

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ October 19th – 26th

Saturday October 18 ~ St. Luke		
SJ	5:00pm	In Thanks to St. Jude ~ Bonnie Switzer
Sunday October 19		
SJ	9:00am	Int. Of Theresa Kirkham on her 90 th Birthday ~ Tania Norris & Wayne Kirkham
SHP	9:00am	For the conversion & healing of the Masson family ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Gerry Bowers ~ His Family
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SJ Cem-etry	3:00pm	Jubilee Celebration at St. John’s Cemetery
Monday October 20		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday October 21		
SB	9:00am	Int. of Fr. Charles Enyinnia ~ Norm & Tina Bergman
SJ	4:30pm	John Dowdall ~ Jason, Julie & Justin Dowdall
Wednesday October 22		
SJ	9:00am	Michael McGuire ~ Jim & Fran McGuire
CCT	2:15pm	Carolina Court Mass
Thursday October 23		
SHP	9:00am	Collins Evans ~ Larry & Ann-Marie Fillmore
SJ	12:00pm	Paul Nagle ~ Mary White
Friday October 24		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Frank McGuire ~ Jim & Fran McGuire
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday October 25		
SJ	5:00pm	Gerri Conlon ~ Alan & Shirley Chaplin
Sunday October 26		
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Mary Ann McKiver & Ben Saumure ~ Friends @ St. John’s Church
SHP	9:00am	Basil & Jean Dunnigan ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Int. of Fr. Charles Enyinnia ~ Norm & Tina Bergman
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish

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.

ATTENTION CWL MEMBERS!

CWL Membership dues are \$40.00 and can be placed in the collection basket. Please ensure your name and CWL is on your envelope. Thank you!

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

There is a lovely story about a little boy who once asked his grandmother, “Grandma, why do you pray every day?” She smiled and said, “I pray daily because God loves hearing from me, and I love remembering that I am not alone.” This simple truth captures the essence of today’s readings: **prayer as an expression of faith that endures.**

In Exodus, Moses stands on the hill with hands lifted toward heaven as Israel battles Amalek. When his arms grow weary, Aaron and Hur hold them up. It is a powerful image of the Church as a praying community, faithful people who uphold one another before God. Moses’ posture foreshadows **Christ on the Cross**, arms stretched wide in eternal intercession for us. In Him, all our prayers find their voice and power.

The persistent widow in the Gospel reminds us that **authentic prayer is not about persuading God but trusting Him enough to keep praying even when the answer seems delayed.** Jesus invites us to persevere in faith, knowing that the Father’s silence is never absence; God is working in ways we may not yet see.

Saint Paul’s words to Timothy strengthen this message. He calls him to remain faithful to Scripture and to proclaim the Word “whether convenient or inconvenient.” Faith grows through the Word and is sustained in prayer. To persevere in both is to walk daily with Christ.

And here, at the heart of our faith, stands the **Eucharist**, the summit of all prayer. Each Mass is our participation in Christ’s own intercession before the Father. Here, we bring our struggles, hopes, and petitions, and unite them with His perfect offering of love. The altar becomes our Mount of Prayer, where weary hands are lifted, hearts are renewed, and grace flows like living water.

So, my friends, keep praying. **Like Moses, lift your hands; like the widow, keep knocking; like Paul, stay faithful to the Word.** For in prayer, in perseverance, and in the Eucharist, God is never late; **God is always love; God listens, and God saves always. Shalom!**

THIS SUNDAY! Jubilee Celebration!

Thank you to everyone who has shared their enthusiasm for our Jubilee Celebration taking place **this Sunday, October 19th at 3:00pm at St. John’s Cemetery.** Please **remember to bring a lawn chair** and dress for the weather. The afternoon will include the **recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction**, and all who participate will receive a **Jubilee Indulgence.** This promises to be a beautiful time of prayer and thanksgiving for our parish and deanery.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✚ **THIS WEEKEND! Foy Hall Garage Sale:** The Foy Hall Garage Sale is open every Friday and Saturday throughout the fall, 10am-2:30pm! Come check out the great deals! Weather permitting, we hope the sale will continue through November.
- ✚ **NEXT WEEKEND! Sacred Heart Parish Social Gathering:** Gathering at our Church Rectory will take place on **Sunday, Oct. 26th**, following the 9am Mass, with a great variety of goodies & drinks. Come on out and enjoy hot or cold drinks while mingling with others. Hope to see you there.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **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

SACRAMENTS

Sacramental Preparation Classes!

First Communion & Reconciliation Candidates:

The next class will be **November 9th**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

Confirmation Candidates:

Class is this weekend, **October 19th**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

FORGOT TO REGISTER? IT’S NOT TOO LATE!

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ASAP.



Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith

Individuals seeking to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Church, including its teachings and practices, are warmly invited to participate in a dedicated series of sessions.

Session Details... Tuesday evenings, starting September 30th, at 7pm at 15 Church St. **What to Expect?** OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation – formerly RCIA) sessions offer an engaging experience that includes viewing videos, participating in thoughtful conversations, and reflecting on various aspects of the Catholic faith. **Open Invitation!** Everyone is welcome to attend and explore this journey of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice Regarding the Church of the Good Thief (St. Dismas), Portsmouth Village, Kingston

The Archdiocese of Kingston, through its Diocesan Building & Property Committee, has been mandated to divest of the Church of the Good Thief property. In doing so, preference will be given to a local buyer who will respect the heritage of the property and repurpose it in harmony with the Portsmouth community and, more broadly, with Kingston’s historical character. If you or someone you know may be interested in assuming ownership of this historic church, please contact Kenneth Hall, Chancellor of Temporal Affairs, Archdiocese of Kingston.

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czap, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Heather Luft, Susan MacLellan, Claudette Timmerman, Theresa Irvin, Deborah La Riccia, Demetrie Laming, Edith Lepine, Nellie Pajackowski, Marg Trombley, Eleanor Walsh, & “Nana” Beaudoin. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Michael Coady & Des McKenna. 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 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	Friday, October 17 th @7pm
Life Matters Men’s Group – Contact Dave Lapointe for details.	3 rd Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm

