

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule – Dec 3–12

### Friday 3 December St. Francis Xavier ~ First Friday

8:30-8:50 am Intercessory Prayer for the Sick & Suffering

9:00 am Paul Kelly ~ Ruth Jackson

9:30 am Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction

### Saturday 4 December First Saturday

9:00 am Roy Kirkham ~ Judy & Jim Walsh

5:15 pm Knights of Columbus Deceased Member's Mass

Jean MacLellan ~ Susan MacLellan

### Sunday 5 December Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Greg Diotte ~ Delbert & Margaret Morrow

11:00 am For the People of the Parish

### Tuesday 7 December St Ambrose

4:30 pm Lina Maria Maille ~ Nina Stewart

### Wednesday 8 December Solemnity of the Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am INTS: Maloney & Tremblay Families ~ Pat Maloney

2:00 pm Christmas Blessing Service @ PCCC

### Thursday 9 December

12:00 pm June Bourgeau ~ Larry Pilon

### Friday 10 December

8:30-8:50 am Intercessory Prayer for the Sick & Suffering

9:00 am INTS: Maureen Rivers, Caitlin Gobbi & Family  
~ Lucie & Renato Brun del Re

9:30 am Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction

### Saturday 11 December

5:15 pm Jack Castonguay ~ Gina Castonguay

### Sunday 12 December Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00 am Pat & Pete Peterson ~ Peterson Family

**Mass Requests:** stjohnerperthmass@gmail.com or Parish Office

## MEETINGS – Two Weeks at a Glance

Most St John Meetings are held in the St John Narthex.

Tue. Dec 7 6:30 pm ~ PPC Meeting

Sat. Dec 11 4:30 pm ~ Take Out Only ~ Community Dinner  
at St. James Anglican Church

Mon. Dec 13 7:00 pm ~ CWL Meeting, St John Narthex  
(No January Meeting)

**Sunday Offering: Nov. 21: \$4,878 ~ Thank you for your contributions.**

## CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS – Merry Christmas!

Parish Office will be closed from Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 12p - Tue, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

## PRAYERS

**In your prayers, please remember the sick. In your prayers, please remember the deceased** including Leonard Kelly brother of Rita Row01.

## In need of prayer? Jesus, I trust in You

Contact: Parish Office

Connect with our strong prayer warriors, Father Charles, Father Brian, or one of our Parish Prayer teams.

## SACRAMENTS & MASSES

### Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion & Confirmation – Registration

Parish Office: 613-259-2155

Register online: stjohnerperthontario.com/Sacraments

Registration continues for children and youth interested in receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Communion (grade 2) and or Confirmation (grade 6).

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – All Welcome

St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston (279 Johnson Street)

Wed., Dec. 8, 12:10 pm

Cost: Donation – monetary, food, toiletries

Register: ministries@stmaryscathedral.ca or 613-546-5521x5

*Leave name, contact number, number of people attending. Calls will not be returned.*

## FAITH FORMATION RESOURCES

### FORMED.org Our Free Catholic Resource!

Visit FORMED.org, login and access this parish-sponsored “Catholic Netflix” and its numerous resources for every age. View latest FORMED topics on **our website**.

## PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

### St John's CWL Christmas 2 Family Fundraising

Please leave your clearly marked “CWL Family” monetary donation envelopes in the Narthex collection baskets.

### Mass Ministry Schedule copies are available

Please pick up your copy from the white binder in the Narthex or download your copy off the website.

## PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

**Advent is the time to get ready.** And how do we get ready? We turn away from our sins, from the distracting things of our material lives, and turn toward God, asking His pardon and forgiveness in so far as we pardon and forgive others in our life.

**Can we spend** the time this Advent preparing for letting go of feelings that we have been wronged by someone, find forgiveness and let it go?

**Find a way** to make peace with the things in our life that are holding us back – a relative we haven't spoken to, a neighbour we are angry with, a co-worker that has slighted us or driven us crazy.

**Let us turn** to God and prepare our hearts to receive him again at Christmas, with peace inside of us, leaving the sadness that is stopping us from really living, levelling the mountains and valleys of our lives and in that way, we will be ready for the coming of the Little Child who will be born in you again this year.

### Advent Confessions

- Dec 5 – 3:30pm Athens
- Dec 5 – 5:00pm Toledo
- Dec 12 – 3:00pm Carlton Place
- Dec 12 – 4:00pm West Port
- Dec 14 – 9-10:00am; 6:30-7:30pm Smiths Falls
- **Dec 19 – 3:00pm St Johns**
- Dec 19 – 3:00pm Merrickville

### Advent Resources Available!

We have the following resources for our Parish family:

- Sunday Missals 2022: \$5 (to the left of east exit)
- Word Among Us Advent & Christmas
- Madonna House's "Restoration" newspaper

### Advent Act of Kindness – Cash or Prepaid Gift Card Drive

Until Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - Deposit into special boxes in St John Narthex

### Advent & Christmas Flowers Donations

Deposit flower donation envelopes in Narthex collection baskets.

### Online Orders ~Traditional Fruit Cakes for Life

Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) Ottawa Annual Fundraiser  
Delivery: 4 – 7 days

[www.abbayevalnotredame.ca/pages/campaign-life-page](http://www.abbayevalnotredame.ca/pages/campaign-life-page)

Traditional Aged Christmas Fruitcakes and more made by Trappist Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey, includes Fruitcakes, chocolates, caramels, giftboxes and orders

contribute to CLC's life-saving work - thank you in advance!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Donation Deadline for (2021 Tax Receipts) is December 29, 2021

### Get Ready for 2022! Pick up your Offertory Envelopes

All Parishioners (including our Pre-Authorized Debit users)

### Pre-Authorized Debit Users Update

Please remember to contribute to special collections by using the relevant envelopes in your offertory envelope

### Special Thank you to...

- i) the Knights of Columbus for the "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign in the front of the church
- ii) the parishioners who helped prepare the church for the new Church year last Saturday.

### Save your Postage Stamps

Bring them to the parish office. Through the Redemptorist Fathers one stamp can feed a child for a day.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Christmas & New Year's Masses

(NO SIGN UP- FIRST COME; FIRST SEAT)

<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>3:00 pm ~ St. John's Parish Advent Confessions</b>
<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Masses, Nativity of the Lord</b> <b>5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm &amp; 12:00 am</b>
<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>9:00 am &amp; 11:00 am ~ Christmas Day Mass</b>
<b>Dec. 26</b>	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> <b>9:00 am &amp; 11:00 am ~ Regular Sunday Mass</b>
<b>Dec. 31 &amp; Jan. 1</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> <i>Fri, Dec. 31, 5:00 pm; Sat, Jan. 1, 9:00 &amp; 11:00 am</i>
<b>Jan. 2</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b> <b>9:00 am &amp; 11:00 am ~ Regular Sunday Mass</b>



"In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

1 John 4:10-11