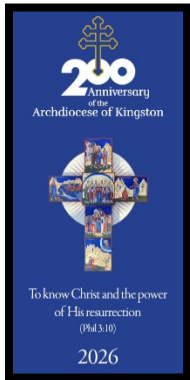


# Welcome! 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ January 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

Saturday January 17 ~ St. Anthony		
<b>SJ</b>	5:00pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ <i>Allida Rubino</i>
Sunday January 18		
<b>SJ</b>	9:00am	Doug Schonauer ~ <i>Del &amp; Marg Morrow</i>
<b>SHP</b>	9:00am	Janet Guitard ~ <i>Doris Quinn</i>
<b>SB</b>	11:00am	For the deceased members of our parish ~ <i>St. Bridget's CWL</i>
<b>SJ</b>	11:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
Monday January 19		
<b>SJ</b>	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick &amp; Suffering</i>
Tuesday January 20		
<b>SB</b>	9:00am	————— <b>Mass Cancelled</b> —————
<b>SJ</b>	4:30pm	————— <b>Mass Cancelled</b> —————
Wednesday January 21 ~ St. Agnes		
<b>SJ</b>	9:00am	For the protection of all human life ~ <i>LifeMatters Core Group</i>
<b>SJ</b>	10:00am	St. John Elementary School Mass Deacon David Cavalier ~ <i>Cavalier Family</i>
Thursday January 22		
<b>SHP</b>	10:15am	Combined Daily/Sacred Heart Elementary School Mass Courtney Reynolds ~ <i>Dave &amp; Kim Lapointe</i>
<b>SJ</b>	12:00pm	Des McKenna ~ <i>Nina Stewart</i>
Friday January 23		
<b>SJ</b>	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick &amp; Suffering</i>
<b>SJ</b>	9:00am	Fran & Bernard D'eon ~ <i>Jenny &amp; Dave Salte</i>
<b>SJ</b>	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration &amp; Benediction</i>
Saturday January 24 ~ St. Francis de Sales		
<b>SJ</b>	5:00pm	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
Sunday January 25		
<b>SJ</b>	9:00am	Deacon David Cavalier ~ <i>Cavalier Family</i>
<b>SHP</b>	9:00am	Int. of Mary Rorwick ~ <i>Doris Quinn</i>
<b>SB</b>	11:00am	Wilbur & Marie Merkley and Harold & Beatrice McGivern ~ <i>Merkley Family</i>
<b>SJ</b>	11:00am	Margaret Brady ~ <i>Mary &amp; Bruce McIntyre</i>

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2721.



## 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

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**  
**Today's readings invite us to pause at one of the most powerful declarations in all of Scripture.** John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and proclaims: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). In this simple sentence, John reveals the identity and mission of Jesus, and at the same time teaches us what it means to be a true disciple.

**When John calls Jesus the Lamb of God,** he draws from the deepest religious memory of Israel. The lamb was central to the Passover, whose blood saved the people from death (cf. Exodus 12). The lamb was also offered daily in the Temple for the sins of the people. By applying this title to Jesus, John proclaims that Jesus is the true and final sacrifice, not offered again and again, but once for all.

**Isaiah prepares us for this revelation.** The Servant of the Lord is chosen not only to restore Israel but to be "a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus, the Lamb of God, does not take away the sin of one people only, but the sin of the whole world. His mission is universal, his mercy limitless. **It therefore means that in Jesus, God has decisively acted against sin, evil, and death.** Sin no longer has the final word. Forgiveness, reconciliation, and new life are now possible for all who believe. **Equally striking in today's Gospel** is the humility of John the Baptist. He does not draw attention to himself. He does not claim the spotlight. His whole life points away from himself and toward Christ. "I did not know him," John says, "but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel" (John 1:31).

**Our Take home: First, it calls us to trust in Christ's mercy.** If Jesus truly takes away the sins of the world, then no sin is beyond his forgiveness when we repent and return to him.

**Second, it challenges us to live humbly.** Our lives should echo John the Baptist's words, not with our lips alone but with our actions: "Behold the Lamb of God." When people see us, may they be led not to admire us, but to encounter Christ.

**Finally, it reminds us of our mission.** We are not Christians for ourselves alone. In our families, workplaces, parishes, and communities, we are sent to bear witness by our love, integrity, compassion, and hope that Jesus is the Lamb of God who brings salvation to the world.

**Dear brothers and sisters, each time we come to the Eucharist,** we hear the same words John spoke by the Jordan: "Behold the Lamb of God." May those words never become routine. May they renew our faith, shape our humility, and strengthen our mission, so that through our lives, the world may come to know and believe in Jesus Christ, the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Amen.

## SACRAMENTS

### Sacramental Preparation Classes!

#### First Communion & Reconciliation Candidates:

The next class is **February 8<sup>th</sup>**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

#### Confirmation Candidates:

Class is this Sunday, **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 Czap, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Demetrie Laming, Deborah LaRicca, Barbara Morrison, Edith Lepine, Doris Quinn, Claudette Timmerman, Mary Rorwick, & Stephen Tysick. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Christopher MacDonald, Jordan Newton, & Vincent Ryan. 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.

## 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).

## 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!***



## 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 <b>Next meeting is Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup></b>
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting	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 ***Next meeting is January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	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	<b>Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm</b>
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

### St. John's Holy Face Group - January

St. John's Holy Face Group will be holding their monthly gathering on **Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, following the noon Mass. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Elaine, 613-267-1023.

**\*\*\*Please note, the January meeting is taking place a week earlier in January \*\*\***

### St. John's Movie Club - February

The Saint John's Movie Club will be holding its next meeting on Friday, **February 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm, at 15 Church St. Every meeting, we watch a film together and have group discussion about the meaning of the film and art in general afterward. For more information, contact Anthony: adellazzera@gmail.com.

## 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.