

MASS SCHEDULE - Sacred Heart

Sat, Oct 17	Vigil of 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SH 5:30 PM	For all Parishioners.
Sun, Oct 18	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
SH 9:00AM	Intention of Stephen and Karen Welch and family from family
12:00PM Latin	No Intention
Mon, Oct 19	Mass at St. John the B. 8:00 AM
Tues, Oct 20	St. Hedwig, Religious
SH 8:00AM	Intention of Peter, Alicia and family from family
Wed, Oct 21	Mass at St. John the B. 8:00 AM
Thu, Oct 22	St John Paul II, Pope
SH 8:00AM	Intention of Bernard Ironside from family
Fri, Oct 23	St. John of Capistrano, Priest
SH 8:00AM	Intention of Sticklen family From Rozario family
Sat, Oct 24	Vigil of 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SH 5:30 PM	For all Parishioners.
Sun, Oct 25	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SH 9:00AM	Intention of Paul and Karen Chimenti form Peter and Linda Chimenti
12:00PM Latin	Intention of Julia and Tommy Mockler and family from Mockler family

Weekend of October 11 th		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
5:30pm Sat & 9:00am Sunday	45 140	\$ 1264.00
12pm Sun(Latin) Oct 4	72	\$ 1164.00
Online donations:		\$ 224.00
Total	257	\$ 2652.00
Fuel and maintenance \$20, World Mission \$20		

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

This past week, I traveled to Upstate NY to attend my annual IVE Formation Meeting. This year, Fr. Gustavo Lombardo, who was with us in March, presented his new book in Spanish, *De espaldas a Dios: Guía de discernimiento para la Nueva Era, el Yoga y otras espiritualidades posmodernas* (Turning One’s Back on God: A Guide to Discernment Regarding the New Age, Yoga, and Other Postmodern Spiritualities). The book will soon be available in English. The book explores several topics in depth, including Gnosticism, Freemasonry, the New Age, Yoga, Mindfulness, and

Reiki, among others. It is particularly timely because many people, often innocently, seek ways to relieve stress through these practices that appear to promote mental and physical relaxation but also involve spirituality rooted in Eastern religions and can be dangerous. These practices deserve careful discernment in light of our Catholic faith. An example cited in the book is Fr. Joseph Marie Verlinde, who

‘became involved in Transcendental Meditation in 1969; practiced yoga intensively; and lived in Indian ashrams for three years (from the age of 24 to 27), under the guidance of a guru, where he came to experience that ‘fascination with the void’ that led him toward the dissolution of the self.’ After an initial calling from God, ‘upon returning to his country, he discovered that he had mediumistic powers and eventually realized that he was possessed by a demon during a Holy Mass celebrated by an exorcist.’
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHoKWxp8lmo&t=266s>

Fr. Gustavo mentions that (besides Fr. Amorth and Ripperger) *‘several contemporary exorcists have testified to specific cases in which practices such as Yoga, Mindfulness, and Reiki have been linked to phenomena of demonic oppression or possession. Among them are Fr. Juan José Gallego and Fr. Javier Luzón (Spain), Fr. Vincent Lampert and Fr. Gary Thomas (United States), Fr. Ghislain Roy (Canada), and Fr. Luis Escobar (Chile). They agree in warning that, although these practices are often considered ‘neutral,’ they involve a spiritual openness that can become a genuine gateway to the extraordinary action of the Evil One.’* These are not ‘neutral’ disciplines! Fr. Verlinde says: *‘I remember the guru’s amused smile at Westerners’ reasons for practicing yoga: relaxation, stress relief, self-control, and so on. His response, in essence, was: ‘You are amazing! You practice these sacred techniques seeking effects that are merely peripheral to us, and you pay no attention whatsoever to the profound transformations they bring about within you... That is your choice. Your ignorance of, or lack of interest in, these deeper effects will not prevent these techniques from producing in you what they were designed to achieve.’*

To help us discern about these dangers, the Pontifical Council for Culture released a Document “Jesus Christ, the bearer of the water of life. A Christian reflection on the ‘New Age’” (https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/interelg/documents/rc_pc_interelg_doc_20030203_new-age_en.html)

The Document mentions that the new age, which encompasses these disciplines, is *‘a modern revival of pagan religions with a mixture of influences from both eastern religions and also from modern psychology, philosophy, science, and the counterculture that developed in the 1950s and 1960s’* It will always be pantheistic because it identifies God with the world. Fr. Teilhard de Chardin contributed greatly to the development of the new age through his pantheistic ideas. This is why we have retreats on nature and man trying to discover itself as part of God through self-conscience. The Vatican condemned the writings of Fr. Teilhard on at least two occasions (1957 and 1962). Let us ask our Blessed Mother to protect us from these dangers and help us to remain faithful to Jesus and His Church.

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 Fridays of the month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

“Voces Verbi” Youth Group

1st Fridays of the month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

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:** Satuday
- Confirmation:** Thursdays

Visit www.stjohnpeterborough.ca to register

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA classes will be held every Saturday between 2:30- 3:45pm at St John’s. The topics discussed for the month of October are 1. Participation in Mass 2. Journey of Faith 3. About Christian Prayer 4. Divine Revelation. For more information contact Mother Asterone 249-688-0930.

St John the Baptist Bible Study Group

In-depth Study on the Most Holy Eucharist ‘The Source & Summit of the Christian life’. Next class will be Thursday Oct 29th from 7 pm – 8 pm at St John the Baptist Basement. For more details contact Daniel Rozario @ 647- 928- 6414 / email- DanielRozario@live.com

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS

Andrew Roelands Ordination to the Transitional

Diaconate-

Everyone is invited to participate and pray for our seminarian the Ordination Mass will be on Friday Oct. 23, at 7pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains by Bishop Daniel Miehm.

Bible course on the book of Psalms – “Discover the heart of God”

From October 19- Dec15 classes will be on Mondays 6:30-8:00pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall facilitated by Sr Dorothy Nzekwe, SOLI to register contact [srdorothy@solisisters.ca/](mailto:srdorothy@solisisters.ca) 705-313-6905

Cost \$ 75.00

Bicentennial Mission

The Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains will be hosting a Bicentennial Mission entitled “Into the Heart of the Canadian Martyrs” presented by Fr. John O’Brien, S.J., Director of Canadian Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland. Join us



for weekend Mass on Saturday, November 7th at 5:00pm, OR Sunday, November 8th at 7:30am, 9:00am or 10:30am. On Monday November 9th & Tuesday, November 10th, join us at either 11:00am OR 7:00pm for Mass and Talk. Everyone welcome!

GOSPEL Matthew 22.15-21 of Sunday October 18

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax. And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, Whose head is this, and whose title?They answered, Caesars. Then he said to them, Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesars, and to God the things that are Gods.

St John Paul II - Feast day October 22

St. John Paul II, born Karol Józef Wojtyła on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland, was the youngest of three children in a devout Catholic family. His early life was marked by tragedy- his mother died when he was 9, and his older brother died when he was 12. Despite these losses, Karol developed a deep faith and love for the Church. He was an excellent student and had a passion for literature, theater, and sports. He participated in the Second Vatican Council and became known for his theological insights and pastoral care. On October 16, 1978, at the age of 58, he was elected Pope, taking the name John Paul II. He was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and the first Polish pope in history. Pope John Paul II's pontificate lasted nearly 27 years, making him one of the longest-serving popes in history. He died on April 2, 2005, and was canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014. His feast day is celebrated on October 22nd, the anniversary of his papal inauguration.

Saint John Paul II- Pray for us



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!