10 with a donation for any youth attending. Menu includes Pancakes, Sausage, Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Apple Sauce. We are planning to have an organizing meeting at 9 am at Sacred Heart church hall Tuesday 27th. You are encouraged to attend this meeting if you would like to help out.

**Palms** - Please bring in your palms so that they may be burned for Ash Wednesday. You can bring them to the church, give them to the sisters or drop it at the church office on Tue, Thu or Fri (3:30pm- 5:00pm)

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord-Candle Mass** All parishioners are invited to bring candles to be blessed on Mon, Feb 2nd, 8AM at St John the Baptist Church.

## DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

**BILL C-9** As you may have observed in recent news, the Liberal government has reached an agreement with the Bloc Québécois concerning an amendment to eliminate the religious exemption clause from Canada's hate speech legislation in Section 319 (3) (b) of the Criminal Code. This initiative is intended to garner support for Bill C-9, titled 'An Act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda, hate crime, and access to religious or cultural places).' The current provision in the Criminal Code slated for removal states: "(3) No person shall be convicted of an offence under subsection (2) [...] (b) if, in good faith, the person expressed or attempted to establish by an argument an opinion on a religious subject or an opinion based on a belief in a religious text." Given all that could be at stake if the amendment passes, the Permanent Council has sent an open letter to the Prime Minister, with other government officials in carbon copy. The letter is available for viewing on the CCCB website: <https://cccb.ca>. Please consider contacting our local Liberal MP, Emma Harrison, at 705-745-2258 or emma.harrison@parl.gc.ca, to express your concerns and ask her to vote against this bill.

**Beat the January Blues!** Annual Roast Beef Dinner held at Immaculate Conception on Sat., Jan. 31st. Social hour at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Adult \$30, under 12 \$15 call 705-742-5466.

## GOSPEL Matthew 4.12-17 of Sunday Jan 25

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the Prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good new of the kingdom of curing every sickness among the people.

