

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

(FOUNDED IN 1849)

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday Closed

WEEKEND LITURGY

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday no Mass Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Saturday 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., and by appointment

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday evening Mass

SACRED HEART DEVOTION

Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FRIDAYS FOR 15 MINUTES AFTER 9 AM MASS
FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca> for articles & photos of all parish activities.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office. Baptisms are on the third Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance.

PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information or assistance contact our parish priest(s) or see www.vocationinfo.ca

VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY

To volunteer in ministry or activities, go to our website and complete a volunteering form through the "Help" tile on the homepage.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family please advise the priest immediately and they will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial, contact the cemetery office at 905-522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite you to take the time to complete a registration form, located at all doors of the church. Please drop it into the collection basket.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements MUST be received by the parish office no later than Monday at 3:30 p.m. to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday Bulletin.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

"If it dies, it produces much fruit."

- John 12:24

Monday March 18 – St. Joseph

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64 – No Mass

Tuesday March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

7 PM – Lenten Retreat for All Parishioners with Mass

Wednesday March 20

Daniel 3:13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95++; John 8:31-42

9 AM – Bob Prociuk & Christine Taylor

Thursday March 21

Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

9 AM – No Mass

10 AM – Funeral Mass – Szabo Leone

Friday March 22

Jeremiah 20:7, 10-13++; John 10:31-42

9 AM – Deceased Members of the Austin Family

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 23

Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-57

5 PM – Harvey & Clary Wilbur & Joseph Svoboda

Sunday March 24 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Intentions of Pepi D'Souza & Sheba Khan



Sunday Offerings



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday March 10, 2024: \$4,480

Our "Toonie collection" so far totals **\$9,112** and is growing. *Thank you so much for taking part!*

LENTEN RETREAT

Tuesday, March 19 – 7:00 – 9:00 PM

A Lenten retreat followed by Holy Mass will be held in our Church to allow all parishioners to prepare themselves more inwardly for the Paschal Celebrations. All are welcome.

SPECIAL CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR EASTER (HOLY WEEK)

Tuesday, March 26: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, March 26: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 27: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Thursday, March 28: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Friday, March 29: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

SHARE LENT 2024:

"REAPING OUR RIGHTS"

This **Solidarity Sunday**, Development & Peace invites you to give generously and thanks you for your generosity. Help create hopes and dreams, and transform the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in the Global South, across the world by giving to your Share Lent parish collection, which will be ongoing for the next few weeks or at: devp.org/give. For information about current projects go to: devp.org.

The 175th Anniversary Mass of St. John the Baptist Parish is taking place at St. John's Church, on Sunday, June 2nd, at 3:00 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome. Tickets are available for purchase for the 175th Anniversary Dinner and Dance Celebration following each weekend Mass, or by contacting the parish office: 905-634-2485, or e-mail Dennis Roy: roydroy@aol.com.



Our Parish

Monday March 18

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday March 20

Mass at Wellington Park – 11 AM

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

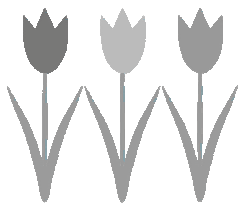
First Reconciliation – 7 PM – Church

Thursday March 21

Mass at Brant Centre – 2 PM

Friday March 22

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall



Reminder

Stations of the Cross are on Friday evenings at 7 p.m.



MARCH 17, 2024

St. John the Baptist Talent Show



Students from St. John's School will be showing off their talents on **Saturday, May 11**, right after the 5:00 PM Mass. All parishioners are welcome. A Pizza dinner will be provided in the parish hall. The show is expected to run from 6:20 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



SHARE LENT 2024 SOUP and BUN LUNCH

Come and join us for soup and bun on Solidarity Sunday, March 17th at 12:00 Noon

(after the 11:00 a.m. Mass) in the parish hall
Free will offering.

IN THE DIOCESE

Join the **Reel Justice Film Festival March 27, 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for our special youth screening of **Island of Lemurs, Madagascar**. An insightful documentary for the whole family! Follow Dr. Patricia C. Wright's mission to help lemurs, the highly evolved creatures who arrived on Madagascar millions of years ago as castaways but are now highly endangered. Daytime screening for D&P Schools also available. **The screening will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>** A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE continues its remarkable journey in our schools throughout the Diocese. The *Waterloo Catholic District School Board* has had a long history of bringing students to a retreat experience at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre in Ancaster. Two docents who care for and present the Bible have joined the retreats to explain its history and do an "illumination walk through the Bible", answering questions and helping the students to reflect on the Word of God. The beautiful Saint John's Bible is a fine way to allow God's word to touch your heart and soul!

HOLY WEEK PROGRAM

Holy Monday, March 25 – 2:00 PM

The Chrism Mass at Christ the King Cathedral Basilica with all our Bishops and Priests. All are invited to attend.

Holy Tuesday, March 26 – 7:00 PM

Devotion to the Mother of Perpetual Help followed by Mass.

Holy Wednesday, March 27 – 9:00 AM

Mass

Holy Thursday, March 28 – 7:00 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet/The Day of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and Priesthood

Good Friday, March 29 – Day of Fast

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross – 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 30

Blessing of the Easter Foods – 10:00 AM

Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses – 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday, March 29, 2024

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's **Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024**. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interac e-transfer to terresainte@bellnet.ca or online at Commissariat.ca – receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM

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