

Welcome! Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ November 23rd – 30th

Saturday November 22 ~ St. Cecilia		
SJ	5:00pm	Chuck Stewart ~ <i>Nina Stewart</i>
Sunday November 23 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		
SJ	9:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
SHP	9:00am	Louis & Roseleen Weatherdon ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SB	11:00am	Beatrice McParlan (50 th Anniversary) ~ <i>Theresa Kirkham</i>
SJ	11:00am	Patricia Scheg ~ <i>Ken & Lucille Crawford</i>
Monday November 24 ~ St. Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
Tuesday November 25		
SB	9:00am	Int. of Theresa Kirkham ~ Marg & Gale McMunn and Family
SJHS	9:30am	St. John's High School Mass
SJ	4:30pm	Mary McNamee ~ <i>Cathy Merkley</i>
Wednesday November 26		
SJ	9:00am	Joe & Melinda De Francesco ~ <i>Bernie De Francesco</i>
CCt	2:15pm	Carolina Court Mass
Thursday November 27		
SHP	9:00am	Chris Riopelle ~ <i>Jean McShane</i>
SJ	12:00pm	Wallie & Art White ~ <i>Barbara White Hendry</i>
Friday November 28		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
SJ	9:00am	Sonia & Garo Alexanian ~ <i>Bernie De Francesco</i>
SJ	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration & Benediction</i>
Saturday November 29		
SJ	5:00pm	For the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3531 ~ <i>K of C Council #3531</i>
Sunday November 30		
SJ	9:00am	Ranald Quail ~ <i>Cavalier Family</i>
SHP	9:00am	Melanie Leroux ~ <i>Brian & Pat Molyneaux</i>
SB	11:00am	~ No Intention Booked ~
SJ	11:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2260. Monthly PAD Donation \$7378.

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.

Please note, the Parish office will be closed on the morning of Wednesday, November 26th and will open at 1pm.

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Brothers and sisters, today we gather to celebrate a King unlike any other. Most kings rule from thrones of gold; ours rules from a cross of wood. Most kings wear crowns of jewels; ours wears a crown of thorns. Most kings demand service: ours kneels to wash feet. If earthly kings arrive with trumpets, Jesus arrives with mercy. His throne is not elevated in marble but lifted on Calvary. His royal decree is simple: "love one another as I have loved you."
In the Gospel, Jesus hangs between two criminals, His throne lifted not in triumph but in vulnerability. And yet, it is exactly there that His kingship shines most brightly. One criminal found a voice to mock Jesus, "Save yourself!", the old temptation to power. But Jesus is not that kind of king. He does not save Himself because He has come to save us. But the other, whom tradition calls the "Good Thief," sees what the crowds cannot see. He sees a King whose authority is love, whose power is forgiveness, whose kingdom is built not by force but by hearts transformed.
He also found a voice to pray, "Jesus, remember me...". And with royal generosity, the King responds not with judgment but with astonishing speed: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." There was no long application form, no screening process, not even a background check, no paperwork, no probation period. Just pure grace. Heaven opened for a man with nothing to offer but a repentant heart. If that does not reveal what sort of King we serve, nothing will.
St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Jesus is "the image of the invisible God, the One through whom all things were made". Yet this King chooses to reign with tenderness. Jesus' kingdom is not geographical but spiritual: it is wherever mercy is shown, wherever the poor are lifted, wherever peace is planted, Christ the King reigns.
And here is the humor of grace: Jesus chooses us, ordinary, imperfect people, with all our flaws and holy clumsiness, to help build His kingdom. He does not need perfect people, just willing hearts. We just have to turn toward Jesus.
So today, let us allow Christ to reign in us: in our homes, in our choices, in our compassion. Let us be citizens of a Kingdom where love is stronger than hate, where forgiveness triumphs over grudges, and where every cross, lifted to Jesus, becomes a throne of hope.
~Long Live Christ our King, Who Reigns Forever in Love~
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

✠ **SHOP WHILE YOU CAN! Foy Hall Garage Sale:** The Garage Sale is **open this Friday and Saturday, with next weekend being the final one until Spring (10am–2:30pm).** As a special treat, it will also be open **this Sunday and next right after Mass for parishioners only.** There is an organ for sale...please spread the word! Clothing is \$5 a bag, and

almost everything else is half price. *We'd love to see you there...come find a treasure and some items for your Christmas list!*
✠ **THIS WEEKEND! St. John's Social Sunday:** Join us after Mass for Social Sunday! **Enjoy a snack, a warm drink, and fellowship with fellow parishioners.** As an expression of our faith, **CWL members will be collecting non-perishable food donations** for The Table Community Food Centre. A donation basket will remain in the church for ongoing contributions, and the CWL will monitor and deliver items regularly. For a list of most-needed items, visit **www.thetablecfc.org**. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us serve our community!
✠ **St. Joseph Catholic School Christmas Bazaar:** Saturday, **November 29th**, 10am-2pm. 80 County Rd 1, Toledo. Join us for a festive sale featuring 16+ vendors and delicious holiday food. No entry fee, and all are welcome! Donations of food bank items or small trinkets for our "I Chose It Myself" sale are greatly appreciated. *Cash is recommended.
✠ **St John's CWL Christmas Bake Sale:** The highly anticipated annual CWL Christmas bake sale will be held **on December 6th and 7th**. Homemade baking and preserves will be available for cash purchase in the Narthex after each Mass. Donations for our charity fundraisers will also be accepted. Anyone wishing to provide baking would be appreciated – please provide before each Mass. Thank you in advance for your support! See you there!

St. John LifeMATTERS group presents...

FRUIT CAKES FOR LIFE!

In collaboration with Campaign Life Coalition, St. John's lifeMATTERS Group is taking orders in the Narthex **until November 30th**. Enjoy Christmas cakes and treats made from the original Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey recipes...perfect for holiday gifts! This year, Religious Advent Calendars (two sizes), religious Christmas cards, and whole bean coffee are also available. All proceeds support local pro-life work and the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey. For details, see posters in the church or call Elaine at 613-264-4071.



PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czap, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Demetrie Laming, Deborah LaRiccia & Barbara Morrison. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are collecting donations of gifts for children (up to age 16) to give to family members. Ideas include books, games, accessories, small household items, and other family-appropriate gifts. Wrapping paper, tape, and gift bags are also needed. We are grateful for last year's generosity and hope to continue that spirit this season. Please contact the Parish office or Doris Quinn to arrange your donation. God Bless!



November 23, 2025

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!

200th Anniversary Mass – Transit Update

Due to limited interest, we will **not** charter a parish bus. **St. Mary's in Carleton Place invites our parishioners to join their coach** (\$25/person). **Reserve with Katelyn:** 613-257-1284 or stmmary.carletonplace@archkingston.ca
Posters with full details are on Flocknote and at church entrances.

St. John Elementary School is looking for additional lunch supervisors.

The role is perfect for anyone who might have one hour a day, any days of the week, interacting with students while making some money. Lunch supervisors support students on the yard during lunch recess and in classrooms while students are eating. **Please call St. John Elementary School, (613) 267-2865, for any further information or to express your interest.**
Sincere thanks for your support!

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 ***November 27th***	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	TBD
Life Matters Men's Group – Contact Dave Lapointe for details.	3 rd Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm

St. John's Holy Face Group - November

St. John's Holy Face Group will be holding their monthly gathering on **Thursday, November 27th**, following the noon Mass. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Elaine, 613-267-1023.