

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ April 12th - 19th

Saturday April 11		
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday April 12 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday		
SJ	9:00am	Theresa Somerville ~ Jon Paul LeBlanc & Emily McNaughton
SHP	9:00am	For the deceased members of the LaFreniere family ~ Pat & Eadie LaFreniere
SB	11:00am	Paul McShane ~ Jean McShane
SJ	11:00am	Evelyn & Arthur Publow ~ Publow Family
SJ	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Prayers
Monday April 13		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday April 14		
SB	9:00am	~No Intention Booked~
SJHS	9:30am	St. John's High School Mass
SJ	4:30pm	Chris MacDonald ~ Ann Buchanan
Wednesday April 15		
SJ	9:00am	Hilda Pledge ~ Howard & Anne Pledge
Thursday April 16		
SHP	10:15am	Combined Daily/Sacred Heart Elementary School Mass ~No Intention Booked~
SJ	10:00am	St. John Elementary School Mass Rosa Angelita Gaitan ~ Lissette Wright
SJ	12:00pm	Wayne Burns ~ Barbara Hendry
PCCC	2:00pm	Perth Community Care Centre Mass
Friday April 17 ~ St. Kateri Tekakwitha		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Hugh McDougall ~ Ann Buchanan
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday April 18		
SJ	5:00pm	In thanks to St. Jude ~ Bonnie Switzer
Sunday April 19 ~ 3 rd Sunday of Easter		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Helen Cameron ~ Don & Dianne Adam
SB	11:00am	John R. McParlan (35 th anniversary of his passing) ~ Theresa Kirkham
SJ	11:00am	Des McKenna ~ Gerald McKenna & Joanne Workman

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$4362.

SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Saturday, April 18, 2026; 10:30am

St. Mary's Cathedral- 279 Johnson Street, Kingston.

The faithful are cordially invited to join in the solemn Mass of Thanksgiving to offer praise & gratitude to God for the abundant blessings bestowed on our Archdiocese over the past 200 years.

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS ✝

Divine Mercy Sunday meets us not in our perfection, but in the middle of our unfinished stories. The Gospel opens with locked doors and anxious hearts. Into that fragile space, Jesus comes and says, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). Jesus does not wait for courage; He brings peace first. And then, strikingly He shows them His wounds. The Risen Christ does not erase the marks of the Cross; He transforms them into sources of Mercy.

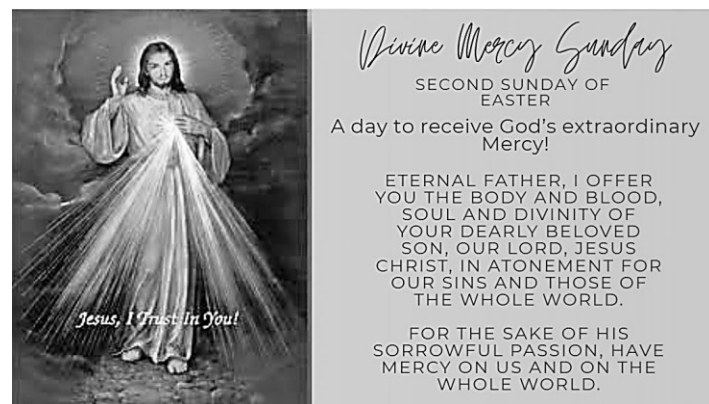
Thomas is often labeled "doubting," but perhaps he is simply honest. He refuses second-hand faith: "Unless I see... I will not believe" (John 20:25). And Jesus does something remarkable, He returns just for him. No rebuke, no disappointment. Only an invitation: "Put your finger here... Do not doubt but believe" (John 20:27). Divine Mercy is God's refusal to give up on us. He meets us precisely where we struggle to believe.

We know this dynamic in ordinary life. In a family, when trust is broken, the deepest healing does not come from pretending nothing happened, but from a love willing to reopen the wound together to forgive, to rebuild, to begin again. Mercy costs something, but it restores everything.

Then, Jesus breathes His own life into them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven" (John 20:22-23). Mercy is not meant to stop with us; it is meant to pass through us to others.

And this is where it becomes intensely Eucharistic. The same Jesus who stood among them now stands among us, His wounds glorified, His mercy alive. In every Eucharist, heaven does not remain distant; heaven becomes touchable. We do not place our fingers into His wounds as Thomas did, but we receive Jesus: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

At this altar, Mercy is not remembered; Mercy is given. So come as you are, not as you think you should be. Bring your doubts, your sins, your hunger. And hear again His first word to you: Peace be with you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✝ **Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick at St. Francis de Sales Church:** Are you or a loved one in need of God's peace, physical restoration, or spiritual renewal? We warmly invite you to join us for this special Mass on Friday, April 17, 2026 at 11am. There will be a luncheon afterwards in lower Hanley Hall. This sacred celebration is a powerful opportunity to experience the Lord's healing touch through the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Anointing. Come as you are and place your trust in Jesus, the Divine Healer. All are welcome—those suffering from illness, emotional burdens, or seeking spiritual strength.
- ✝ **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.
- ✝ **SAVE THE DATE! March 4 Life:** Save the date for this year's National March 4 Life on Parliament Hill, on **May 14th, 2026!**
- ✝ **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. Please see the itinerary in the church and this week's Flocknote.

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czap, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Edith Lepine, Doris Quinn, Claudette Timmerman, Mary Rorwick, Susan Beaudoin Watson, David Small, Barbara Morrison, Pascal Proulx, Kim Lapointe & Camille Bozozuk. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Joe McEachern. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

K of C March for Life Youth Summit Sponsorship

This year, the Knights of Columbus Perth Council 3531 are once again holding a contest to sponsor two youth, aged 13-17, to attend the March for Life Pro-Life Youth Summit on **May 15th** in Ottawa. For more information, please email Dave Lapointe kanddforlife1@outlook.com. If you wish to attend, please email Dave with a short explanation on why you would like to attend. Successful applicants will be advised on April 29th. Transportation will be arranged.

K of C Fundraising Draw for the Perth Special Olympics

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes to be won! Draw to take place 7 pm July 1, 2026, at Conlon Farm in Perth. \$5/ticket. Tickets available through our local Knights of Columbus members. More details to come!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

CWL Monthly Meeting	2 nd Monday of each Month @ 7pm
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, April 17th @ 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



St. John's Movie Club Update

The Saint John's Movie Club will be holding its next meeting on **Friday, April 17th at 7:00 PM**, at 15 Church St. Grey weather, brutalist buildings, moral dilemmas in an amoral country, are we in Canada? No, we're in communist Poland just before the collapse of the Berlin Wall. Join us for the 1 hr screening of episode 9 of the Dekalog, a short film loosely based on the 9th Commandment, Thou Shalt Not Covet Thy Neighbor's Wife. There will be popcorn, drinks and lively discussion! Everyone welcome!

SACRAMENTS

Sacramental Preparation Classes!

First Communion & Reconciliation Candidates:

Class is this Sunday, **April 12th**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

Confirmation Candidates:

Class is next Sunday, **April 19th**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

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!

