

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule – Dec 10–19

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*

Tuesday 14 December St John of the Cross

4:30^{pm} Everett Bowes ~ *Pennett Family*

Wednesday 15 December

9:00^{am} Frank & Betty Cosgrove ~ *Cosgrove Family*

Thursday 16 December

12:00^{pm} INTS: Jerry & Loretta Piskorski ~ *Jim & Fran McGuire*

Friday 17 December

8:30-8:50^{am} Intercessory Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
9:00^{am} INTS: Lucille and Ken Crawford
~ *Lucie & Renato Brun del Re*
9:30^{am} Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction

Saturday 18 December

5:15^{pm} Linda (Jamison) Deegin ~ *Greg & Christine Kelly*

Sunday 19 December Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00^{am} Ed and Evelyn Pennett ~ *Marie White*
11:00^{am} *For the People of the Parish*
3:00^{pm} Advent Confessions at St Johns (5 Visiting Priests)

Mass Requests: stjohnperthmass@gmail.com or Parish Office

MEETINGS – Two Weeks at a Glance

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*)

Most Meetings are held in the St John Narthex.

Parish Meetings: St John Narthex; COVID Passport & Screening, & Sign in required. Parish Meeting Centre (15 Church) remains closed.

Sunday Offering: Nov. 28: \$2,345 ~ Thank you for your contributions

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS – Merry Christmas!

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

PRAYERS

In your prayers, please remember the sick. In your prayers, please remember the deceased including Michael McDaniel.

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

Baptismal Congratulations!

We welcomed Maverick Lindsay Coutts into the Church through Baptism. We congratulate their parents and commend them for their commitment to the Catholic faith.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion & Confirmation – Registration

Parish Office: 613-259-2155

Register online: stjohnperthontario.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).

Communion, Participation, and Mission

Week 3 – Themes of the Synod

Updates & Details: St John website & Flocknote

The Synodal process is to enable the Church to better witness the Gospel to those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographic, and existential peripheries of our world. These week 3 themes are profoundly connected.

Communion: God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith, through Christ who unites us with each in the Holy Spirit. **Participation:** The Synod calls all of us (laity, consecrated and ordained) to be engaged in this deep and respectful listening to one another. **Mission:** The Church exists to evangelize. Our mission is to witness to the love of God amid the whole human family.

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.

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

The people who heard John preach responded by asking, "What then should we do?" (Luke 3:10, 12, 14).

To the crowd his answer was:

"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise". Accepting the gospel demands a change in one's personal conduct.

One becomes a person who loves to share, rather than a person who loves to accumulate. To the tax collectors John answered: "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you" (verse 13). And to the soldiers he answered: "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation and be satisfied with your wages" (verse 14).

The gospel is a leaven that affects every aspect of our personal, business, and social life. The invitation is to Believe in Jesus the Messiah. **To accept the gospel, however, does not mean simply to strive to be a good person. It means above all to be a person of faith, a person who believes in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.** Shalom!

Advent Confessions

- 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 19th - 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

Traditional Aged Christmas Fruitcakes, chocolates, caramels, made by Trappist Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 Donation Deadline: Dec. 29th (Tax Receipts)

Get Ready for 2022! Pick up your Offertory Envelopes

All Parishioners (including our Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) users). Sign up for envelopes or PAD; contact Parish Office.

2021 Annual Golf Tournament Success!

Next Year: *Perth Golf Course: Sun. Aug. 21st, 2022 @ 1:00PM*

The parishes of St. Bridget's, Stanleyville and St. John's, Perth extend their sincere appreciation to Knights of Columbus Council 3531 and members of the organizing committee. It's a great annual event, with a good deal of time and talent given by all those involved, and the many sponsors, helpers and participants.

Save your Postage Stamps – Feed a child

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)

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



Hope-Peace-JOY

JOY (Advent Week 3)
"Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice."
Philippians 4:4