

# Welcome! 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup>

Saturday August 30		
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
SVDP	5:00pm	Margaret Brady ~ Mary Collett
Sunday August 31		
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Dr. Andrew Mai ~ St. John's LifeMatters Group
SHP	9:00am	Jean & Fred Shepherd ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Paul McShane ~ Colleen Pritchard
SJ	11:00am	Paula Brigden ~ Jim & Fran McGuire
Monday September 1		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday September 2		
SB	9:00am	~ No Intention Booked ~
SJ	4:30pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ Allida Rubino
Wednesday September 3 ~ St. Gregory the Great		
SJ	9:00am	Allan McNamee, on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death ~ Mary McNamee & Family
Thursday September 4		
SHP	9:00am	Ian MacDonald ~ Grace Armstrong
SJ	12:00pm	Dave Fournier ~ Sr. Dorothy & Therese Fournier
(FIRST) Friday September 5		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Greg Brennan ~ Maureen Douglas
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
(FIRST) Saturday September 6		
SJ (Cem- etry)	11:00am	***1st Saturday Mass combined with the Cemetery Mass at St. John's Cemetery*** For the repose of the souls buried at St. John's Cemetery
	*BRING A LAWN CHAIR*	
SJ	5:00pm	Vince Boland ~ Merkley Family
SVDP	5:00pm	Maria Antonia Pani ~ Butler Family
Sunday September 7		
SJ	9:00am	Harold Widenmaier ~ George & Shirley McCaw
SHP	9:00am	Melanie Leroux ~ Georgette Whyte
SB	11:00am	Pauline Quigley ~ Denise Tobin
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2405.



## CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

\*\*\*This Cemetery Mass is combined with the

September First Saturday Mass at 11am. Please

remember to bring your lawn-chair\*\*\*

## PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS



**Humility is a rare jewel in our noisy, self-promoting world.** Today's readings call us to rediscover its power. Sirach tells us, "The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; then you will find favor with the Lord" (Sirach 3:18). True wisdom doesn't boast; it humbles itself. It is found not in prideful self-assertion but in quiet confidence that all we have is a gift from God.

**In Hebrews, we're reminded that we're not approaching** a fearsome, untouchable mountain but "Mount Zion, the city of the living God" (Hebrews 12:22). Our God invites us, not as trembling slaves, but as beloved children to His heavenly banquet.

**How fitting, then, that Jesus in today's Gospel (Luke 14)** tells a story of a dinner party where the proud scramble for places of honor. He challenges us to take the lowest seat, to welcome the poor, the crippled, and the outcast; not because they can repay us, but because this reflects the very heart of God.

**Humility isn't about demeaning ourselves;** it's about knowing who we are before God. It gives us freedom; freedom from constantly competing, comparing, and grasping for approval. Jesus Himself, "though He was in the form of God... humbled Himself" (Philippians 2:6-8). **Imagine a Church where every hand is ready to serve,** every table has a seat for the forgotten, and every heart beats with Christ's generosity. That's the Kingdom banquet. If we choose humility, God Himself will say to us, "Friend, move up higher."

**So, this week, let's step down so Christ can lift us up.** Let's hold the door open, offer the seat, and embrace the unnoticed. In the end, those who bow low in love will rise high in glory, because humility is the road that leads straight to Heaven's table.



## PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Heather Luft, Des McKenna, Hugh McKenna, Claudette Timmerman, Theresa Irvin, & Deborah La Riccia. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Heather Molyneaux, Christopher Riopelle, Margaret Brady, and Tony Irvin. 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 open every Friday and Saturday throughout the summer, 10am-2:30pm! Come check out the great deals!
- ✚ **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](http://www.womensfallretreat.com). The Women's Fall Retreat Team, Archdiocese of Kingston
- ✚ **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje | Oct 14-24, 2025:** Join us for a Jubilee Year of Hope pilgrimage! Departing from **Toronto** → through **Warsaw** → **Split, Croatia**. Transfers to Medjugorje by coach Includes 2 meals daily, private 3-piece bath, climate control. Double occupancy | **\$2,675 CAD.** For full details, check the flyer or email [Karen.Shannon@queensu.ca](mailto:Karen.Shannon@queensu.ca).
- ✚ **Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Rome, and Assisi | November 5-17, 2025:** Please join Father Justin Pulikunnel and Father Shawn Hughes, who will travel to Europe to receive the great graces of pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year. Please see the attached information and registration forms. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ann Lyng at [ann@stmaryscathedral.ca](mailto:ann@stmaryscathedral.ca).
- ✚ **St. Mary's of Egypt Refuge | November 19, 2025:** Have you lost someone you love to euthanasia? You are invited: Euthanasia Healing Retreats A time for guided sharing, a pastoral talk, memorial service and supper. St. John the Compassionate Mission (155 Broadview Ave Toronto, ON). No cost to attend, though a freewill offering is appreciated. Overnight accommodation is available upon request. Registration required: [www.beingwith.org/euthanasia-healing-retreats](http://www.beingwith.org/euthanasia-healing-retreats)



## SACRAMENTS

### Baptismal Congratulations!

We welcome **Hope Catherine Pritchard** into the Catholic Church through Baptism. We congratulate her parents and commend them for their commitment to raising their child in the Catholic faith. May God abundantly bless their family!

August 31, 2025

## WELCOME BACK!



A very warm welcome to the students, teachers, and staff in our community who, this week, are embarking on a new school year. We pray that God may bless each of you abundantly as you begin this new journey!

## 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 <b>*Meetings on hold until fall</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month @ 7pm
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting <b>*Welcome Back! Meeting September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm
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	Friday, October 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
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



### St. John's Movie Club Update

The Saint John's Movie Club will be holding its next meeting on **Friday, October 17th at 7:00 PM**, at 15 Church St. We will watch a short film and there will be a group discussion following. For more information, contact Anthony: [adellazizzera@gmail.com](mailto:adellazizzera@gmail.com).