

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule – Dec 17–26

### Saturday 18 December

5:15 pm Betty Cosgrove ~ *Frank & Jane Nitschmann*

### 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)

### Tuesday 21 December

4:30 pm Jim Muldoon ~ *John Merkley*

### Wednesday 22 December

9:00 am Reverence for Human Life ~ *St John the Baptist Parish*

### Thursday 23 December

12:00 pm Fr Benneth Imo ~ *Brian Brosso & Family*

### Friday 24 December

5:00 pm *For the People of the Parish*

7:00 pm *For the People of the Parish*

9:00 pm *For the People of the Parish*

12:00 am *For the People of the Parish*

### Saturday 25 December

9:00 am *For the People of the Parish*

11:00 am *For the People of the Parish*

### Sunday 26 December Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am INTS: Jimmie Doyle

~ *Jack, Judy, Noel Punnett & Elise Filion*

11:00 am *For our St John Parish Families*

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

**Sunday Offering: Dec. 5: \$4547 ~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>

## DONATING TO ST JOHNS

We gratefully accept donations by Cash or cheque, Mail in, Drop In, offertory plate, our PAD (pre-authorized debit) or e transfers (stjohnperthdonations@gmail.com). Check out our St John website for details. Please add your envelope number, church and how to apply your donation.

## PRAYERS

**In your prayers, please remember the sick. In your prayers, please remember the deceased** including Benjamin van der Ham, of the parish and Mike Norwood, brother of Marlene Cordick.

## 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 Jack Robert Machan 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

Grade 2 (1st Rec. & 1st Com.) & Grade 6 (Confirmation)

Parish Office: 613-267-1043

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).

### How to Participate in the Synod

Week 4 – Themes of the Synod

Updates & Details: St John website & Flocknote

Contact: synod@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

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.

Participate in a listening session at your parish, school or community setting. - Not sure of where to start – but wish to make your voice heard – contact us and we will attempt help find ways to make sure your voice heard.

## PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

Mary's visit was an inspiration to Elizabeth. When we visit people this Christmas, let us **try to bring some inspiration into their lives**, let us **seek to bring them closer to God**, and let us **try to share with them the Spirit of God in us**, the Spirit of consolation, of courage, of peace and joy, just as Mary did. There is nothing more exciting than grace in action. Christmas is about God dwelling with everyday people responding to the spirit of love and working together to achieve peace. Christmas is that grace in action.

### Advent Confessions – St John’s- This Sunday

- 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 Christmas
- Madonna House’s “Restoration” newspaper

### Last Chance- Give to our Advent Act of Kindness

Until Dec 19<sup>th</sup> – Deposit food money or gift cards into special boxes in St John Narthex

### Christmas Flowers Donations

Deposit flower donation envelopes in Narthex collection baskets.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2021 Donation Deadline: Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>** *(Tax Receipts)*

### Pre-Authorized Debit Users Update

Special Collection envelopes are found in your offertory envelopes box to enable you to continue to contribute to these collections. Note: PAD users please put “PAD” on your unsealed regular contribution envelopes, if you wish to put one in the weekly offering baskets

### Pick up your 2022 Offertory Envelopes

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

### 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.

## FAITH FORMATION

### The Gift of Ourselves

God calls every one of us into a relationship of intimate, personal, loving, and life-giving communion. He is inviting us to share his life and the life of his whole family. Our response to God’s invitation to intimacy and communion is to be the person he created and calls.

### FORMED.org Our Free Catholic Resource!

Visit FORMED.org, login and access this parish-sponsored “Catholic Netflix” and its numerous resources for every age.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1st Wed- 20+ min Virtual Youth Group Sessions

The Way – 10 standalone series, 20 min. video with discussion  
Led by Josh Blakesley, Catholic Artist & Author Paul George  
1<sup>st</sup> Wed of Month, 7:00-8:00pm, join one, join them all  
Contact: [www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/young-adult](http://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/young-adult)  
Cost: Free

Each session’s unique theme — God’s love, forgiveness, prayer and silence in life — promotes reflection & thoughtful prayer.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Christmas & New Year’s Masses

**(NO SIGN UP- FIRST COME; FIRST SEAT)**

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| <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><br><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><br><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><br><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><br><b>9:00 am &amp; 11:00 am ~ Regular Sunday Mass</b>                |



Hope-Peace-Joy-LOVE

### LOVE (Advent Week 4)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life..”

1 John 3: 16