

Welcome! 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ October 26th – November 2nd

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
Monday October 27		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday October 28 ~ St. Simon & St. Jude		
SB	9:00am	Int. of Fr. Charles Enyinnia ~ Norm & Tina Bergman
SJ	4:30pm	Robert Schonauer ~ Maurice & Karen Diotte
Wednesday October 29		
SJ	9:00am	Gerri Conlon ~ Cathy Fergusson
Thursday October 30		
SHP	9:00am	Collins Evans ~ Larry & Ann Fillmore
SJ	12:00pm	Mary McNamee ~ Theresa Kirkham
Friday October 31		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Joe & Patty De Francesco ~ Bernie De Francesco
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
(FIRST) Saturday November 1 ~ All Saints		
SJ	9:00am	Judy McGinnis ~ Jean McShane
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday November 2 ~ The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the repose of all souls
SHP	9:00am	Mass for the repose of all souls
SB	11:00am	Mass for the repose of all souls
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the repose of all souls

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$3116.

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

Sirach 35:12–14, 16–18; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18; Luke 18:9–14

Today's readings shine a light on the kind of prayer that truly reaches God's heart, the prayer of humility. In the first reading from Sirach, we are told that "the prayer of the humble pierces the clouds." God listens to those who come before Him sincerely, who calls upon Him with trust rather than pride. Sirach reminds us that God is close to those who depend on Him completely. Their prayers rise to heaven not because of eloquent words, but because they spring from a heart aware of its need for mercy.

The Gospel brings this truth vividly to life in Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Both men go to the temple to pray, but their hearts are miles apart. The Pharisee's prayer is full of "I": I fast, I tithe, I am not like others. He compares, he measures, and he boasts. The tax collector, meanwhile, stands afar off, unable even to lift his eyes. He simply prays, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." And Jesus tells us that Pharisee went home self-satisfied but the humble man "went home justified."

The message is simple yet powerful: God hears the prayer that comes from a contrite and honest heart. Pride closes heaven's doors; humility opens them wide. True prayer is not about showing God our goodness but about allowing God to show us mercy. As we come before the Lord this Sunday, let us approach Him like that humble tax collector, with sincerity, gratitude, and openness. For when we pray from the heart, we too will "go home justified," renewed by the gentle love of a God who "hears the cry of the poor" and lifts up the lowly. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)

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.
- ✠ **THIS WEEKEND! Sacred Heart Parish Social Gathering:** Gathering at our Church Rectory will take place this **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.
- ✠ **THIS WEEKEND! St. John's Social Sunday:** This Sunday, October 26th, our Parish Council invites everyone to join us for Social Sunday! Stay after Mass to enjoy a snack, a warm beverage, and good fellowship with fellow parishioners. **As a concrete expression of our faith and care for those in need, CWL members will be collecting non-perishable food donations for The Table Community Food Centre.** For

a list of most-needed items, please visit www.thetablecfc.org. A donation basket will remain in the church for ongoing contributions, as The Table is very much in need of our continued support. The CWL will regularly monitor and deliver the collected items, and they'll also be on hand to receive donations each month during our Social Sundays. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us live out our call to serve others in our community!



- ✠ **Save the Date! LifeMatters Presents – "Dying to Meet You":** On November 16th, world renowned speaker Amanda Achtman will be at St. Johns Elementary School in Perth to give the presentation 'Dying to Meet you, Preventing Euthanasia and Encouraging Hope'. "This workshop is a light into my darkness." — Workshop Participant.
- ✠ Stay tuned for more details to come!
- ✠ **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:

The next class will be **November 16th**, 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 at 15 Church St.
Open Invitation! Everyone is welcome to attend and explore this journey of faith.

Baptismal Congratulations!

We welcome **Rorke Hillier, Anora Ponte, and Madelyn Free** into the Catholic Church through Baptism this weekend. We congratulate their parents and commend them for their commitment to raising their children in the Catholic faith. May God abundantly bless their families!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Doug & Mary Rorwick and Dillon & Leigh Hillier**, who will have their marriages blessed this weekend at St. John the Baptist Church. We ask God's blessing upon them for a lifetime of joy together!

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Heather Luft, Susan MacLellan, Claudette Timmerman, Theresa Irvin, Deborah La Riccia, Demetrie Laming, Edith Lepine, Nellie Pajaczowski, 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 *November meeting cancelled in respect of Remembrance Day*	2 nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm Next meeting Tuesday, December 9th @ 6:30pm
Life Matters Monthly Meeting *Moved to 2nd Wednesday of each month*	2 nd 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 *Next meeting Thursday, October 30th after noon Mass	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	Next meeting Friday, November 21st @ 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