

MASS SCHEDULE

- Sat., Nov. 27 Eve of the First Sunday of Advent**
5:30 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent**
9:00 AM + Paulina Abbott
from Hendrik and Donna Jongsma.
5:00 PM + Albert Miceli from John Miceli.
- Mon., Nov. 29 Weekday Ferial**
8:00 AM **Mass at St. John the Baptist**
For the grace to make a good decision.
- Tue., Nov.30 St. Andrew, Apostle**
8:00 AM For graces to students.
- Wed., Dec.1 Weekday Ferial**
8:00 AM **Mass at St. John the Baptist**
For Joan Crowley
from Judy and Barry Wright.
- Thu., Dec. 2 Weekday Ferial**
8:00 AM + Pushpa Swamy from Nithya.
- Fri., Dec. 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest**
8:00 AM For the grace of healing.
- Sat., Dec. 4 Eve of The Second Sunday of Advent**
5:30 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Dec5 Second Sunday of Advent**
9:00 AM + Francesco Colacci from Ada Colacci
5:00 PM For the grace of a happy and holy death
of Anna Miceli from John Miceli.

Offertory Nov. 14, 2021	1,069.00
Fuel and Church Maintenance	155.00
Offertory Nov 21, 2021	1,942.25
Fuel and Church Maintenance	100.00
All souls	126.70
Priest Benefit Fund	40.00

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This weekend we light the first candle of the Advent wreath also known as the 'Hope candle.' The Advent wreath has been a long-lasting Catholic tradition. It then took off as a Christian custom in the Middle Ages. It's candles light reminded all that Christ is the one true light of the world – bringing us from darkness into light.

There are many symbolisms in the Advent wreath – I will only name a few. The evergreen signifies the long life or better yet immortality, reminding us God calls us to eternal life. Then we have the four candles, each of the four weeks of advent in preparation for Christmas. Three are

purple and one is pink (or rose). The purple similar to its liturgical purpose symbolizes a time of prayer, penance and works of charity. While the pink candle - to be light on the Third Sunday of Advent (also known as Gaudete Sunday or Sunday of Rejoicing) – symbolizes joy. Gaudete Sunday, reminds us of the joyful expectation and that these prayers and penances are never not to be practiced without joy and love for God. Not penance without love, nor prayer without joy.

Some families have also made it a tradition to have their own little Advent Wreath in their homes, lighting each candle on their week. You are more than welcome to do likewise. Below is a few prayers on what to do:

On the First Sunday of Advent, the father of the family blesses the wreath by praying: *“O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from you abundant graces. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.”* (This is done once).

Then the father continues to lead the prayer for the First Sunday: *“O Lord, stir up your might, we beg you, and come, that by your protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by your deliverance. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.”*
Then someone lights the first candle – a Purple Candle. Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Raffle

Holy Mass will be on Dec 12th at St. John 10:30AM. The raffle drawing will be after Mass. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold next weekend.

Sacred Heart Annual Memorial Wish Tree

You are invited to the candlelight Memorial Mass on Saturday December 18, 2021 5:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church with Bishop Daniel Miehm. If you would like a Memorial light place on the Wish Tree

in memory of your loved ones, please see the insert for the details. This event aids in fundraising for the parish renovation projects. If you have any questions please contact Ed Genge at 705 292 6665 or genge@sympatico.ca

Synod Survey

This input will be part of both the worldwide and local conversations to establish pastoral priorities within the Church. The survey is open until Friday, November 26th, 2021. The survey is offered in two formats. The Thought Exchange format will give you the opportunity to see what others (without names) have entered on the survey, and the Google Form format has questions specific to communion, participation, and mission. Please feel welcome to choose the survey format that is the most convenient for you.

All of the resources for the Parish Discussion Sessions are available through this weblink: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/pastoral-planning.aspx> and can also be found on our parish website.



POINSETTIA SALES at St. John

We will once again be collecting funds to purchase the poinsettias to decorate the altar for Christmas on the weekends of Nov 27-28 and Dec 4-5 at the entrance of the Church. A donation would be welcomed and appreciated.

Catholic Mom's Group & Diocese of Ptbo - Webinar November 30 @ 7p.m.

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_19ej68ttQLytcYqDziSBEA or on the parish website. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You may check out Catholic Mom's Group online at: <https://www.catholicmomsgroup.com/>



Confession Times

Sacred Heart on Fridays from 5:00-6:30PM
St. John the Baptist on Saturdays from 3-4PM
Also by Appointment.

Altar Boy Group at Sacred Heart

1st & 3rd Fridays of the Month 6:15 – 8:00 PM.

Friday Adoration at Sacred Heart of Jesus

Every Friday there is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart in reparation for the offences made to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from 1:30 to 6:30PM and confessions from 5:00-6:30PM.

Catechism Classes For more information about Baptism, First Communion and Confirmations contact Sr. Inmaculada.

Catholic Missionary Children Oratory

For Children 7-12 years old. Saturdays 10:15AM at St. John the Baptist. For info contact Sr. Inmaculada.

Bible and the Mass Classes every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday of the Month from 4:15 – 5:15 PM at Sacred Heart Rectory.

Young Adult Group

On the 2nd, 4th and 5th Friday of the Month from 6-8PM at Sacred Heart. It starts with half an hour of Adoration, talk and recreation at the rectory.

GOSPEL Luke 21.25-28, 34-36 Sunday Nov. 28

Jesus spoke to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

“Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”