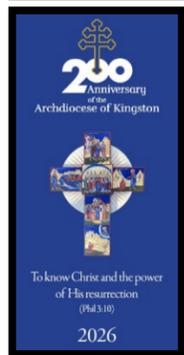


Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ March 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

Saturday February 28		
SJ	5:00pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ Allida Rubino
Sunday March 1 ~ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent		
SJ	9:00am	Pierrette Poulin ~ Jacques Poulin
SHP	9:00am	Int. of the family of Mike Quinn ~ Pat & Eadie LaFreniere
SB	10:30am	Stations of the Cross
SB	11:00am	Rosa Angelita Gaitan ~ Lissette Wright
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday March 2		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday March 3		
SB	9:00am	~No intention booked~
SJ	9:00am	Special int. of Beryl Lee ~ Myrna Lee-De Cou
Wednesday March 4		
SJ	9:00am	Des McKenna ~ Jim & Edie Cordick
Thursday March 5		
SHP	10:15am	Combined Daily/Sacred Heart Elementary School Mass
SJ	12:00pm	Int. of Jack & Marjorie Facette ~ Barbara Hendry
(FIRST) Friday March 6		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Norah Fox ~ Mark & Gina Noonan
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
SJ	2:00pm	~World Day of Prayer Service~
SJ & SHP	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
(FIRST) Saturday March 7		
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Brian Brosso ~ Jim & Fran McGuire
SJ	5:00pm	Jayden Dowdall ~ Jason, Julie, & Justin Dowdall
Sunday March 8 ~ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Deceased members of the LaFreniere family ~ Pat & Eadie LaFreniere
SB	10:30am	Stations of the Cross
SB	11:00am	Desmond Quigley ~ Denise Tobin
SJ	11:00am	Len Brady ~ Brady Family



## 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

**This Second Sunday of Lent**, the Word of God invites us into a movement, not to comfort, nor to a maintenance, but to a movement with a promise. In Genesis, God says to Abraham, "Go from your country... to the land I will show you." **There was No map. There were No guarantees. Just A Promise.** Abraham's journey begins not with ashes, **but with Trust.** He leaves what is familiar because God's Voice is more Secure than his surroundings.

**Every family understands this in its own way.** Think of families who immigrated with little more than faith and a suitcase. Think of parents who work two jobs so that their children can have a future. Think of those who left behind familiar cultures, languages, and comforts. Faith always involves leaving something to receive something greater. Abraham trusts and goes, and history changes.

**Then, in Matthew, we climb another mountain.** Jesus Christ is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shines: His clothes become dazzling white. The glory that was always His bursts forth. **This is not a spectacle; It is a Revelation.** The One who will walk toward Calvary is already radiant with Divine Sonship. **The Cross is not failure; it is the Path to Glory.**

**Peter, understandably, wants to build tents.** "Let us stay here." We smile, because we know that feeling. After a powerful retreat, a beautiful Sunday liturgy, a consoling prayer moment, we want to freeze it. But the voice from the cloud interrupts: **"This is my beloved Son... Listen to Him." Not Admire Him. Not Domesticate Him. Just Listen to Him.** **And what does Jesus say after the revelation? "Rise, and do not be afraid."**

St. Paul reminds us in Second Timothy that we are called **"not according to our works but according to His purpose and grace"**. Lent is not self-improvement. It is time to Surrender to Grace. It is trusting that the One who calls us out will also sustain us.

**This is the kerygma: the Father has given us His beloved Son.** The Son will descend the mountain, embrace the Cross, and conquer death. Here too lies the Eucharistic mystery: Every Mass is Mount Tabor veiled. Glory is hidden under humility. The same radiant Christ comes to us under the appearance of bread and wine. We cannot remain on the mountain of consolation, but we can receive the Lord of glory into our very bodies.

**Strengthened by this Presence**, we descend and are not afraid of carrying blessing into our homes, our workplaces, and our parish family. We trust, we rise, and we go.



## LENTEN CONFESSIONS

**St. Mary's Church, Carleton Place** – Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
**St. Francis de Sales Church, Smiths Falls** – TBD  
**St. Edward's Church, Westport** – TBD  
**St. John the Baptist Church, Perth** – Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm

## LENT 2026

### Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday throughout Lent at St. John's Church & Sacred Heart Church at 7pm. Join us at St. Bridget's Church each Sunday throughout Lent at 10:30am!

### Holy Adoration & Benediction

On all Friday's during Lent, please join us at St. John's Church for extended Holy Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy prayers, & Benediction from 9:30am until 3pm.

**Lent** is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the Liturgy prepares the Catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their baptism and enter into penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of **Fast & Abstinence.** All Catholics ages 18-59 are to observe **fasting** and those 14 and older are to **abstain from meat** on those days.

**Penitential Discipline:** Penance is an important requirement of the Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, self-denial and fulfilling our obligations more faithfully. **Every Friday of the year, especially during Lent, is a penitential day.**

## SACRAMENTS

### Sacramental Preparation Classes!

#### First Communion & Reconciliation Candidates:

The next class is Sunday, **April 12<sup>th</sup>**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

#### Confirmation Candidates:

The next class is Sunday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

✠ **World Day of Prayer 2026:** This global ecumenical event is organized by the various churches in the Perth area and will be hosted by St. John's Church this year. Nigeria, a western African country with a rich heritage and diverse ecosystem, welcomes and leads us for this 2026 prayer service. Everyone is invited to come together in prayer and reflection centered on the theme "I will give you rest: Come," (Matthew 11:28-30). Come and learn more about Nigeria's history, culture, and current issues on **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm** at St. John's Church.

✠ **Project Rachel Spring Retreat:** Project Rachel at the Refuge will hold a retreat for post-abortive women in late April, 2026. Here you will find a beautiful, natural setting, companionship, and a welcome free of judgment or condemnation – healing is possible. Call 613-473-2679, in confidence, and see [stmarysrefuge.org/rachel](http://stmarysrefuge.org/rachel).

✠ **Medjugorje Pilgrimage:** April 20 - May 1, 2026. Join us this Easter season for a grace-filled pilgrimage to Medjugorje, with a 2-night stay in beautiful Dubrovnik. Cost: \$2,830 CAD (double) • Single: +\$350. Includes: Flights, hotels, daily breakfast & dinner, transfers, parish-trained guide, daily Mass & excursions. Info & Registration: Karen Shannon – 613-848-5833/

Karen.Shannon@queensu.ca  
See posters and Flocknote for more information.

✠ **Archdiocese of Kingston 200th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Join Fr. Justin and Fr. Price on a faith-filled pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 5-15, 2026. Walk in the footsteps of Our Blessed Lord, deepen your understanding of Sacred Scripture, and experience prayer, mercy, healing, and spiritual renewal in the places where the Word became Flesh. Space is limited to 40 pilgrims, so early registration is encouraged. Please see the itinerary in the church and this week's Flocknote.

## PRAYERS

**Please remember the sick** in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Edith Lepine, Doris Quinn, Claudette Timmerman, Mary Rorwick, Susan Beaudoin Watson, David Small, Barbara Morrison, & Pascal Proulx. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Father Stan Alanen, Rosa Angelita Gaitan, Norma Jean Cameron, Stephen Tysick, Fr. Collins Okafor, Fr. Bill Steacy, & Sabu Joseph, brother of Fr. Jacob Chelamootil. 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.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

CWL Monthly Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month @ 7pm
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	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

### 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.