

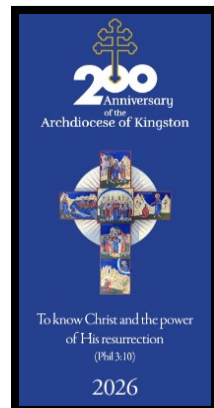
Welcome! The 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ April 19th - 26th

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
Monday April 20		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday April 21		
SB	9:00am	~ No intention booked ~
SJ	4:30pm	Robert Warren ~ Bernard & Colleen Smyth
Wednesday April 22		
SJ	9:00am	For the protection of all human life ~ LifeMatters Core Group
CCt.	2:15pm	Carolina Court Mass
Thursday April 23		
SHP	9:00am	Int. of Pascal Proulx ~ The Bozozuk & Proulx families
SJ	12:00pm	Debbie Bonselaar & Kevin Tovey ~ Their mother, Bertha Tovey
Friday April 24		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Anne Dore ~ Cathy Fergusson
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday April 25 ~ St. Mark		
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday April 26 ~ 4 th Sunday of Easter		
SJ	9:00am	In thanksgiving for God's healing presence over Susan Beaudoin-Watson ~ Her sister
SHP	9:00am	Françoise Girouard ~ Claudette Vermette
SB	11:00am	Edie Cordick ~ Doug & Evelyn Goodfellow
SJ	11:00am	James Christopher MacDonald ~ CDSBEO

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2817.



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 †

On this Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel takes us on a quiet, familiar journey - the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). Two disciples walk away from Jerusalem, carrying disappointment, confusion, and grief. "We had hoped..." they say. It is the language of hearts that feel let down.

And yet, this is precisely where the Risen Jesus meets them, not in triumph, but in their discouragement. He walks beside them, listens patiently, and then begins to reinterpret their story through the Scriptures: "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:26). Slowly, their hearts begin to burn.

There is something deeply human here. We have all had moments when faith feels dim, perhaps in family struggles, unanswered prayers, or quiet disappointments. Like those disciples, we sometimes walk away from hope without realizing that Christ is already walking with us.

Then comes the turning point: "He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35). Not in a grand miracle, but in a simple, familiar gesture. A shared meal. A broken loaf. And suddenly, they see.

Think of a family gathered at the table after a long, difficult day. Tensions ease, conversation softens, and something of love becomes visible again. In a similar but infinitely deeper way, Jesus reveals himself in the Eucharist. What seemed ordinary becomes the place of encounter.

This is the heart of our faith: the Risen Lord still walks with us, still speaks to us in the Word, and still reveals himself in the breaking of the bread. The same Jesus who accompanied those disciples now meets us here.

So today, as we come to the altar, let us bring our "we had hoped" moments. Let us listen again. *And let us recognize Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, where our eyes are opened and our hearts set on fire once more.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026-2027 SJ Parish Pastoral Council Elections

It's that time again! **Your vote matters**, please fill out a Nomination form - found in your pews & in the Narthex from April 18th - 26th. No formal experience required! All nominees must be 14 years of age or older. Please put your name forward, or the name of someone you think might be a great fit for this important and rewarding role!

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!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

† St. Mary's CWL hosts MP Garnett Genuis for Q&A:

Join us for a Town Hall Q&A discussion on "Care Not Coercion" to be held in St. Mary's Church Parish Hall, Carleton Place on **Wednesday, April 22nd from 6:30 - 8:00pm**. MP Garnett Genuis, a Catholic MP from Sherwood Park - Fort Saskatchewan is the author of Bill C-260 which was presented in the House of Commons. **Supporting our Catholic Moral Teaching on the sanctity of life, this bill aims to prevent bureaucrats from offering MAiD to vulnerable Canadians seeking government support services.** Looking forward to seeing you there!

† **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:** National March for Life, **Thursday, May 14th**. Bus service will be available!

† **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 Czop, 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 & Margaret Secco. 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 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	TBD
Life Matters Men's Group - Contact Dave Lapointe for details.	3 rd Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm

SACRAMENTS



Sacramental Preparation Classes!

First Communion & Reconciliation Candidates: Congratulations to our First Communion candidates on the completion of their catechism classes!

Confirmation Candidates: Classes are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The final class is this weekend, **April 19th**, and will begin with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

Reconciliation Dates: First Communion candidates will have their First Reconciliation on **Friday, May 1st @ 7pm**.

Confirmation candidates will have Reconciliation on **Friday, May 15th @ 7pm**.

Ceremony Dates: The First Communion ceremony will be held on **Sunday, May 3rd @ 1pm**. The Confirmation ceremony will be held on **Sunday, May 17th @ 1pm**.

