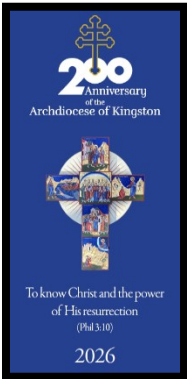


Welcome! The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ January 4th - 11th

(FIRST) Saturday January 3		
SJ	9:00am	Bill Publow ~ Publow Family
SJ	5:00pm	Lee Family ~ Gerald Lee
Sunday January 4 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Special Intention ~ Pat Molyneaux
SB	11:00am	Jack & Mabel Noonan ~ Mark & Gina Noonan
SJ	11:00am	Greg Whalen ~ Cynthia Scott
Monday January 5		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday January 6		
SB	9:00am	-----Mass Cancelled-----
SJ	4:30pm	Ruth Brown ~ Lorraine Houlahan & Family
Wednesday January 7 ~ St. André Bessette		
SJ	9:00am	Hermann Freinbichler ~ Shirley Kindellan
Thursday January 8		
SHP	9:00am	-----Mass Cancelled-----
SJ	12:00pm	Des McKenna ~ Barbara Hendry
Friday January 9		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Poulin Family ~ Jacques Poulin
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
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

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$3013.



200th 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 8th! 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, we celebrate the glorious feast of the Epiphany - a moment when the world was illuminated by the light of Christ made manifest to all nations. It is a day that reminds us of divine guidance, hope, and the universal scope of God's salvation.

In our Gospel reading (Matthew 2:1-12), the wise men from the East are guided by a star - an extraordinary celestial sign that leads them to the newborn King. The star symbolizes God's guiding hand, a divine light shining in the darkness, illuminating the path toward truth, righteousness, and salvation.

Just as the star directed the Magi, God continues to guide us today. His light cuts through the darkness of confusion, despair, and sin, leading us toward good and eternal life. The star invites us to keep our eyes open for God's signs in our lives - His Word, His grace, and His providence - so that we may follow His lead faithfully.

Isaiah (60:1-6) proclaims: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." This passage calls us to awaken from spiritual slumber, to rise and radiate the light of Christ in our lives. The divine guidance we receive is not merely for personal salvation but for the illumination of the world around us.

The Magi's journey is a symbol of our own spiritual pilgrimage. We trust in God's guidance, even when the path is uncertain. They traveled afar, guided by the star, to worship the Lord. Similarly, we are called to follow God's signs, to seek His presence actively, and to allow His light to transform us and those we encounter.

A crucial part of the story is the warning given to the Magi: "Do not go back to Herod." Herod represents the forces of falsehood, violence, and deception; those who seek to manipulate and destroy God's plan. The phrase "do not go back to Herod" resonates deeply with every Christian: it reminds us to avoid returning to destructive habits, harmful influences, or any form of spiritual Herodism that seeks to divert us from God's path.

In our lives, this means standing firm against temptation, corruption, or any shortcuts that lead us away from God's truth. It is a call to discernment - to listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance and to choose the path of righteousness, even when it is difficult.

Let us pray for the grace to heed God's guidance, to reject whatever leads us away from Him, and to be shining lights in our communities, reflecting the glory of Christ, who is the Light of the nations.

~ Happy New year ~

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:

The next class is **January 11th**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

Confirmation Candidates:

The next class is **January 18th**, 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.

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 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.

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-

Wishing
YOU A
Blessed
NEW YEAR

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

CWL Monthly Meeting ***No January Meeting***	2 nd Monday of each Month @ 7pm Next meeting is Monday, February 9th
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting	2 nd Tuesday of each month @ 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, January 9th @ 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

The Saint John's Movie Club will be holding its next meeting on Friday, January 9th at 7:00pm, at 15 Church St. We will watch a short film, followed by a group discussion. For more information, contact Anthony: adellazazzera@gmail.com.



THANK YOU & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We extend our sincere gratitude to Rick Burke, who faithfully served as custodian and groundskeeper at St. John's Church for many years.

With his recent retirement, we thank Rick for his dedication, care, and quiet service to our parish, and we wish him and his family every blessing as they begin this new chapter.

As we move forward during this time of transition, **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 Rick, and to all who continue to serve our parish with such generosity and care.

