

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ July 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

Saturday July 19		
SJ	5:00pm	Marian Dowdall ~ Jason, Julie, & Justin Dowdall
SVDP	5:00pm	Roberta Yeldon ~ Bill & Caroline Casey
Sunday July 20		
SJ	9:00am	Harold & Shirley Widenmaier ~ Kimberly & Kyle Widenmaier
SHP	9:00am	Jacques Vermette ~ His Wife, Claudette
SB	11:00am	Alex Hodgins ~ Lainy Ryan Hodgins & Family
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday July 21		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday July 22 ~ St. Mary Magdelene		
SB	9:00am	Special Intention ~ Teresa Donnelly
SJ	4:30pm	Audrey Carson ~ Mary McNamee
Wednesday July 23		
SJ	9:00am	Mary Theresa Nagle ~ A Friend
CCt.	2:15pm	Carolina Court Mass
Thursday July 24		
SHP	9:00am	Anita Stuart ~ Don & Dianne Adam
SJ	12:00pm	Lorraine Ann Anderson ~ Shirley Kindellan
Friday July 25 ~ St. James		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Joe McKinnon ~ Marg Trombley
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday July 26 ~ St. Anne & St. Joachim		
SJ	5:00pm	In Thanks to St. Jude ~ Bonnie Switzer
SVDP	5:00pm	Int. of Jennifer Bindman ~ Butler Family
Sunday July 27		
SJ	9:00am	Deceased members of the Forrest, Mulley, & Mitchell Families ~ Frank & Florence Mitchell
SHP	9:00am	Jean & Fred Shepherd ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Deceased members of the Mackler Family ~ Mackler Family
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2120.

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

**Sacred Heart Cemetery:** Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11am  
**St. Columbkil Cemetery:** Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 11am  
**St. Bridget’s Cemetery:** Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 11am  
**St. John’s Cemetery:** Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11am

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday readings invite us into the heart of hospitality, presence, and discipleship. We begin with Abraham in Genesis 18. As he sits by the oak of Mamre, he sees three men approaching. Without delay, he runs to welcome them, offers water, rest, and food. Abraham doesn’t know at first that he’s entertaining the Lord Himself, but his generous hospitality opens the door to divine revelation: the promise of a son through Sarah.

This scene beautifully echoes in the Gospel, where Martha welcomes Jesus into her home. While Martha busies herself with many tasks, Mary sits at the feet of Jesus, listening. Martha is frustrated, but Jesus gently reminds her that Mary has chosen “the better part.” What do these readings teach us?

First, that hospitality is sacred. Both Abraham and Martha welcome the presence of God into their homes. But hospitality isn’t only about food and chores, it’s about presence and attentiveness. Mary shows us that the most profound hospitality is listening to God, making space in our hearts for God.

Second, there’s a balance to be struck. Martha’s service is not wrong. Her activity, like Abraham’s, is essential. But Jesus reminds her, and us, that even good things can become distractions if they prevent us from being fully present to the Lord. There’s a “time to serve” and a “time to sit.”

The Third element comes from St. Paul, in our second reading, which reveals discipleship through suffering and proclamation. He speaks of his joy in suffering for the sake of Christ’s body and of the mystery now revealed: Christ in us, the hope of glory. Hospitality and presence lead to transformation, and transformation leads to mission.

The question then is: Are we too busy to sit at the feet of Jesus? Do we welcome Him into our lives with joyful hearts, not just into our homes but into our minds, routines, and relationships? So, may we, like Abraham, Martha, Mary, and Paul, welcome Christ, whether by service, silence, or sacrifice, and allow Him to dwell richly in us. For in welcoming Him, we receive the better part: life, hope, and glory. Amen!

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Jeannette Olivier, Maureen Czop, Thomas Smallwood, Demetrie Laming, Eric Adam, Marjorie Facette, David Kevan, Deborah LaRiccia, Joann Hall, Al Maloney, Heather Luft, Frank Hagan, Scotty Rose, Des McKenna, Hugh McKenna, Tony Irvin, Heather Molyneaux, Claudette Timmerman, & Helen Cameron. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- THIS WEEKEND! Foy Hall Garage Sale: The Foy Hall Garage Sale is now open every Friday and Saturday throughout the summer, 10am-2:30pm! Come check out the great deals! We have a wide variety of items! Jewelry, toys, all sizes of clothing, books and so much more!
- 85th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac: Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> The Triduum of preparation will be led by Bishop Michael Brehl, Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke. The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Shrine. The Sacrament of Confession is available throughout the day. A Mass of healing with the Anointing of St. Ann's oil will be celebrated at 2:00pm. (Please bring your own seating. For more information, see this week’s bulletin and Flocknote. Welcome everyone!
- Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage: 151st Annual Pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré and Our Lady of the Cape. August 9–10, 2025. For more information about departures from your Archdiocese, please see posters and contact Mike Budge at 613-224-8110 or by email at mikebudge2021@gmail.com.
- 125th Anniversary Celebration, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church: 690 Hwy 15, Lombardy, Sunday, August 10, 2025. Anniversary Mass, 1 pm, with Archbishop Michael Mulhall presiding; Outdoor Reception with lunch and fellowship, 2-3 pm. Everyone is cordially invited to join us as we give thanks for God’s blessings over these many years and look forward to the future with anticipation and confidence in the Lord Jesus. Whether you are a long-time member, former parishioner, summertime attendee, or friend of the Parish, we would be delighted to have you join us for this special occasion. For details, contact: stfrancisdesales@archkingston.ca or (613) 283-0220.
- 68<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Knock Pilgrimage at Mayo, Quebec: See posters and Flocknote for details.
- St. Francis de Sales-Blessed Sacrament Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage: St. Joseph’s Oratory (Montreal), Ste. Anne-de-Beaupre (Quebec), Cap-de-la-Madaleine (Quebec), and Notre Dame Basilica (Quebec City). September 16-18, 2025. See posters in church, and Flocknote for more details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Update to Prayers for the Sick**

Beginning next weekend, names submitted for the *Prayers of the Faithful*, bulletin, and Flocknote will be included for one month. After that time, they will be removed unless renewed. If you would like a name to remain or be re-added, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

Please note: once a name is removed, it will continue to be remembered in our priests’ personal prayers.

**Annual Parish Golf Tournament**

Registration is now open for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Golf Tournament **SUNDAY AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>** at MAPLEVIEW.

**Shotgun Start 2:30 PM**  
**Cocktails 5:00 PM**  
**BBQ Dinner 5:30 PM at the Golf Club**

\$70 per person, includes 9 holes of golf with cart, dinner and prizes (inquire about reduced fee if you are a Mapleview member).

Register as a single, couple, or as a team foursome; bring your friends and relatives.

Please pay \$70 per person by E-transfer to andywilliamson@shaw.ca and send separate email with your name(s).

**Children’s Liturgy**

**Volunteers Needed!** We are currently seeking **additional Sunday School teachers** to support this valuable ministry. If you can help - even occasionally - please contact the Parish office. Your involvement makes a meaningful difference!

**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 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month @ 7pm
*Meetings on hold until fall	
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm
*Meetings on hold until fall	
Life Matters Monthly Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 10am
Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm

**NOTICE**

**Fr. Anthony is on vacation for the month of July. Please join us in praying for his safe, blessed, and rejuvenating time away!**