

Welcome! The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ January 5th - 12th

(FIRST) Saturday January 4		
SJ	9:00am	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ <i>Allida Rubino</i>
SJ	5:00pm	Walter McNamee ~ <i>Cathy Merkley</i>
SHP	5:00pm	Marie Gayda ~ <i>Pat Molyneaux</i>
Sunday January 5 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord		
SJ	9:00am	For those struggling with addiction ~ <i>Ali McMaster</i>
SHP	9:00am	Florence Weatherdon ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SB	11:00am	For the sick, dying, & grieving ~ <i>St. Bridget's CWL</i>
SJ	11:00am	For the People of the Parish
Monday January 6		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday January 7 ~ St. André Bessette		
SB	9:00am	Int. of Bill Gallagher ~ <i>Mark & Gina Noonan</i>
SJ	4:30pm	Ross Cotton ~ <i>Kathy & Stephen Tysick</i>
Wednesday January 8		
SJ	9:00am	Poulin Family ~ <i>Jacques Poulin</i>
LL	10:00am	Lanark Lodge Mass
Thursday January 9		
SHP	9:00am	Allan Wing ~ <i>St. John's Holy Face Group</i>
SJ	12:00pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ <i>Allida Rubino</i>
Friday January 10		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Ann McMahon ~ <i>Elaine Cavalier & Family</i>
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
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	For the People of the Parish
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>

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

Epiphany Sunday is the celebration of the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, symbolized by the visit of the Magi. The word Epiphany is derived from the Greek word "epiphaneia," meaning "manifestation" or "appearance." This signifies the moment when Jesus is revealed as the Savior not just for the Jews but for all humanity. In the first reading, Isaiah gives the beautiful imagery of light breaking forth which signifies the arrival of the Divine, illuminating the darkness of the world. The call to "Arise, shine, for your light has come" is an invitation to recognize and embrace this light.

The Gift of Gold by the Magi symbolizes royalty and divinity. It shows Jesus' kingship and acknowledges Jesus as the King of Kings. The Magi's offering of gold recognizes Jesus not just as a child but as the sovereign of the universe.

The gift of Frankincense: This aromatic resin is traditionally associated with worship and divinity. It signifies the reverence to Jesus as Divine, affirming His nature as both fully human and fully Divine.

The gift of Myrrh (a perfume used in burial practices) foreshadows Jesus' suffering and death. This gift reminds us that Christ's kingship would be marked by sacrifice, as it reflects the reality of Christ's mission culminating in crucifixion and death that brought us salvation.

These gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh show the multifaceted identity of Jesus: He is King, God, and Suffering Servant. They give a holistic understanding of His purpose and mission.

Friends, we are called to recognize the light of Christ in our own lives and to acknowledge His Kingship, Divinity, and Willingness to embrace suffering for our sake. The gifts of the Magi remind us of who Jesus is and what He came to accomplish. We are also challenged to examine our own responses to His presence — will we follow the light of truth, like the Magi, or will we succumb to the fear and manipulation exemplified by Herod? Epiphany calls us to deep contemplation, action, and a commitment to sharing the light of Christ with the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✠ **Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Procession:** We hope you will join us on our rescheduled Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Procession at 4:00pm on Sunday, January 5th. Our procession starts at 15 Church Street and proceeds to our Knights of Columbus Nativity scene in the Crystal palace. Bring your children or grandchildren to enjoy this family-friendly event and join us praying the rosary and singing beloved Christmas Carols enroute.
- ✠ **This Weekend! St. John's Social Sunday:** Please join us after this weekends' Masses for the monthly St.

John's Church Social! Snacks and drinks provided for your enjoyment.

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!



It's almost that time again...
St. John's Parishioners: We can now send tax receipts by email. If you would like yours emailed to you this year, you may fill out the registration form in the Narthex or email the parish office directly.

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, Fr. Mac Burke, Maureen Czop, Stephen Tysick, Thomas Smallwood, Lynne Newman, Dan Keaney, Barb & Roger Beadle, Demetrie Laming, Doris Quinn, Eric Adam, Marjorie Facette, Georgie Scissons, and Ian MacDonald.

Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Ken Kerr and Annalise Clark. 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.

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

Baptismal Congratulations!

This weekend, we welcome **Jameson McGregor** into the Catholic Church through Baptism! We congratulate his parents and commend them for their commitment to raising their child in the Catholic faith. May God bless their family abundantly!

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



Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2337. Monthly PAD Donation \$7418.

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.