

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Apr 25	St. Mark, Evangelist
4:00 pm	For all Parishioners
Sun., Apr 26	Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:30 am	+Marguerite Finnegan from Maria Roposa.
Mon. Apr 27	Ferial Weekday
8:00 am	+Nicholas Connell & Family.
Tue., Apr 28	Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM
Wed. Apr 29	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor
8:00 am	+Debbie McIntosh from Bernard & Fran Ironside.
Thu., Apr 30	Mass at Sacred Heart
Fri., May 1	Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM & First Friday Mass at 6:30pm.
Sat., May 2	Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter
4pm	+Leonard Johnston from the family.
Sun., May 3	Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:30 am	For all parishioners.

Last Weekend – April 26, 2026		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	78	\$560.40
10:30 am Sunday	90	\$ 465
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	168	\$ 1,218.40
Fuel & Maintenance \$70, Flowers \$10		
Thank you for your generosity and support!		

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,
 This weekend, the Gospel brings us the passage of the Good Shepherd. The second reading says: *“For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls,”* Jesus Christ. In this figure of speech, the Good Shepherd is Jesus; the sheep are the faithful; the sheepfold or house is the Church; the gate is the Cross; ‘elsewhere than the gate’ refers to self-interest; the gatekeeper is the Holy Spirit; and the voice means a way of living.
“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.” The Good Shepherd enters the flock through the gate of the Cross. Then we have two kinds of false shepherds: 1. ‘Thieves and robbers’ are those who do not enter through the gate (the Cross) but climb in elsewhere. They approach the flock to take advantage of them, as Book of Ezekiel 34 says: *“Thus says the Lord GOD: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been pasturing themselves! Should not shepherds pasture the flock? You consumed milk, wore wool, and slaughtered fatlings, but the flock you did not pasture.”* 2.

The second kind of false shepherd is ‘the hired man’, *“(a) who is not a shepherd and (b) whose sheep are not his own.”* It is interesting to notice that the hired man really takes care of the sheep, but he does it for pay: *“when he sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.”* Jesus says: *“I am the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”* There are many attributes of a good shepherd, but the first and most important one is that *“a good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”* This is the Paschal Mystery we are celebrating, and this is why we have this passage on the Third Sunday of Easter.
 All of us, when we have people under our responsibility, become shepherds. We will be good shepherds as long as: (1) we are in communion with Jesus (in a state of grace), and (2) we enter through the gate—the Cross. Let us ask our Blessed Mother for all shepherds.
 Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE

WEEKLY NEWS

Congratulations to the 50/50 Winner
 The lucky number is 092689 for \$101 for the Sun. April 12th raffle.

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 stjohnandsacredheart@gmail.com

French Boys Choir to sing at Sacred Heart in July- looking for host families.

29 boys and 6 chaperones will visit us this July, and we're looking for host families for two nights (and meals) on July 14 & 15. For each host household, every adult in the home will require a Vulnerable Sector Check, as mandated by the Diocese. The VSC will cost \$20 per adult, and will take about two months to complete. The choir, Maîtrise des Hauts de France, <https://www.mhdf.fr> will perform a free concert (a collection will be taken) at Sacred Heart Church on the evening of Wed. July 15. If you can help host the boys and their chaperones, please contact Randy Mills at rmills44@uwo.ca. The choir performed in Peterborough in 2016 and 2019, and it is great that they have included us on this year's Canadian tour!

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).

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

Most Reverend Daniel Miehm New appointment

It has been announced today that His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Most Reverend Daniel Miehm as the eleventh bishop of the Diocese of London. Bishop Miehm has served the Diocese of Peterborough since 2017 and will now succeed the Most Reverend Ronald Fabbro who is retiring after having served faithfully as the Bishop of London since 2002. Bishop Miehm will be installed as the Bishop of London at a Mass to be celebrated at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica on June 29th, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.

Employment opportunity Principal

Our Lady of the Wayside is hiring for a Principal. Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume and cover letter to the Chair, Board of Directors at chair@olwayside.ca. Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis and will continue to be accepted until the position has been filled.

La Verna-Healing hearts

A Catholic Grief outreach to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one in the recent past (1-3 years). Monthly meetings with a limit of 8 participants to preserve each participant's sense of trust and intimacy. Initial meeting Wednesday, April 29th, 7-9pm in the La Verna Chapel (820 Frank St.). For further details or to register, please call 705-243-9131 or email: laverna@capuchins.ca

JOSEPH'S SONS RETREAT – boys retreat

Fr. Peter Bissonnette & Deacon Rob Vandenberg invite Grade 8 boys to a fun, faith-filled weekend designed just for them in Bowmanville!
 Sports & Games | Music & Fun | Brotherhood & Friendship
 FRIDAY, MAY 15, 6:30PM- SUNDAY, MAY 17, 5:00PM


St. Joseph's Church, 127 Liberty St. S., Bowmanville
 Bring sleeping bag and camping mat. \$50.00,
 Registration deadline May 8th. To sign up or inquire, contact: Deacon Rob 905-377-3123 / rob.quartus@gmail.com

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Jesus said: “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Pro - life Corner



RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS

A special Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter In Chains on Saturday, May 2nd, 9 am, to pray for all the atrocities against life... abortion, euthanasia, abuse of children, lack of care and medical carelessness. Please plan on attending and possibly joining together with the walk at the hospital afterwards, from 10 to 11 am.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Ottawa on Thursday, May 14, the bus will be leaving from the Cathedral at 8:15 am. Cost: \$40 per person, \$10 per student, and children under 10 and clergy/religious, free. To reserve, contact Elizabeth 705-931-7633