

MASS SCHEDULE

- Sat., Mar. 5 Eve of the 1st Sunday of Lent**
5:30 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Mar. 6 1st Sunday of Lent**
9:00 AM For Joe, Rita and Michael Duffus from the family.
5:00 PM Latin Mass.
- Mon., Mar. 7 St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, Martyrs**
8:00 AM **Mass at St. John the Baptist**
For the holy souls of purgatory.
- Tue., Mar. 8 St. John of God, Religious**
8:00 AM + Sieni Smit
from Stephen and Bonnie Jalsevac .
- Wed., Mar. 9 St. Frances of Rome, Religious**
8:00 AM **Mass at St. John the Baptist**
For the IVE Community
from Lisette Romero.
- Thu., Mar. 10 Weekday Ferial**
8:00 AM For the spiritual and corporal needs of
Christopher Brown
from Stephen and Bonnie Jalsevac.
- Fri., Mar. 11 Weekday Ferial**
8:00 AM For the intentions of Doreen Daly
from Jeannie Shaughnessy.
- 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
from Bill and Geraldine.
5:00 PM Latin Mass.

Weekly Collection for Feb, 27 \$1,122.00

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As we commence this season of Lent, let us remember it is a time to journey with our Lord forty-days towards Easter. Just as the Israelites journeyed 40 years in the desert towards the promised land, similarly do we journey towards Easter – *towards Heaven*. And just as Jesus spend 40 days and 40 nights in prayer and penance in the wilderness, so now do we spend 40 days in prayer, penance and almsgiving (*or Works of Mercy*).

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says, the during the season of Lent “the Church unities herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.” (CCC540) For Forty days we accompany our Lord in the desert so that at the conclusion of these forty days we may also accompany Him in His Resurrection, then proceed to accompany Him in His Ascension into Heaven.

On Ash Wednesday’s Gospel we see elements of the three practices that ought to be observed during this Lenten season: Prayer, Penance (*or fasting and abstinence*) and Almsgiving.

First our Lord mentions Almsgiving which are spiritual and/or corporal Works of Mercy. Almsgiving is a way to continue carrying out the mission of Christ – not seeking our own praises or acknowledgement, but so that instead God may be glorified through us. In this way, Almsgiving takes on a spirit of prayer because it is done for love of God and for love of our neighbor. And it also takes on a spirit of Penance because we are forgetting about ourselves – and instead thinking about others.

Then we have Penance; which can be either in dietary way (*by fasting or abstinence*) or in a pleasurable way (*in which we deny ourselves of things we enjoy, prefer and or consider luxurious*). Every Christian by norm is asked to abstain from meat on all Fridays throughout Lent – *expect for those who have a medical necessity*. This is called abstinence instead of fasting. To abstain is to deprive or deny ourselves from a particular food or drink, but not restraining from food or drink as a whole. While fasting on the other hand, is to restrain from food and/or drink as a whole, as an expression of interior penance.

Then there are the other penances; denying ourselves of pleasurable or luxurious things. We deny ourselves of these things in order to find true pleasure and desire for the spiritual things: the love of God, grace, peace and joy. Penance is a great way to help us forget about ourselves and what we want in order to remind ourselves of what we should want – God.

Then lastly Prayer; as our Lord spent those forty days in prayer so should we augment our prayer; either in working to pray better what we already pray or seeking to pray something that we know would be very beneficial. These prayers can be as simple as attending daily Mass throughout the season of Lent, making a holy hour or praying the Rosary as a family.

We should have for certain, there is nothing we offer our Lord during the season of Lent that we will go unrewarded. As our Lord said three times in Gospel, “your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” Thus, let us offer God these 40 days of prayer, penance and almsgiving with great joy certain that this will be an enormous aid for us to arrive to the Promise land – *to arrive to Heaven*.

WEEKLY NEWS

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.

Sunday March 6th Blessing of Electronic Organ at St John the Baptist

You are invited on Sunday March 6, 3PM-4PM for the Liturgical Blessing of the organ at St. John, recognition of volunteers associated with it, and short organ recital.



Organ Recital Series

Sundays, March 13, 20 – 3PM-4PM. 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. In their effort to bring others to Christ, the missionary children together with parents and chaperons went out to the neighborhood to drop invitations to participate in the activities proper of lent.



Today!



BAKE SALE

Next week we will be giving out rosaries for a donation. Some of the Rosaries were made by the children.

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 40daysforlifetbo@gmail.com

GOSPEL Luke 4.1-13 of Sunday March 6

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his Angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

CATECHISM WORD CORNER

Temptation: An attraction, either from outside oneself or from within, to act contrary to right reason and the commandments of God. Jesus himself during his life on earth was tempted, put to the test, to manifest both the opposition between himself and the devil and the triumph of his saving work over Satan. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 538)