

MASS SCHEDULE - Sacred Heart

**Sat., Apr 26 Vigil Divine Mercy Sunday**  
5:30 PM + Frank and Elizabeth Moher  
On the 100th Wedding Anniversary  
From the Family.

**Sun., Apr 27 Divine Mercy Sunday**  
SH 9:00 AM + Maria Barbosa  
From her Children.

Latin 12:00 PM Latin Mass.

**Mon., Apr 28 Mass at St. John the B. 8:00 AM**

**Tue., Apr 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the church**  
SH 8:00 AM Special Intention from a Parishioner.

**Wed., Apr 30 Mass at St. John the B. 8:00 AM**

**Thu., May 1 St. Joseph the Worker**  
SH 8:00 AM For the Intentions of Jalsevac Family  
From Christine Helferty.

**Fri., May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
SH 8:00 AM Special Intention from a Parishioner.

6:30 PM First Friday Mass.

**Sat., May 3**  
SH 8:30 AM First Saturday Mass.

**Sat., May 3 Vigil 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
5:30 PM For all Parishioners.

**Sun., May 4 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
9:00 AM For Priests Retired from pastoral ministries in the Diocese of Peterborough

Latin 12:00 PM Latin Mass.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear parishioners,

Today, on this beautiful feast of **Divine Mercy Sunday**, the Church invites us to plunge into the infinite ocean of God's love, a love that meets us precisely where we are: in our need, in our brokenness, in our misery. There is a simple

reasoning that helps us grasp the depth of today's celebration:

- 1- There is **no greater misery** than sin.
- 2- There is **no greater mercy** than when God Himself stoops down to lift the sinner from his misery.
- 3- And God does this **in the Sacrament of Confession**.

This is why today – Divine Mercy Sunday - we have in the Gospel the Institution of the Sacrament of Confession: Jesus breathed on the Apostles and said: *"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them"* (John 20:23). It is here, in the confessional, where Divine Mercy is shown in its most direct and personal way. The very word **mercy** comes from the Latin *misericordia* - a union of *miseria* (misery) and *cor* (heart). Mercy, then, is **the Heart of God reaching down our misery**, to forgive us.

St. Faustina Kowalska, the humble apostle of Divine Mercy, left us a simple prayer that is like a lifeline to every soul: **"Jesus, I trust in You."** In her diary, she recorded the words of Jesus urging us never to doubt His mercy. Even if our sins were like scarlet, His mercy is greater. **Never, never doubt His mercy.**

Dear friends, let this Sunday not be just a beautiful devotion but a personal encounter. If you have not been to Confession in a while, this is a great opportunity to receive God's Divine Mercy.

With trust in the merciful Savior,  
Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE



WEEKLY NEWS

**Parish office at Sacred Heart** Office hours will be Wednesday and Friday from 3PM to 5PM.  
705-874-7100

**Friday Adoration at Sacred Heart**  
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 to 6:30PM.



**Holy Communion for the homebound**  
The Blessed Sacrament is the greatest treasure God has left us on earth: Himself. Because of this, the Church has always taken great care to ensure that we treat it with due respect and reverence. One of the ministries directly related to the Blessed Eucharist is bringing Holy Communion to the homebound. Every Thursday, we have two ministers who bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Please let us know if you know someone in need so we can arrange to bring them Holy Communion. The Blessed Sacrament can be brought **ONLY** by a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. For practical and safety reasons, we will **NOT** be distributing the Eucharist to the homebound during the 'Communion Line' at Mass. Instead, it will be given only to Eucharistic Ministers after Mass. Fr. Gaston G.

**Catholic Conscience/Catholic Charities Election Guide 2025**  
This is a material that may be useful to discern regarding the upcoming election.  
Thank you to Catholic Conscience and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto for providing these materials for distribution. You may also find the link to this information in the parish website.  
[https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2015\\_Federal\\_Election\\_Guide\\_EN.pdf](https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2015_Federal_Election_Guide_EN.pdf)

**March For Life 2025**  
**GET ON THE BUS!!**  
March for Life, Ottawa, Thursday, May 8, 2025. Begins with Pro-life Mass, 7:30 am at St. Peter's Cathedral, \$40 per person, \$10 per student, Free for children under 10 yrs., priests and religious. For reservations: Elizabeth 705-931-7633, eldonald500@gmail.com

**OSPEL John 20.19-31 of Sun April 27**



It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.