# August 3, 2025

## Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

(FIRST) Saturday August 2			
SJ	9:00am	Maurice Facette ~ Brian Brosso	
SJ	5:00pm	Mariette de Mercado ~ Dineen & Sheridan Families	
SVDP	5:00pm	Bill Cavanagh ~ Brenda Cavanagh	
Sunday August 3			
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Christiana Enyinnia ~ <i>Brian Brosso</i>	
SHP	9:00am	Bernadette Weatherdon ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd	
SB	11:00am	In thanksgiving for blessings received ~ Monica Robidoux & Family	
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish	
	Monday A	ugust 4 ~ St. Jean-Marie Vianney	
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering	
Tuesday August 5			
SB	9:00am	Frank Amyot ~ St. Bridget's CWL	
SJ	4:30pm	Ken Kerr ~ <i>Peter Noonan</i>	
Wednesday August 6 ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord			
SJ	9:00am	Joan Sheldon ~ Maureen Cotten	
Thursday August 7			
SHP	9:00am	Melanie Leroux ~ Brant & Carey Echlin	
SJ	12:00pm	Kathie Reid ~ Cavalier Family	
Friday August 8 ~ St. Dominic			
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering	
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Fr. Charles Enyinnia ~ St. John's Parish Pastoral Council	
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction	
Saturday August 9			
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish	
SVDP	5:00pm	Jean Theriault ~ Lise Theriault	
Sunday August 10			
SJ	9:00am	For the living & deceased members of the Consitt Family and for World peace ~ Consitt Family	
SHP	9:00am	Jennifer Lee MacDonald ~ Sylvie Bozozuk	
SB	11:00am	Anniversary intentions of Francis & Pat Mackler ~ <i>Their Family</i>	
SJ	11:00am	Maureen Kennedy ~ <i>Jack &amp; Marjorie</i> <i>Facette</i>	

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2990.

### CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

St. Bridget's Cemetery: Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 11am St. John's Cemetery: Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11am

#### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS & OFFICE HOURS**

Kindly have your submissions for the August 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2-week bulletin in by **Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**.

The Parish office will be closed from August 11<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact our priests directly if you have an urgent need.

## PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23 | Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11 | Luke 12:13–21

A man once prayed: "Lord, give me a fat bank account and a slim body. Please don't mix them up like You did last year!" Ah, the things we chase in life.

Today's readings, especially the Gospel from Luke, confront us with the big question: What are we living for? A man interrupts Jesus with a demand: "Tell my brother to share the inheritance!" And Jesus, with the patience only the Son of God can have, responds not by settling the case, but by telling a parable of the rich fool, a man who had so much he built bigger barns, only to die that very night. Moral of the story? You can't take your barns with you!

Ecclesiastes echoes the same sentiment: "Vanity of vanities!" We spend so much time accumulating wealth, fame, possessions, only to discover they cannot satisfy the hunger in our souls. St. Paul then reminds us: "Seek what is above, where Christ is."

This isn't to say material things are evil, after all, Jesus enjoyed meals, wore clothes, and had friends who supported His ministry. The problem is when these things own us. As someone joked, "Money can't buy happiness, but it can buy ice cream... and that's pretty close!" Sure, but ice cream melts, and so does wealth, if it's not used with wisdom.

The Christian life is about re-orienting our hearts. True richness is being "rich toward God", investing in love, generosity, prayer, and service. These are treasures moths and rust can't destroy.

**So, what are we storing in our barns**? Anxiety? Resentment? Greed? Or Peace, Love, Mercy, and Forgiveness?

The truth is, we often spend so much time making a living, that we forget to make a life. Jesus doesn't condemn riches. He simply reminds us that being "rich toward God" is what truly lasts. That means loving well, giving generously, forgiving quickly, and living like heaven is our home.

So today, ask yourself: Am I building bigger barns, or a bigger heart? Let's live not for possessions, but for purpose. Let's store up treasure in heaven, because that's the only storage that never needs upgrades.

Brothers and sisters let's not live like the rich fool who planned for everything except eternity. Let's live with open hearts, generous hands, and heavenly focus. Because in the end, the size of your barn doesn't matter, only the size of your heart before God.

## **≯**PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Heather Luft, Frank Hagan, Scotty Rose, Des McKenna, Hugh McKenna, Heather Molyneaux, Claudette Timmerman, & Tony Irvin. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Helen Cameron and Frank Amyot. 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! St. Bridget's Coffee Sunday:
   Please join us this weekend after the Sunday 11am
   Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!
- THIS WEEKEND! St. John's Social Sunday: Please join us this weekend after each Sunday Mass for the monthly St. John's Church Social! Snacks and drinks provided for everyone's enjoyment!
- ☆ THIS WEEKEND! Foy Hall Garage Sale: The Foy Hall Garage Sale is open every Friday and Saturday throughout the summer, 10am-2:30pm! Come check out the great deals!
- <sup>☆</sup> 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. We would be delighted to have you join us for this special occasion. For details, contact: stfrancisdesales@archkingston.ca or (613) 283-0220.
- ☆ 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.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Fall Retreat 2025: Saturday, October 4th, 9am-3:30pm, St. Michael Catholic High School, 2755 County Rd. 43, Kemptville, ON. We are blessed to have Angèle Regnier, co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), as our guest speaker. Cost (\$50) includes snacks & a delicious lunch. Come and experience the peace and joy of a day spent in God's presence, surrounded by a supportive community of women. Please register by Sept. 27th at www.womensfallretreat.com. The Women's Fall Retreat Team, Archdiocese of Kingston

## **SACRAMENTS**

## Baptismal Congratulations!

We welcome **Everett Jack Solski** 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 abundantly bless their family!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Thank You!

The St. Bridget's Cemetery Committee wishes to thank ALL those that assisted in making the Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner a huge success. From monetary donations, sauces, desserts, dishwashing and cleaning up, we couldn't have done it without you! Many thanks, and God Bless!

#### Missing Baby Bottles

Please return your Birthright baby bottles ASAP. We are still missing 11 bottles. Thank you!

#### 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).

#### **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.

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