

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat. Sept 5 Vigil of the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. For all parishioners.

Sun. Sept 6 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. + Justin & Stelle Saughnessy from Dane and Ann Bowen.

Mon. Sept 7 Labour Day
8:00 a.m. For the intentions and holiness of Martin Cullen.

Tue. Sept 8 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Wed. Sept 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest
8:00 a.m. + Kathleen, Roxy and Arleigh Glover from Charlie and Mary Porter.

Thu. Sept 10 Mass at Sacred Heart

Fri. Sept 11 Mass at Sacred Heart

Sat. Sept 12 Vigil of the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. For all parishioners.

Sun., Sept 13 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. + Nick & Cristina Caravaggio from the family.

Last Weekend – August 30, 2026		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	54	\$ 525
10:30 am Sunday	72	\$ 860
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	126	\$ 1,578
Thank you for your generosity and support!		

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we hear the passage about **fraternal correction**, which is one of the seven spiritual works of mercy. At first, there seems to be a contradiction in the Gospel. In one place, Jesus tells us, *“Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you,”* while today we hear Him say, *“Go and tell him his fault.”* There is no contradiction because these two teachings focus on two different persons. The first focuses on **the offended person**. When we are offended, we must always forgive, just as the Lord has forgiven us. The second focuses on **the offender**: *How much good can I do for this person?* How can I help him to recognize what is wrong and to become a better person? There are different situations. 1- Sometimes we have an obligation to act, especially when another person may be seriously harmed. If we fail to act when we have a duty to do so, we may commit a sin of omission. 2- At

other times, however, we have to suffer things patiently, following the words of Jesus: *“He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good.”*

When correcting our brother or sister, we must always have the right intention: to seek his or her integral good - the good of the whole person.

1. “Go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.” In personal correction, Jesus emphasizes **love**. We do not expose the evil that our brother has done, nor do we spread it to others. Instead, we personally seek our brother's good. **When** should we correct someone? At the right moment. Sometimes it may be necessary to correct the person while the action is taking place, so that he becomes aware of what he is doing. At other times, it may be better not to correct him immediately - perhaps because emotions are running high, or because he is not in a state to listen. **How** should we correct someone? We must consider the words and reasons we use. Sometimes we need to be firm; at other times, more gentle and lenient. It will depend on the seriousness of the matter and on the disposition of the person we are correcting.

2. “If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen... take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.”

In personal correction – between you and him alone - love is emphasized. But if he does not accept the correction, and the evil has public consequences, then it is no longer only a matter of love; **justice** also comes into play. This is why Jesus tells us to take one or two others along, following the principle found in Deuteronomy 19:15 to call witnesses.

The purpose of fraternal correction, then, is not to condemn or humiliate our brother. It is an act of charity ordered toward his good. We correct because we love, and we forgive because we have ourselves been forgiven.

May the Lord give us the wisdom to know when to speak, the courage to speak when we must, the humility to accept correction ourselves, and above all, the charity to seek the true good of our brothers and sisters. Let us ask this through our Blessed Mother.

Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE.

WEEKLY NEWS

Fr. Gaston on Retreat Please keep Fr. Gaston in your prayers as he makes his Spiritual Exercises from Sept. 14 - 18. During these days, there will be no Masses,

except on Mon, Sept 14 at 12:00 noon at Sacred Heart for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross by Fr. Dominic Clovis followed by a potluck. You are encouraged to attend Mass at one of the neighboring parishes.

Blessing of a Special Crucifix On Sunday Sept 13th after the 10:30am Mass we will have the blessing of a especial Crucifix donated by Dan Finnegan. It is a replica of the “Santo Cristo (Cristo Sindónico) in the University of Córdoba” in Spain. It was sculpted by Juan Manuel Miñarro López in 2010. It is also called “Cristo Sindónico” because Juan Manuel Miñarro designed the sculpture using the image and anatomical evidence of the body of Jesus on the Shroud of Turin as a principal reference. “Sindónico” comes from Síndone, the Spanish word for the Shroud of Turin (Italian: Sindone; Greek: sindón, σινδών, meaning a linen cloth or shroud). You are welcome to come to the sacristy and see it!

Sacramental Preparation 2026–2027 The online pre-registration form for Sacramental Preparation is now available on our website! Classes begin in **October**.

•**First Reconciliation & First Communion:** Sat.

•**Confirmation:** Thursdays Visit www.stjohnpeterborough.ca to register

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults This process, through which adults become fully initiated members of our Catholic faith community, will begin again in Oct. If you someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please contact M. Asterone 249 688 0930.

Life Chain Sunday, Oct 4, from 2 - 3 pm. between George and Park Sts. Meet at Sacred Heart Church beginning at 1:30 to pick up signs. Prayers for Life afterwards at Sacred Heart. For info call Elizabeth 705-292-7056 or at www.peterboroughprolife.ca

In depth Study on the Most Holy Eucharist This Fall, St John the Baptist Bible Study Group will be starting a new Journey - an in depth Study on the Most Holy Eucharist ‘The Source & Summit of the Christian life’. Classes will be every other Thursday 7-8 pm. For details contact Daniel Rozario 647 928 6414 email DanielRozario@live.com

Congratulations to the 50/50 Winner: The lucky number for August 9 is 0292444 for \$90 & 0292358 - \$81 for the June 14th raffle.



DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

Campus Ministry Peterborough Campus Ministry exists to accompany students at Trent University and Fleming College into a personal and life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ, who is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life” (Jn 14:6). If you are a post-secondary student and are looking to deepen your faith, join a vibrant community of students and young adults, or are simply curious about Catholicism and the Catholic Church, then you belong in our chaplaincy! Please visit www.ptbocampusministry.ca, and register to join our contact list. On behalf of Fr. Adam, the Chaplain, and our team, we look forward to welcoming you to our chaplaincy!

Men In Black Concert St. Mary’s in Lindsay is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and *Men In Black concert*. Wed Sept 30. Glenda 705-340-5357 email lindsayCWL27@gmail.com

Andrew Roelands Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate. Everyone is invited to participate and pray for our seminarian the Ordination Mass will be on Friday Oct. 23, at 7pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains by Bishop Daniel Miehm.

World Youth Day 2027 - Seoul, South Korea!

Join Us! The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie is inviting all **Catholic young adults aged 18-39** to participate in our Pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 from August 1 - August 13, 2027 led by Fr. Daniele Muscolino. We will join millions of other Catholic young adults in participating in the World Youth Day activities, catechesis sessions and festivals, and prayer times and Sunday Mass with the Pope, and then take an extended stay by travelling to Tokyo, Japan before heading home! For prices, dates, itinerary, requirements and application, visit: bit.ly/wyd27 **Deadline to Apply is Sept. 25, 2026.**

GOSPEL Matthew 18.15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If he or she listens to you, you have regained your brother or sister. But if the person does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church; and if that person refuses to listen even to the Church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”