

# Welcome! 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ September 7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

(FIRST) Saturday September 6		
SJ (Cem- etery)	11:00am *BRING A LAWN CHAIR*	***1st Saturday Mass combined with the Cemetery Mass at St. John's Cemetery*** <i>For the repose of the souls buried at St. John's Cemetery</i>
SJ	5:00pm	Vince Boland ~ <i>Merkley Family</i>
SVDP	5:00pm	Maria Antonia Pani ~ <i>Butler Family</i>
Sunday September 7		
SJ	9:00am	Harold Widenmaier ~ <i>George &amp; Shirley McCaw</i>
SHP	9:00am	Melanie Leroux ~ <i>Georgette Whyte</i>
SB	11:00am	Pauline Quigley ~ <i>Denise Tobin</i>
SJ	11:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
Monday September 8 ~ The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick &amp; Suffering</i>
Tuesday September 9		
SB	9:00am	~ No Intention Booked ~
SJ	4:30pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ <i>Allida Rubino</i>
Wednesday September 10		
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Fr. Anthony Dim ~ <i>St. John's Parish Pastoral Council</i>
LL	10:00am	Lanark Lodge Mass
Thursday September 11		
SHP	9:00am	~ No Intention Booked ~
SJ	12:00pm	For all the sick within our parish ~ <i>Barbara Hendry</i>
Friday September 12		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick &amp; Suffering</i>
SJ	9:00am	Mary Theresa Nagle ~ <i>A Friend</i>
SJ	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration &amp; Benediction</i>
Saturday September 13 ~ St. John Chrysostom		
SJ	5:00pm	John & Marian Dowdall ~ <i>Jason, Julie, &amp; Justin Dowdall</i>
SVDP	5:00pm	Margaret Brady ~ <i>Brenda Cavanagh</i>
Sunday September 14 ~ The Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
SJ	9:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
SHP	9:00am	Nancy Shepherd ~ <i>Gail &amp; Fred Shepherd</i>
SB	11:00am	Special Intention of Brenda White ~
SJ	11:00am	Int. of Marjorie & Jack Facette ~ <i>Barbara Hendry</i>

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$3605.

## NOTICE

To ensure that what is shared in our parish truly reflects the guidance of the Church and the Archdiocese of Kingston, we kindly ask that no posters, flyers, or notices be placed in the church or Parish buildings without the pastor's permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

## PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

**Today's Gospel may sound hard to hear.** Jesus says, "Whoever does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). He is not trying to scare us away but to prepare us for a deeper, more genuine relationship with Him. Following Jesus is not about comfort; it is about commitment.

**The first reading from Wisdom reminds us** of our human limitations: "Who can know God's counsel... unless You give wisdom and send Your Holy Spirit?" (Wisdom 9:13,17). On our own, life is overwhelming. We cannot see the full picture, but with God's Spirit, we gain courage and direction. Discipleship is not something we figure out alone, it is a daily walk guided by God's grace.

**Paul gives us a beautiful example** in his letter to Philemon. He encourages Philemon to welcome Onesimus "no longer as a slave, but as a beloved brother" (Philemon 16). This is what it looks like to follow Jesus: Relationships are Healed, Hearts are Softened, and Love overcomes Barriers. Faith transforms Relationships; it changes how we see one another.

**Jesus' call to "renounce all possessions" is not just about money.** It is about letting go of anything that holds us back, fear, grudges, pride, or even our comfort zones. When we loosen our grip on these things, we discover the freedom to truly love.

**As disciples, we are not promised an easy path, but we are promised His presence.** The cross we carry with Him becomes a bridge to deeper joy. This becomes a community where everyone chooses forgiveness over resentment, service over status, and generosity over greed. That is how disciples change the world, one loving step at a time.

**When Jesus calls us to renounce possessions,** He is asking us to loosen our grip on anything; fear, pride, resentment, that keeps us from loving Him freely. This is because Jesus is leading us to freedom, to peace, and finally, to God's embrace.



## PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Heather Luft, Des McKenna, Claudette Timmerman, Theresa Irvin, Deborah La Riccia, and Gary & Georgette Whyte. 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! 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!

✠ **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)

September 7, 2025

## SACRAMENTS



### Congratulations!

**Aidan Pierman & Dana Dagenais**, who are to marry at St. John's Church this week. We ask God's blessing upon them for a lifetime of

## 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>*Welcome Back! Meeting September 8 @ 7pm</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: [adellazazzera@gmail.com](mailto:adellazazzera@gmail.com).



### Attention: Parish Pastoral Council & Property & Finance Committee Members

Our annual Welcome Dinner and First PPC Meeting of the Season will take place on **Tuesday, September 9th. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm at 15 Church Street, followed by the meeting at 6:30pm. If you have not yet done so, please RSVP to Sandra Stewart as soon as possible.**