

MASS SCHEDULE - Sacred Heart

Sat, Aug 22	Vigil of 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
SH 5:30 PM	For all Parishioners.
Sun, Aug 23	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.
SH 9:00AM	+Anita Whitney from Dolly Bolger.
12:00PM Latin	Intention of Dan and Catherine Connell on their 35 th wedding anniversary from Steve and Bonnie Jalsevac.
Mon, Aug 24	Mass at St. John the B. 8:00 AM
Tues, Aug 25	St. Louis
SH 8:00AM	Intention and Holiness of Sr Krolowa from the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima Group.
Wed, Aug 26	Mass at St. John the B. 8:00 AM
Thu, Aug 27	St. Monica
SH 8:00AM	+Barbara and Joanne Coughlin from Maria Raposo.
Fri, Aug 28	St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor
SH 8:00AM	+ Ed Mitchan from Maria Raposo.
Sat, Aug 29	Vigil of 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM	For all Parishioners.
Sun, Aug 30	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
SH 9:00AM	+Anita Whitney from Dolly Bolger.
12:00PM Latin	Intention of Tom and Siobhan Mockler

Weekend of August 16 th		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
5:30pm Sat & 9:00am Sunday	- 114	\$ 1925.95
12pm Sun(Latin) Aug 9	123	\$ 611.15
Online donations:		\$ 224.00
Total	237	\$ 2761.10
Fuel and maintenance \$20		
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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today we have the passage of the confession of Peter and the words with which Jesus establishes him as the rock upon which He will build His Church. Jesus asks: *“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”* And *“Simon Peter said in reply, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus said to him in reply, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.’”* The confession of Jesus as the Son of God is not merely a human act; it is made possible by divine

revelation (Father) and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. As St. Paul says, *“no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the holy Spirit”* 1Cor. 12:3 *“Jesus said ‘You are Peter, and upon this Peter, I will build my Church”* 1- THE CHANGE OF NAME: Jesus changes his name from Simon to Peter (it was a new name). In the Bible, when God gives a new name, that name is connected with a new identity and a mission. The new name Peter (rock) means solidity and stability to ‘the building’ *“I will build my Church”* As when Jesus says *“a wise man who built his house on rock the rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew, and buffeted the house (temptations, trials, persecutions, adversities...) but it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock”* and this rock was put by Christ. 2- THE POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVE *“my Church”* Jesus didn’t say ‘a church’ or ‘one church’, but *“my Church”* indicating his church.

- THREE METAPHORS:
- 1- *“the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it”* THE GATES = STRENGTH. In ancient literature, the gates of the city, symbolized all the strength of the city, because over there they joined all the forced they had (cities were attacked through the gates) Jesus promises to His Church such stability that none of the power of the Devil would prevail against it.
- 2- *“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven”* THE KEYS = AUTHORITY. In old times, there was a man, selected by the king, to open and close the huge gates of the city. When he opens, all the inhabitants of the city will go out to cultivate the lands and at evening the sound of trumpet will call the people to come back to the city because he will close the gates. The one who carries the keys, has true authority over the inhabitants of that city. Jesus by giving the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Peter is communicating to him the vicar power.
- 3- BINDING AND LOOSING = POWER *“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven”* Whatever means the universal power given to him. Let us ask our Blessed Mother that we never depart from the Catholic Faith.

Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE.

WEEKLY NEWS

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 1:00 to 6:00PM and confessions from 4:30 to 6:00PM.

Altar Boy Group at Sacred Heart
3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

“Voces Verbi” Youth Group
1st Wednesdays of the month from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Rosary Group
Please join the Rosary group which meets every Thursday at 1:00 to pray the rosary for the needs of the Universal Church.

Sacramental Preparation 2026–2027
The online pre-registration form for Sacramental Preparation is now available on our website! Classes begin in **October**.

First Reconciliation & First Communion: Saturdays
Confirmation: Thursdays
Visit <https://forms.gle/ksmtC5ymu7oHYF4h9>

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS

Corn Roast - August 28th St. Peter the Apostle Parry Sound- Join us on Friday, August 28 for St. Peter the Apostle's 2nd Annual Parish Corn Roast. Enjoy fresh corn on the cob, pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert, live music, and great fellowship. Proceeds will support the capping of our stained-glass windows and the painting and repair of the church's front columns. Tickets are on sale now at the Welcome Desk after Masses and at the parish office: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under. We hope to see you there!

Still Considering Your School Options for September?
It’s not too late to explore Wayside Academy! Located in north Peterborough, Wayside offers private classical Catholic education for students from Kindergarten through Grade 12, with small class sizes, strong academics, and a school culture rooted in the Catholic faith.Wayside is currently accepting applications for the 2026–27 school year, with limited space available in select grades.



Families interested in learning more are invited to request a private tour and come see Wayside for themselves. Request a private tour at olwayside.ca/admissions2026

Douro Doings Labour Day September 7
Annual Douro event with lots of activities. Please see the bulletin for details.

Forty Years of World Youth Day
The year 2026 marks the fortieth anniversary of the first World Youth Day, initiated by Saint John Paul II and celebrated in Rome in 1986. This anniversary offers an occasion to give thanks for the abundant fruits that World Youth Day has borne through the faith, enthusiasm, and active participation of young people and the local Churches over the past four decades.

World Youth Day 2027
World Youth Day Seoul 2027 will take place from 3 to 8 August 2027.

GOSPEL Matthew 16.13-20 of Sun August 23

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, Who do people say that the Son of Man is? And they said, Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the Prophets.

He said to them, But who do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus answered him, Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



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!