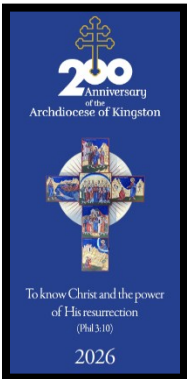


# Welcome! 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ January 25<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>

Saturday January 24 ~ St. Francis de Sales		
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday January 25		
SJ	9:00am	Deacon David Cavalier ~ <i>Cavalier Family</i>
SHP	9:00am	Int. of Mary Rorwick ~ <i>Doris Quinn</i>
SB	11:00am	Wilbur & Marie Merkley and Harold & Beatrice McGivern ~ <i>Merkley Family</i>
SJ	11:00am	Margaret Brady ~ <i>Mary &amp; Bruce McIntyre</i>
Monday January 26 ~ St.'s Timothy & Titus		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday January 27		
SB	9:00am	—————Mass Cancelled—————
SJ	4:30pm	Bill Publow ~ <i>Shirley Kindellan</i>
CATH	7:00pm	200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston celebratory Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston
Wednesday January 28 ~ St. Thomas Aquinas		
SJ	9:00am	Des McKenna ~ <i>Cavalier Family</i>
CCt	2:15pm	Carolina Court Mass Martha Phelan ~ <i>Marie White &amp; Shirley Chaplin</i>
Thursday January 29		
SHP	9:00am	—————Mass Cancelled—————
SJ	12:00pm	John Thibeau ~ <i>Howard &amp; Anne Pledge</i>
Friday January 30		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Dr. Andrew Mai ~ <i>St. John's LifeMatters Group</i>
SJ	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration &amp; Benediction</i>
Saturday January 31 ~ St. John Bosco		
SJ	5:00pm	Jean Fortner ~ <i>Nancy Fortner</i>
Sunday February 1		
SJ	9:00am	Theresa Somerville ~ <i>Mary Somerville, Emily McNaughton &amp; Jean-Paul Leblanc</i>
SHP	9:00am	James O. Adam ~ <i>Don &amp; Dianne Adam</i>
SB	11:00am	For the sick, dying, and grieving within our parish ~ <i>St. Bridget's CWL</i>
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2250.



## 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

**Theme: The Call, the Cost of Discipleship, and Our Unity as Children of God**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
**Today's readings speak with one clear voice about God's call**, the cost of responding to that call, and the unity that must mark those who belong to Christ.

**Isaiah proclaims a people who once walked in darkness but have now seen a great light.** This is not because they found the light by their own effort, but because God came looking for them. The light shines in Galilee; a place considered ordinary, even insignificant. **This reminds us that God's call often comes into the ordinary spaces of our lives:** our families, workplaces, struggles, and weaknesses. Discipleship always begins with God's initiative. Before we respond, God has already spoken; before we follow, God has already shone His light upon us.

**In the Gospel, Jesus calls** Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John with simple but demanding words: "Come after me." Immediately, they leave their nets, their boats, and even their father.

**This is where we encounter the cost of discipleship.** Following Jesus is not a hobby or a part-time commitment. It requires letting go: of security, old habits, selfish ambitions, and anything that keeps us from fully trusting God.

**Notice also that Jesus does not call them individually to walk alone; He calls them into a community of disciples.** Discipleship is never a solo journey. To follow Christ is to belong to His Body, the Church.

**Saint Paul addresses a painful reality in the Church** at Corinth: divisions. "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas." Paul reminds them—and us—that Christ is not divided.

**Division weakens our witness.** When Christians are divided by pride, tribalism, personal loyalties, or power struggles, the light of Christ is dimmed. The cross, which Paul preaches, calls us to humility, self-emptying, and reconciliation.

**To be disciples of Jesus means to live as one family**, united not by personality, culture, or preference, but by the cross of Christ and our baptism as children of God. These readings challenge us with three important questions:

1. Have I truly responded to Christ's call, or am I still holding onto my "nets"?
2. Am I willing to pay the cost of discipleship? Trusting God even when it is uncomfortable or demanding?
3. Do I contribute to unity in the Church, or do my words and actions deepen division?

**Jesus still walks along the shores of our lives today**, calling each of us by name. He calls us to follow Him, to grow in faith, and to live in unity as brothers and sisters. As children of God, called out of darkness into His marvellous light, may we respond generously to Christ's call, embrace the cost of discipleship with faith, and work tirelessly for unity in His Church. ***United in Christ, the Light of the world, we become a living sign of hope for a world still longing for God's light.***

## 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, **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex

## UPCOMING EVENTS

✠ ***THIS WEEKEND! St. John's Social Sunday:*** Please join us **this weekend** after each Sunday Mass for the monthly St. John's Church Social! Snacks and drinks provided for everyone's enjoyment!


✠ ***THIS WEEK! 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston Mass:*** Please join us in celebrating the anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston *on the anniversary date itself* this coming **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm**. The celebration will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral in Kingston, and all are warmly welcome to attend.

## PRAYERS

**Please remember the sick** in your prayers, including Maureen Czap, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Edith Lepine, Doris Quinn, Claudette Timmerman, Mary Rorwick, Stephen Tysick, Susan Beaudoin Watson, & David Small. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Christopher MacDonald, Jordan Newton, Vincent Ryan, & Janice Rutherford. 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.

## 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!*** 

### St. John's 2025 Income Tax Statements

A reminder that 2025 income tax statements are available for pickup in the narthex. Please note that tax receipts are not being emailed, except by special request to the parish office, in order to ensure reliable delivery to all parishioners.

## 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.***

## 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.

## 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	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 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.