MASS SCHEDULE - Sacred Heart

Sat, Oct 31	**Vigil of All Saints**
SH 5:30 PM	+Lucia Colacci from Mom and family
Sun, Nov 1	**All Saints**
SH 9:00AM	For Sanctification of all Parishioners
12:00PM Latin	Intention of Tracy Boak and family from Anne Brygidyr
Mon, Nov 2	**All Souls** (Commemoration of the faithful departed)
St. John the B. 8:00A M	For the deceased members of all
SH 9:00 AM	Parishioners
Tues, Nov 3	**Ferial Weekday**
SH 8:00AM	Thanksgiving for the protection of Israel and Jeremiah Rozario from parents
Wed, Nov 4	**No Mass**
Thu, Nov 5	**No Mass**
Fri, Nov 6	**Ferial weekday**
SH 8:00AM	+ Rita and Joseph Duffus from family
SH 6:00 PM	First Friday Mass
Sat, Nov 7	First Saturday Mass
SH 8:30AM	
Sat, Nov 7	**Vigil of 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
SH 5:30 PM	For All Parishioners
Sun, Nov 8	**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
SH 9:00AM	Living and deceased members of Lac and Cabral family
12:00PM Latin	Intention of John Kato from Alice

Weekend of October 25th

Mass	Attendance	Contributions
5:30pm Sat & 9:00am Sunday	- 95	$ 1209.20
12pm Sun(Latin) Oct 18	126	$ 1072.00
Online donations:		$ 224.00
Total	221	$ 2505.20
Fuel and maintenance $20, World Mission $75, All Souls $140		

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, and the following day, we commemorate All Souls. These two celebrations offer us a wonderful opportunity to meditate on one of the articles of our Creed: *"I believe in the Communion of Saints."*The expression *"Communion of Saints"* refers to the spiritual union that exists among all the members of the one Church of Christ. The word *communion* comes from the Latin *communio* and is related to the **Greek word *κοινωνία* (*koinonia*).** Both express the idea of *'union through participation in a shared good.'* This communion is made possible we are members of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. The Church has three states: the "Triumphant Church", consisting of those who are already in Heaven and enjoy the presence of God; the "Suffering Church", consisting of the souls in

Purgatory who are being purified in preparation for Heaven; and the "Pilgrim Church", consisting of those of us who are still journeying on earth toward our eternal homeland. Although we speak of three states, we belong to one Church, united in Christ by the bond of charity. But what does this communion mean in practice? It means that the members of the Church are not isolated from one another, even beyond death. There is a spiritual exchange of goods among us, a communion of spiritual goods. The saints in Heaven intercede for us, who are still pilgrims on this earth. Having reached the fullness of life with God, they remain united to us in charity and intercede for us before the Lord. We, in turn, can pray and offer sacrifices for the souls in Purgatory. Through our prayers, good works, and especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for the faithful departed, we ask God to grant them the grace and mercy they need as they undergo purification. These souls are destined for Heaven, and when their purification is complete and they enter into the glory of God, they too will belong to the Church Triumphant and join the saints in interceding for us. This is why the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls are so closely connected.

One word on Halloween. It is advisable to supplant Halloween with a- "all hallow eve celebration" dressing as saints, b- "fall festival" welcoming the new season, c- "super heroes celebration" dressing as any super heroes. But avoid celebrating this pagan feast which includes tombs, blood, knives, spiderweb, witches, ghosts, bones, death and scary things for the children. It damages their psychology and their spiritual life. Fr. Gabriel Amorth, the greatest exorcist of his time in Rome, said: "Halloween is really a spiritual gathering presented as a form of game, and that is the equivalent of singing hosannas to the devil"

As we celebrate All Saints and All Souls, let us ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us, that we may grow in our communion with all the members of Christ's Mystical Body. May the saints in Heaven pray for us, may our prayers assist the souls in Purgatory, and may we all one day be reunited in the eternal happiness of Heaven.

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.

"Voces Verbi" Youth Group

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

Altar Boy Group at Sacred Heart

3rd Fridays of the month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

All Souls Day

On Monday November 2nd we will celebrate All Souls' Day the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, in which we pray for our beloved departed ones and for those who have died and have no one to pray for them. We will have Holy Mass at St. John the Baptist at 8:00 a.m. and Sacred Heart at 9:00 a.m. Please be reminded to drop the All Souls' Day envelopes with the names of those you want us to pray for in the offertory basket, extra envelopes may be found at the entrance of the church.

Clergy Study days- Fr Gaston along with many other priests in the diocese of Peterborough will be away for Clergy study days from November 3rd to November 5th. There will be no mass on November 4th and November 5th. Daily Mass during the study days in Peterborough will be at Immaculate Conception, 386 Rogers Street, Peterborough, at 8:30 am. Father Luis Lapinid will be the celebrant.

Sacramental Preparation 2026–2027 - Classes for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation have started at St. John parish

- **First Reconciliation & First Communion:** Saturdays
- **Confirmation:** Thursdays

Please see website for more information

Visit www.stjohnpeterborough.ca

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.

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS

The Hallowtide Triduum- All Hallows' Eve is the first day of a three-day seasonal observance called All Hallowtide (also known as Hallowtide or Hallowmas):

- October 31 – All Hallows' Eve (Halloween): The vigil marking the evening before All Saints' Day, traditionally a time of prayer, reflection on mortality, and preparation.
- November 1 – All Saints' Day (All Hallows' Day / Hallowmas): A celebrating all the saints and martyrs in heaven, both known and unknown
- November 2 – All Souls' Day: A day dedicated to prayer and suffrage for the faithful departed who are still in Purgatory.
- Meaning of "Hallow": In Old English, a hallow is a holy person or saint.
- Church Guidance: Church leaders encourage the faithful to keep the focus of the holiday centered on the Communion of Saints, Christian memory of the dead, and the reality of the "last things" (death, judgment, heaven, and hell), rather than secular or dark adaptations. Many Catholic families choose to focus on wholesome or faith-inspired traditions, such as dressing up as saints, biblical figures, or favorite superheroes, and attending Mass for All Saints' Day.

All Saints Day Party---Lakefield- We are pleased to announce that our annual All Saints Day Party will be held at St. Paul's Parish Hall in Lakefield on Sunday November 1st from 2pm-6pm. All are welcome to attend.

Bicentennial Mission: Cathedral of St Peter-In-Chains- 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. Everyones welcome!

Discernment Weekend For Women

There will be a discernment weekend in Quebec at the monastery of Abbey of Sainte-Marie des Deux-Montagnes on Nov 6-9, 2026. More details on the bulletin board.

St. Peter-In-Chains Christmas Bazaar - Will be held on Saturday November 7, 2026 at Bishop Doyle Hall, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Baked goods, crafts, religious items and more!

St. Paul's Christmas Makers Market (Nov 21st 9am-2pm)

Start your Christmas shopping early at the St. Paul's Christmas Makers Market, Saturday, November 21st from 9am-2pm! Admission is free at this event that will feature local artisans and their handmade products.

GOSPEL Matthew 5.1-12a of Sunday November 1

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

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!