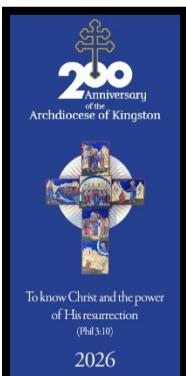


# Welcome! The Baptism of the Lord

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ January 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

Saturday January 10		
SJ	5:00pm	In thanks to St. Jude ~ Bonnie Switzer
Sunday January 11 ~ The Baptism of the Lord		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Melanie Leroux ~ Pat Molyneaux
SB	11:00am	Madeline Lafleur ~ Monica Robidoux
SJ	11:00am	Vincenzo & Patricia Palladeno ~ Barry & Jeannette Olivier
Monday January 12 ~ St. Marguerite Bourgeoys		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday January 13		
SB	9:00am	-----Mass Cancelled-----
SJ	4:30pm	Des McKenna ~ Shirley Kindellan
Wednesday January 14		
SJ	9:00am	In thanksgiving to St. Jude ~ Bernie De Francesco
LL	10:00am	Lanark Lodge Mass
Thursday January 15		
SHP	9:00am	-----Mass Cancelled-----
SJ	12:00pm	Margaret Brady ~ Mary & Bruce McIntyre
PCCC	2:00pm	Perth Community Care Centre Mass
Friday January 16		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Bob & Jim Schonauer ~ Del & Marg Morrow
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday January 17 ~ St. Anthony		
SJ	5:00pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ Allida Rubino
Sunday January 18		
SJ	9:00am	Doug Schonauer ~ Del & Marg Morrow
SHP	9:00am	Janet Guitard ~ Doris Quinn
SB	11:00am	For the deceased members of our parish ~ St. Bridget's CWL
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2246.



## 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston The Jubilee Year Begins!

We began our celebrations for the 200th Anniversary Jubilee of the Archdiocese of Kingston on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>! Jubilee celebrations will take place throughout the year at the Parish, Deanery, and Archdiocesan levels. Keep an eye on the bulletin & Flocknote for parish and deanery events to come! Archdiocesan events can be found in the Fall edition of Journey, which can be found in your church today!

## PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

### Baptism of the Lord. "You Are My Beloved"

Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, an event that brings the Christmas season to its fulfillment and opens the door to Jesus' public ministry. At the Jordan River, heaven is opened, the Spirit descends, and the voice of the Father is heard: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This feast invites us not only to contemplate who Jesus is, but also to rediscover who we are, because the baptism of Jesus gives meaning, direction, and mission to our own baptism.

In the Gospel of Matthew, John the Baptist is shocked. He knows that Jesus is sinless, yet Jesus insists: "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." (Mt 3:15). Jesus did not need repentance. Instead, He chose to stand with sinners. He entered the waters not to be cleansed, but to sanctify the waters themselves. From this moment on, baptism would no longer be just a sign of repentance, it would become a sacrament of new life.

By stepping into the Jordan, Jesus shows us a God who does not save from a distance but enters fully into the human condition.

At Jesus' baptism, something extraordinary happens: The heavens open, The Spirit descends like a dove, The Father's voice is heard. This is a clear revelation of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father declares Jesus as His beloved Son, and the Spirit anoints Him for mission. This moment echoes today's first reading from Isaiah: "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased." (Is 42:1). Jesus is the Servant-Messiah, sent not to dominate but to heal, to restore, and to bring justice gently and faithfully.

What happened to Jesus at the Jordan happens to us at the baptismal font, though often quietly, without thunder or a visible dove. Through baptism, we are freed from sin - We become children of God, we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church.

St. Peter proclaims in the Acts of the Apostles: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power." (Acts 10:38). That same Spirit has been given to us. Baptism is not just a ritual from the past, it is the foundation of our Christian identity.

Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of His mission. Immediately after, He goes forth to proclaim the Kingdom, heal the sick, free the oppressed, and reveal the Father's mercy. Our baptism does the same for us. It is not an endpoint; it is a sending forth. Isaiah reminds us of the mission entrusted to God's servant: "I have formed you and set you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations." (Is 42:6). Every baptized Christian shares in this mission. We are not baptized for ourselves alone, but for the world.

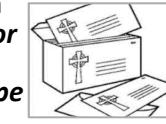
In a world wounded by injustice, division, violence, and indifference, we all are called to live out these essential duties: To live as beloved children of God, and to witness to Christ by our lives in our families, in our workplaces, in society, among the poor and the forgotten.

Today, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, the Father speaks again—not only over Jesus, but over each one of us: "You are my beloved child." Let us renew our baptismal commitment: to reject sin, to believe in Christ, to live as children of light, and to bring God's love into the world.

*May the Holy Spirit, who descended upon Jesus at the Jordan, renew us today and send us forth to live our baptism with courage, humility, and joy. Amen*

## 2026 Donation Envelopes

Donation envelopes for 2026 are available in our churches. *As always, for the first month or so of the new year, we kindly ask that you write your name and address on each envelope to help us keep our records accurate and organized. Thank you!*



## SACRAMENTS

### Sacramental Preparation Classes!

**First Communion & Reconciliation Candidates:** Class is this Sunday, **January 11<sup>th</sup>**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

### Confirmation Candidates:

The next class is **January 18<sup>th</sup>**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Important Notice

All users of the St. John's Meeting Place (15 Church Street) are kindly reminded to turn down the thermostat when leaving the building. Our hydro costs in November and December were significantly higher than this time last year, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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### Important Notice

Our St. John's Church neighbours have been affected by vehicles blocking their driveways during Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Please take care when parking to ensure driveways remain accessible.

## PRAYERS

**Please remember the sick** in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Demetrie Laming, Deborah LaRiccia, Barbara Morrison, Edith Lepine, Doris Quinn, Claudette Timmerman, Mary Rorwick, & Stephen Tysick. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Len Brady. 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.

January 11, 2026

## PASTORAL CARE

Any parishioner or family member unable to attend Mass and would like a home visit please call the Parish Office at 613-267-1043.



## COMMUNITY MEALS

Dine-in meals every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 4:30-6:00pm @ The Table (190 Gore St. East). Dine-in meals on the second Saturday of each month (excluding July & August) 4:30- 5:30pm @ St. James Church (54 Beckwith St. East).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

CWL Monthly Meeting ***No January Meeting***	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month @ 7pm Next meeting is Monday, February 9 <sup>th</sup>
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting ***Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 13 <sup>th</sup> ***	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm.
Life Matters Monthly Meeting	2 <sup>nd</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	TBD
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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are grateful to the volunteers who have generously stepped up to assist with church cleaning. Their help has been a true blessing. However, this important work cannot be carried by a few alone, and we are seeking additional volunteers to join them. Even one hour a week can make a meaningful difference.

If you are able to help, please contact the parish office. Thank you once again to all who continue to serve our parish with such generosity and care.

