

## MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

- Sat., Mar 7** First Saturday Mass at SH at 8:30 a.m.  
4:00 pm Vigil of the Third Sunday in Lent  
+ Joe & Beulah Allen from the family.
- Sun., Mar 8** The Third Sunday in Lent  
10:30 am For all parishioners.
- Mon. Mar 9** Sr. Frances of Rome, Religious  
8:00 am For the intentions of Frances Connell.
- Tue., Mar 10** Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM
- Wed. Mar 11** Ferial Weekday  
8:00 am For Hannah Marrocco from the family.
- Thu., Mar 12** Mass at Sacred Heart at 8:00 am
- Fri., Mar 13** Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM
- Sat., Mar 14** Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent  
4:00pm + Rita Giardino from Susan & Joe Walton.
- Sun., Mar 15** The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
10:30 am For all parishioners.

Last Weekend – March 1, 2026		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	107	\$12,567
10:30 am Sunday	66	\$ 480
Online donations:		\$ 193
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>\$ 13,365</b>
Fuel & Maintenance \$202, Solemnity of Mary 10		
<i>Thank you for your generosity and support!</i>		

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel readings for this weekend and next are wisely given to us by the Church, as they beautifully portray the process of conversion experienced by the catechumens. During these days, through the Scrutinies, they are getting ready for the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. This weekend we have the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman at the well. In this Gospel, Jesus asks the woman for a drink and at the same time He promises a drink *“If you knew the gift of God (the Holy Spirit), and Who is saying to you ‘Give me a drink’ (the Messiah who sent the Holy Spirit), you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water”* In the Scriptures, water symbolizes the Holy Spirit especially for two reasons: 1) because of its power to cleanse (as when you wash dishes, mop the floor, or take a shower), and 2) because of its power to give life (as when it rains, plants grow, animals quench their thirst). When Jesus says to the woman: *“Give me a drink”* Jesus is telling her that He (Jesus) wants to satisfy His thirst by requesting her faith (of the woman). If she believe in Him as Messiah, He would give her the Holy Spirit, that is the Living Water. The conversation develops as Jesus guides the woman little by little to open her eyes to see who He was. The woman was amazed by His teaching saying *“I know that the Messiah is coming, the*

*one called the Christ; when He comes, He will tell us everything”* Now that everything is in place Jesus reveals Himself: *“Jesus said to her: ‘I am He, the one Who is speaking with you’”* She believed in Jesus! Like the Apostles when they left their nets, now this woman left her water jar and went to announce to the town the Messiah. Let us ask this to the Blessed Virgin Mary that in this Lent season, we may leave our nets and jar of water (our jobs for a moment) and open our door to Jesus Who is coming to our souls, so that we may worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.  
Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE

## WEEKLY NEWS

### 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 to noon. For info contact Sr. Inmaculada 705 977 6410 or stjohndsacredheart@gmail.com

**Parish Volunteers** in any capacity must be screened through the Diocese Volunteer screening Program, so if you are a volunteer at either Sacred Heart or St Johns and have not been contacted yet for the screening, please reach out to Nithya Rozario at 416 558 2562/ nithyavathi@gmail.com or Ann Kennedy 705 742 8534 at your earliest convenience.

### Sign-up for FREE streaming at Formed:

www.Signup.Formed.org Enter your email (input your city to locate your Parish, click your parish and join).

### Lenten Activities

**The Way of the Cross –** The way of the Cross will be guided every Friday during Lent, at Saint John the Baptist at 12:00am & at Sacred Heart at 6:30pm, or if First Friday after the 6:30pm Mass.

**The way of the Cross for Children** ages 7 to 12 10:30 am Saturday, March 7, 14, and 28 at St. John.

### Presentation for Lent March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Fr. Gaston will present a PowerPoint on the chronology of the Gospel events, focusing on the week before the Passion, Passion Week, and the timeline of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The presentation will include maps, times, and locations. All are welcome!

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** at Sacred Heart Church, after the 5:30pm Mass (in the basement).

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at Saint John’s, after the 10:30am Mass (in the basement).

### Holy Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 pm at Sacred Heart

8:00 pm at Sacred Heart TLM

8:00 pm at St. John

### Good Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

12:00 pm at Sacred Heart TLM

3:00 pm at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm at St. John

### Easter Vigil April 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00 pm St. John

8:00 pm at Sacred Heart TLM

## DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

### Solemn Reception and Veneration of the relic of St.

**Sister Maria Faustina** Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am at Our Lady of Mercy Parish 196 Bridge Street West, Bancroft.

Chief Celebrant Bishop of Pembroke Rev. Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. Veneration will follow after Mass, luncheon served in the hall following the celebration.

**Wayside Academy** Wayside Academy, a private classical Catholic school in Peterborough is offering a chance for prospective students to come experience what Wayside is like.

During Shadow Week, March 16-19, 2026, prospective students are invited to spend a full day (or more) immersed in our classrooms, community, and daily rhythms. From prayer and rich discussion to joyful camaraderie, students will experience firsthand what it means to learn in a Catholic classical environment rooted in truth, beauty, and goodness. JK & SK: Due to space considerations, Kindergarten students may participate in one Shadow Day. Grades 1–12: Students are invited to join us for up to four days during Shadow Week, March 16–19, 2026. Kindly note that parents are asked to drop off their child for this experience so students can fully participate in the rhythm of the school day. Shadow Week spaces are limited and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. register: (705) 749-3658

**World Youth Day 2027** Anyone interested are invited to attend an info session on March 11th at 7:00 PM. Please email FrStephenDecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org to register.

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally** Metro Toronto Convention Center, March 14th, one day. St. Alphonsus Liguori has booked a bus. Please contact Monica at 705-745-8623 or email monica@stalphonsus.net

**GOSPEL** John 4.5-15, 19-26, 39a, 40-42 (shorter)  
(For the longer version, see the print edition of Living with Christ.)

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his children and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

“I see that you are a Prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming” (who is called the Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus. So when they came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.”

**Pro - life Corner** Dear parishioners, you are invited to the “Pro-Life Hospital Walk” from 10-11a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Please join us in witnessing our faith and bring a friend!

 Peterborough ProLife Assoc. Inc.

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