

MASS SCHEDULE

- Sat., Mar. 12 Eve of the 2nd Sunday of Lent**
5:30 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Mar. 13 2nd Sunday of Lent**
9:00 AM + Martin and Allegonda Simons from Bill and Geraldine.
5:00 PM Latin Mass.
- Mon., Mar. 14 Weekday Ferial**
8:00 AM **Mass at St. John the Baptist**
For the unborn.
- Tue., Mar. 15 Weekday Ferial**
8:00 AM + Charlie Morris from Stephen and Bonnie Jalsevac.
- Wed., Mar. 16 Weekday Ferial**
8:00 AM **Mass at St. John the Baptist**
For the holy souls of purgatory from Lisette Romero.
- Thu., Mar. 17 St. Patrick, Bishop**
8:00 AM +Alice Hefferman from the Sacred Heart Auxiliary.
- Fri., Mar. 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop**
8:00 AM For souls of purgatory.
- Sat., Mar. 19 Eve of the 3rd Sunday of Lent**
5:30 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Mar. 20 3rd Sunday of Lent**
9:00 AM +Joan Kirkus from Jan and Ed Burke.
5:00 PM Latin Mass.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This week we will focus on the Virtue of Faith, the virtue that is the most basic and fundamental to any notion of religion. In general faith can be defined as a firm persuasion (or conviction) whereby a person accepts a truth that is not seen. As the book of Hebrew says, "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Faith is one of the three theological virtues – along with Hope and Charity.

The Latin word for faith is *fide or credere* (properly translated as 'to believe') which also means "to be persuaded." By faith we are persuaded by God that He exist (that the bible is the Living Word of God and that our Lord is truly present in the Eucharist) because although we do not see, nor do we touch or hear God - we believe that He exist.

There are two ways a person can be certain of knowledge; one is by intellectual reasoning – that is by learning things on our own. The second is by faith - by believing in another's credible authority; ultimately,

we believe that God Exist because we believe he reveals Himself in Jesus Christ.

To believe is a choice we make. God give us the choice to believe or not. A theologian also writes, "We believe, not because we see, perceive, as discovering something true, [we believe] because we desire something good" ...we believe because we desire the unimaginable good God offers us.

There are three elements to the virtue of Faith:

-Credere Deum – 'to believe in a God' - that is that we believe that God exist. With all our heart and with all our mind we are certain that God exist.

-Credere Deo – 'to believe towards God' – believing in the credibility of God. It is one thing to believe that a God exist – *as many people now-a-days do* - but it is another thing to believe that God is trustworthy. And this can be the difference between reading the bible as a book or as the Word of God; or the difference between receiving communion with apathy or receiving Communion with great love, piety and devotion.

-Credere in Deum – 'to believe into God' – this is to believe in God so as to move towards God. A faith that lures us to Heaven or a faith that constantly calls us closer to God. And this is the most perfect and highest form of faith. We believe unto God, we believe until we arrive to God.

Faith is most essential and fundamental to our religious life, as the Book of Hebrew says, "...without faith it is impossible to please him [God], for anyone who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." (Hebrew 11:6). Let us ask God for growth in faith this Lent.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Holy Mass for Saint Joseph

You are invited to the Vigil Mass in honour of St. Joseph on Friday March 18th at 5PM at Sacred Heart.

Holy Mass of the Solemnity of the Annunciation

We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation with Holy Mass on Friday March 25th at 5PM at Sacred Heart.

NOTICE: Daily Mass Schedule

All weekday Masses will be at Saint John the Baptist from March 21st – April 8th as work will be done in the church of Sacred Heart.

Way of the Cross

Every Friday - Saint John the Baptist 4 PM & Sacred Heart at 6:30 PM. Way of the Cross pamphlets will also be available throughout Lent for those who would like to come at another convenient time.

Way of the Cross for Children

All children are invited to the Way of the Cross at St. John the Baptist at 11:00 am on Saturday March 12, 26, April 2 and 9.

Organ Recital Series

Sundays, March 13, 20 – 3PM-4PM at St. John the Baptist. Two concerts, 1 hour long each, of mostly Bach organ music, played by Randy Mills and friends.



Free admission

The **CATHOLIC Missionary Children** from our parishes have started the Lenten mission project to give alms to needy children abroad. For this Lenten fundraising project today they will be:

◆ distributing rosaries for a donation. Some of the Rosaries were made by the children.



◆ selling books:



•Devotion to Holy Face \$6 + a donation

•Lent and Easter Wisdom for Fulton Sheen \$20 + a donation

•Seven Words of Jesus and Mary Lesson on Cana & Calvary \$16 + a donation

•The Cross & the Beatitudes \$ 20 + a donation

•The stations of the Cross booklet - any donation accepted.

Please help the cause!

40 Days for Life at Peterborough!

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion facilities. Our campaign is from March 2nd until Palm Sunday April 10th. Bring

your families and friends and peacefully pray for an end to innocent lives being taken from our community! Sign up for your vigil hours at www.40daysforlife.com/en/peterborough or come to our location on Hospital Drive across the street from PRHC anytime between 8am and 8pm daily. For more information contact Danielle Heron at (289) 400-9179 or 40daysforlifeptbo@gmail.com

GOSPEL Luke 9.28b-36 of Sunday March 13

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his exodus, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," but Peter did not know what he said.

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

CATECHISM WORD CORNER

Penance (Sacrament of): The liturgical celebration of God's forgiveness of the sins of the penitent, who is thus reconciled with God and with the Church. The acts of the penitent – contrition, confession of sins, and satisfaction or reparation – together with the prayer of absolution by the priest, constitute the essential elements of the sacrament of Penance.