Mass Schedule - St. John

Sat. Oct 31	**Vigil of All Saints**
4:00 p.m.	For all parishioners.
Sun. Nov. 1	**All Saints**
10:30 a.m.	For Sanctification of all parishioners.
Mon. Nov. 2	**All Souls, the Commemoration of all the faithful Departed**
8:00 a.m.	For the deceased members of all parishioners.
9:00 a.m.	Mass at Sacred Heart 9:00 AM
Tue. Nov. 3	**Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM**
Wed. Nov. 4	**No Mass**
Thu. Nov. 5	**No Mass**
Fri. Nov. 6	**Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM**
Sat. Nov. 7	**Vigil of the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**
4:00 p.m.	+ June Dingman from Carol Whiteside.
Sun., Nov 8	**32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**
10:30 a.m.	For all parishioners.

Last Weekend – October 25, 2026		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	121	$ 438
10:30 am Sunday	59	$ 579
Online donations:		$ 193
Total	180	$ 1,210
Thank you for your generosity and support!		

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, and the following day, we commemorate All Souls. These two celebrations offer us a wonderful opportunity to meditate on one of the articles of our Creed: *"I believe in the Communion of Saints."*The expression *"Communion of Saints"* refers to the spiritual union that exists among all the members of the one Church of Christ. The word *communion* comes from the Latin *communio* and is related to the Greek word *κοινωνία* (*koinonia*). Both express the idea of *'union through participation in a shared good.'* This communion is made possible we are members of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. The Church has three states: the "Triumphant Church", consisting of those who are already in Heaven and enjoy the presence of God; the "Suffering Church", consisting of the souls in Purgatory who are being purified in preparation for Heaven; and the "Pilgrim Church", consisting of those of us who are still journeying on earth toward our eternal homeland. Although we speak of three states, we belong to one Church, united in Christ by the bond of charity. But what does this communion mean in practice? It means that the members of the Church are not isolated from one another, even beyond death. There is a spiritual exchange of goods among us, a communion of spiritual goods. The saints in Heaven intercede for us, who are still pilgrims on this earth. Having reached the fullness of life with God, they remain united to us in charity and intercede for us before the Lord. We, in turn, can pray and offer sacrifices for the souls in Purgatory. Through our prayers, good works, and especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for the faithful departed, we ask God to grant them the grace and mercy they need as they undergo purification. These souls are destined for Heaven, and when their purification is complete and they enter into the glory of God, they too will belong to the Church Triumphant and join the saints in interceding for us. This is why the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls are so closely connected.

One word on Halloween. It is advisable to supplant Halloween with a- "all hallow eve celebration" dressing as saints, b- "fall festival" welcoming the new season, c- "super heroes celebration" dressing as any super heroes. But avoid celebrating this pagan feast which includes tombs, blood, knives, spiderweb, witches, ghosts, bones, death and scary things for the children. It damages their psychology and their spiritual life. Fr. Gabriel Amorth, the greatest exorcist of his time in Rome, said: "Halloween is really a spiritual gathering presented as a form of game, and that is the equivalent of singing hosannas to the devil"

As we celebrate All Saints and All Souls, let us ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us, that we may grow in our communion with all the members of Christ's Mystical Body. May the saints in Heaven pray for us, may our prayers assist the souls in Purgatory, and may we all one day be reunited in the eternal happiness of Heaven. Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE

Weekly News

Mass for all Souls On Monday November 2nd, for the Commemoration of all Faithful Departed, there will be two Masses. At St. John at 8am and at Sacred Heart at 9am. Please use the envelope provided at the entrance of the church to have the Mass said for the repose of the souls of your deceased relatives and friends. On Monday, these envelopes can be put on the altar in the basket provided.

Daily Mass During Clergy Study Days Fr. Gaton along with all the other priest in our Diocese will be away during their annual Clergy Study Days. There will be no 8am Mass on Wed. Nov. 4 and Thu. Nov. 5 but on those days, you can attend Mass at Immaculate Conception, 386 Rogers Street, at 8:30 am.

Help us during this winter

The cold has arrived. We look for donations of blankets, winter socks and sweaters for the homeless. You can leave your donations on the table by the entrance of the church. Thank you for your help.

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 Nov. 12 from 7-8 pm at St John. For more details contact Daniel Rozario 647 928 6414 DanielRozario@live.com

Diocesan & Other News:

Mass of Remembrance for the PVNC Catholic Community The PVNC Catholic District School Board invites you to a Mass of Remembrance for deceased members of the PVNC Catholic community on Wed., Nov. 11, at 4:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough. Rev. Fr. Tom Lynch will be the Celebrant. All are welcome as we remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn.

St. Paul's Christmas Makers Market (Nov 21st 9am-2pm) Admission is free at this event that will feature local artisans and their handmade products. This event also showcases young people from our community who make and sell beautiful products. There will be a basket raffle, and food & refreshments will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the event will support programs at our church.

All Saints Day Party- We are pleased to announce that our annual All Saints Day Party will be held at St. Paul's Parish Hall in Lakefield on Sun. Nov. 1st from 2-6pm. All are welcome to attend. Dress as your favourite Saint! We have a costume contest, Saint-themed games, prizes and light refreshments/treats.

CWL Christmas Bazaar St. Peter-In-Chains Christmas Bazaar will be held on Sat. Nov. 7, 2026 at Bishop Doyle Hall, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Baked goods, crafts, religious items and more!

St Peter In Chains Bicentennial Misson Fr. O'Brien will be bringing a number of relics for veneration. The Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains will be hosting a Bicentennial Mission entitled "Into the Heart of the Canadian Martyrs" presented by Fr. John O'Brien, S.J., Director of Canadian Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. Join us for weekend Mass on Sat, Nov 7th at 5:00pm, OR Sun, Nov. 8th at 7:30am, 9:00am or 10:30am. On Mon. Nov. 9th & Tue. Nov. 10th, join us at either 11:00am OR 7:00pm for Mass and Talk. Everyone welcome!

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! www.ptbocampusministry.ca

Gospel Matthew 5. 1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples cam to him. The he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

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!