

Welcome! 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ November 16th – 23rd

Saturday November 15		
SJ	5:00pm	In Thanks to St. Jude ~ Bonnie Switzer
Sunday November 16		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Ruth & Edward Dunnigan ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Leo & Aileen Farrell ~ Evelyn Goodfellow
SJ	11:00am	Mary McNamee ~ Shirley Kindellan
Monday November 17 ~ St. Elizabeth of Hungary		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday November 18		
SB	9:00am	For God’s Healing ~
SJ	4:30pm	Don & Betty Kindellan ~ Shirley Kindellan
Wednesday November 19		
SJ	9:00am	For the protection of all human life ~ LifeMatters Core Group
Thursday November 20		
SHP	9:00am	Ian MacDonald ~ Patricia MacDonald
SJ	12:00pm	Gerri Conlon ~ Theo Byrne & Family
PCCC	2:00pm	Perth Community Care Centre Mass
Friday November 21 ~ The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Toros & Ana DerSarkissian ~ Bernie De Francesco
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday November 22 ~ St. Cecilia		
SJ	5:00pm	Chuck Stewart ~ Nina Stewart
Sunday November 23 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Louis & Roseleen Weatherdon ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Beatrice McParlan (50 th Anniversary) ~ Theresa Kirkham
SJ	11:00am	Patricia Scheg ~ Ken & Lucille Crawford

ARCHDIOCESAN MASS

for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8th at 10:30am - St. Mary’s Cathedral, Kingston. Celebrations for the 200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston also begin on this day!

We are considering renting a bus to take parishioners from our churches to the celebration. This weekend will be the final opportunity to express interest; if there isn’t enough interest, we will not proceed with the bus. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church for interest only. If numbers are sufficient, we will move forward with formal registration and confirm a pick-up location.

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

Malachi 3:19-20a; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

Brothers and Sisters, as we draw near to the end of the Church’s liturgical year, the readings take on a kind of holy seriousness. They sound a bit like the final exam before graduation, sobering, but also hopeful. Jesus speaks of earthquakes, wars, and persecutions. This is not exactly the stuff of cheerful dinner conversation! But before we panic, let us remember: Jesus is not trying to frighten us. He is preparing us.

In the Gospel, people are admiring the beauty of the Temple, its stones, gold, and grandeur. Jesus interrupts their admiration with a shocking prophecy: “All these things you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another.” The people must have gasped! Yet, what Jesus is saying is timeless: all that glitters fades. Our temples of wealth, success, and comfort will not last forever. What does last is faithfulness.

The prophet Malachi gives us that hope: for those who fear the Lord, “the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.” In other words, the end is not destruction for believers, it is transformation. The apparent end is really God’s new beginning.

St. Paul, in the second reading, brings this heavenly vision down to daily life. He urges the Thessalonians not to sit idly, staring at the sky, waiting for the end, but to keep working faithfully. Holiness is not about hiding from the world; it is about bringing light into the world through our honest labor of love, our care for others, and our trust in God’s timing.

So, if the end of the world came tomorrow, would you keep living your faith today? Would you still pray, love, forgive, and cook dinner for your family? (Hopefully yes and maybe make dessert too!) That is how Christians face the “end times”: not with fear, but with faith-filled normalcy, because we know the story ends in victory.

Brothers and sisters, every Holy Eucharist reminds us: the Lord is coming, and He is already here. So, let us live each day not in anxiety, but in radiant readiness, with hearts awake, hands busy, and eyes fixed on the Sun of Righteousness who rises to heal and to save us.

ADVENT PARISH MISSION!

Together, St. John the Baptist, Sacred Heart, and St. Bridget’s Churches welcome Fr. George Okoye (SMMM) to lead this years’ Advent Misson! Join us at St. John’s Church on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, December 3rd – 5th, during regular Mass times, for this joyous occasion. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

✚ THIS WEEKEND! Foy Hall Garage Sale: The Foy Hall Garage Sale is open every Friday and Saturday until the end of November, 10am-2:30pm! Come check out the great deals!

✚ THIS WEEKEND! LifeMatters Presents: ‘Dying to Meet You, Preventing Euthanasia and Encouraging Hope’: Come and join us this Sunday afternoon in the St. John Elementary School gymnasium for the Dying to Meet You presentation and workshop by renowned speaker Amanda

Achtman. Doors open at 12pm. A light lunch will be served prior to her presentation. Come and be inspired to encounter, understand, and overcome the euthanasia temptation. Filled with humanizing storytelling and edifying examples, the afternoon will equip you to better engage in these conversations and experiences in your own life ... because this concerns all of us. There is no charge for the event. See posters for more information.

✚ NEXT WEEKEND! St. John’s Social Sunday: Next Sunday, November 23rd, 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!

St. John LifeMATTERS group presents...

FRUIT CAKES FOR LIFE!

In collaboration with Campaign Life Coalition, St. John's lifeMATTERS Group will be taking orders for delicious Christmas Cakes & Treats in the Narthex, beginning November 15th until November 30th. These treats are made using the original recipes of the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey (formerly Oka) and are perfect for holiday gift-giving. This year, Religious Advent Calendars are also available in two sizes, as well as religious Christmas cards ... and whole Bean Coffee! ... so don't wait to order. All proceeds go towards local pro-life work and the Monks of Val Notre Dame Abbey. Thank you for your support for Life, from conception to natural death. Please see posters in the Church for more information, or call Elaine @ 613-264-4071.

SACRAMENTS

Sacramental Preparation Classes!

First Communion & Reconciliation Candidates: The next class is December 14th, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

Confirmation Candidates: Class is this weekend, November 16th, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Demetrie Laming, Deborah LaRiccia & Barbara Morrison. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Jim Kelly, Alfred Crosbie, & Eileen Christenson. 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.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

As we prepare for this year’s Christmas Children’s Shopping Event in Lanark, we are requesting donations of items suitable for children (up to age 16) to give to their family members. Gift ideas may include books, games, accessories, small household items, and similar family-appropriate gifts. We are also in need of wrapping paper, tape, and gift bags. We are grateful for the outstanding generosity shown in last year’s donations and hope to continue that spirit again this season. Please contact the Parish office to arrange your donation. God Bless!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

[St John Parish Meeting Place, 15 Church St, Perth]

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. Tuesday, December 9th @ 6:30pm
Life Matters Monthly Meeting	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	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, November 21 st @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

Pope’s Prayer Intention for November: For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care, and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

St. John Elementary School Poinsettia Fundraiser

Proceeds to support the students at St. John Catholic Elementary School to purchase new sound equipment! 8” Potted Red Poinsettia \$30

Pre-Order after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, November 15th & after the 9am Mass on Sunday, November 16th. Cash / Cheque / E-Transfer / School Cash Online (SCO). Plants will be delivered in December!