

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat. Oct 10 Vigil of the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. + Paul Edward Courneya.
Sun. Oct 11 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. For all parishioners.
Mon. Oct 12 No Mass.
Tue. Oct 13 No Mass.
Wed. Oct 14 No Mass.
Thu. Oct 15 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM
Fri. Oct 16 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM
Sat. Oct 17 Vigil of the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. + Leonard Johnston from the family.
Sun., Oct 18 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. For all parishioners.

Last Weekend – October 4, 2026		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	66	\$ 2,030
10:30 am Sunday	62	\$ 526
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	128	\$ 2,749
Thank you for your generosity and support!		

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we continue with the Parables of Jesus said on Holy Tuesday, the last day of his public life, in the context of a major break with the religious authority of Israel. We have had the Parable of the Two Sons, the Parable of the Tenants. In these parables Jesus explains the mystery of the rejection of the Jews and the conversion of the Gentiles. Today we have the same spiritual message with the Parable of the Invited Servants.

“A king who gave a wedding feast for his son”
The king is God the Father. The Son is Jesus. The wedding feast is the Reconciliation of men with God in Jesus.

“The king (Father) dispatched his servants (the Prophets) **to summon the invited guests** (Jews) **to the feast** (believe in Jesus), **but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those invited: ‘Behold, I have prepared my banquet** (Jesus as a meal), **my calves and fattened cattle are killed** (means the Old and New Testaments), **and everything is ready** (Scriptures have been fulfilled), **come to the feast** (accept the faith)”

“Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business” Wordly people who despise the Kingdom of God and consider it as of little importance. **“The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them”** as we heard in the Parable of the Tenants **“one they beat”** as they did to Jeremiah, **“another they killed”** as it happened to Isaiah, **“and a third they stoned”** as it happened to Naboth and Zachariah.

“The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city”
As it happened in the destruction of Jerusalem in the year 70 by the Romans.

“Then he said to his servants (the Apostles) **the feast is ready** (Jesus has died), **but those who were invited** (Jews) **were not worthy to come** (no faith). **Go out, therefore, into the main roads** (means into the whole world, as He commanded them at His Ascension), **and invite to the feast** (announce the good news), **whomever you find** (Gentiles). **The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests,** (when we die), **he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment”** Coming to the Banquet is to profess Faith in Jesus. **The Wedding garment** is the faith which is alive because of charity: feed the hungry, dress the naked, visit the sick. **“The king said to him, My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?”** without loving me and your neighbor? **“But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, ‘Bind his hands and feet** (meaning he was lacked of works), **and cast him into the darkness outside** (eternal condemnation), **where there will be wailing** (extreme heat), **and grinding of teeth** (extreme cold)” **“Many are invited** (both Jews and Gentiles) **but few are chosen** (not everyone was saved)”

Let us ask our Blessed Mother to accept the invitation to the wedding banquet by our faith in Jesus and to have the wedding garment by our acts of charity.

Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE

WEEKLY NEWS
Please note there will be no Masses from Mon Oct 12- Oct 14



because Fr. Gaston will be attending the IVE Formation Meetings in Upstate NY.

Sacramental Preparation 2026–2027
Classes are at St. John parish

- First Reconciliation & First Communion:** Saturdays at 2:30pm
- Confirmation:** Thursdays at 3:45pm

For more info contact Sr. Inmaculada 705 977 6479.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Classes are at St. John parish on Saturdays at 2:30 pm
For more info contact M. Asterone 249 688 0930.

In depth Study on the Most Holy Eucharist
Class Reminder for Thursday Oct 15th from 7-8 pm at St John the Baptist Basement. For more details contact Daniel Rozario 647 928 6414 DanielRozario@live.com

Bible Course on the Book of Psalms
Discover the Heart of God. The psalms will strengthen your faith, encourage your heart, and help you draw closer to God in every season of life. Oct 19 to Dec 15
Classes will be on Mondays 6:30 – 8pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall Facilitated by Sr Dorothy Nzekwe, SOLI to register contact srdorothy@solisisters.ca 705 313 6905 cost \$75.00

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

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.

St Peter In Chains Bicentennial Misson
Nov. 7-10, Fr. John O’Brien S.J. speaking on “Into the heart of the Canadian Martyrs”.

Peterborough Campus Ministry exists to accompany students at Trent University and Fleming College. 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! Register to join our contact list. www.ptbocampusministry.ca

Jesus Youth invites all youth & young adults 16–20 yrs old to Dead Man Walking, an annual three-day residential retreat for those heading into their final years before university, a gap year, or the workforce. Held at Valley of the Mother of God, Orangeville on Oct 16-18th. Registration 647 2708592 dmw.jesusyouth.ca
Email dmw.ontario@jesusyouth.ca



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Specially for baby Micah and our homebound.

GOSPEL Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

“Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: “Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.”’” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

“Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Pro-life Corner thank you to all who supported the **life-chain** with their prayers and in person!

