

Welcome! The Baptism of the Lord

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ January 12th - 19th

Saturday January 11		
SJ	5:00pm	Helen Downie O'Connor ~ <i>A Friend</i>
SHP	5:00pm	Miriam Wood ~ <i>Georgette Whyte</i>
Sunday January 12 ~ The Baptism of the Lord		
SJ	9:00am	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
SHP	9:00am	Basil & Jean Dunnigan ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SB	11:00am	Lawrence Brennan ~ <i>Jean McShane</i>
SJ	11:00am	Dave Nitschmann ~ <i>Kim Baker</i>
Monday January 13		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
Tuesday January 14		
SB	9:00am	Harold, Rita, Ron, & Carl Kerr ~ <i>Jean McShane</i>
SJ	4:30pm	Vince Closs & Family ~ <i>Mary Rorwick</i>
Wednesday January 15		
SJ	9:00am	For the Protection of All Human Life ~ <i>LifeMatters Core Group</i>
Thursday January 16		
SHP	10:15am	Combined Daily/Sacred Heart Elementary School Mass Beverly King ~ <i>Pat Molyneaux</i>
SJ	12:00pm	Steve Oattes ~ <i>Elaine Cavalier & Family</i>
PCCC	2:00pm	Perth Community Care Centre Mass
Friday January 17 ~ St. Anthony		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
SJ	9:00am	Ross Cotton ~ <i>Cathy Ferguson</i>
SJ	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration & Benediction</i>
SJ	1:00pm	St. John's Elementary School Mass David Nitschmann ~ <i>Lucy Brennan</i>
Saturday January 18		
SJ	5:00pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ <i>Allida Rubino</i>
SHP	5:00pm	Helen Ng ~ <i>Rose & Walter Tam</i>
Sunday January 19		
SJ	9:00am	David Cavalier ~ <i>Elaine Cavalier & Family</i>
SHP	9:00am	Nancy Shepherd ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SB	11:00am	Catherine & Gordon McShane ~ <i>Jean McShane</i>
SJ	11:00am	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>

PASTORAL CARE

Any parishioner or family member unable to attend Mass and would like a home visit please call Parish Office at 613-267-1043.

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of comfort and hope, proclaiming the coming of the Lord who will reveal His glory. Isaiah's imagery of valleys being lifted and mountains made low evokes a deep sense of transformation and preparation, which reflects the spiritual renewal and cleansing that baptism imparts in us. The Catechism teaches that through baptism, individuals are freed from sin and reborn as children of God (CCC 1265). Just as Isaiah foretells the coming of one who will prepare the way for God, baptism prepares us to receive the grace of God and enter a new relationship with Him.

In Paul's letter to Titus, we hear about the transformative power of God's grace and salvation through Jesus Christ. The reference to "being washed and regenerated" connects directly to the act of baptism, which symbolizes inner transformation and the washing away of sin. Paul conveys that through baptism, Christians receive the Holy Spirit and a new identity as heirs of eternal life.

In the Gospel of Luke, we witness the actual baptism of Jesus and hear the affirmation of His identity as the Beloved Son. The presence of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the Father gives the importance of this moment. For us, Jesus' baptism serves as a model; it sanctifies the waters of baptism. The Catechism discusses how Jesus' immersion in the waters of the Jordan anticipates His death, which baptism symbolizes (CCC 1227). Through the sacrament, we are called to share in the life of Christ, embracing our identity as beloved children of God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

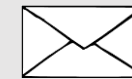
† **Transformation Night (Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission):** Wednesday, January 29, 2025; 7:00-9:30pm. St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston). Experience the "Transforming Power of the Steadfast Love of God". Nancy Steele (www.nasteele.ca), author and recent keynote speaker at the 2024 Women's Fall Retreat has a heart to help people grasp just how much God loves them. The evening will begin with Adoration and worship with song. After Nancy's presentation

there will be an opportunity for personal prayer ministry from the Encounter School of Ministry graduates. NO CHARGE. For more information email kingston@encounterschool.org. See poster in Narthex!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget to pick up your 2025 Donation Envelopes in the Narthex!

For the first several weeks of the new year, kindly place your name and address on the envelopes. This helps the office to ensure that all envelopes were picked up by their intended owners. Thank you!



Email 2024 Income Tax Statements

2024 Income Tax Statements have now been sent out to those who signed up to receive them by email. If you signed up, but haven't received yours, please check your junk email folder. Still can't find it? Connect with the Parish office, and we'll try sending it again!

For those who did not sign up for email statements, your hard copy will be available in the Narthex within the next couple weeks.

THANK YOU!

The St. Johns Life Matters Group would like to thank everyone who participated in the recent Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Procession and Birthright baby items drive. The procession was a success, as indicated by the participants as well as some of the public who showed support for our cause. The playpen was overflowing with your donations - items that Birthright needs to support women who choose the gift of life! We hope to make this an annual event!

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Jeannette Olivier, Sylvia Peter, Maureen Cordick, Father Michael McCarthy, Father Don Cummings, Father Leo Byrne, Noreen Coulter, Phoenix Hogan, Father Mac Burke, Maureen Czap, Stephen Tysick, Thomas Smallwood, Lynne Newman, Dan Keaney, Barb & Roger Beadle, Demetrie Laming, Doris Quinn, Eric Adam, Marjorie Facette, Georgie Scissons, Ian MacDonald, Father Dan Ryan, Rob Publow, and Helen O'Connor.

Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers. Jesus, I trust in You.

In need of prayer? Connect with our strong prayer warriors, Father Charles, Father Anthony, or one of our Parish Prayer teams through the Parish Office (for St John's Pastoral Care, CWL, or KOC Prayer group). Jesus, I trust in You.

January 12, 2025

COMMUNITY MEALS



† Dine-in meals every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 4:30-6:00pm @ The Table (190 Gore St. East).
† Dine-in meals on the second Saturday of each month (excluding July & August) 4:30-5:30pm @ St. James Church (54 Beckwith St. East).

SACRAMENTS

Sacramental Preparation Classes!

First Communion & Reconciliation Candidates:

Classes to be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The next class will be **January 12th**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

Confirmation Candidates:

Classes to be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The next class will be **January 19th**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

[St John Parish Meeting Place, 15 Church St, Perth]

*Notice: 15 Church Street will be cleaned every Wednesday between 1-3pm. Please do not book any meetings during this time.

CWL Monthly Meeting	2 nd Monday of each Month @ 7pm
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting	2 nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm
Life Matters Monthly Meeting	3 rd Wednesday of each month @ 10am
Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting	2 nd Wednesday of each month @ 7pm
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting	TBD
Wednesday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Wednesdays @ 7pm
St. John's Holy Face Group Monthly Meeting	Last Thursday of each month, after the noon Mass
Thursday Bible Study Group – Contact Evelyn Goodfellow for details.	Thursdays @ 1pm
Sunday Mass 11am Choir	Thursdays @ 7pm & Sundays @ 10:15am
St. John's Movie Club	TBD
Life Matters Men's Group – Contact Dave Lapointe for details.	3 rd Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm

St. John's CWL

Come join us for our CWL meeting Monday February 10th at 7pm. New Members welcome!