

Welcome! The 4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ April 26th - May 3rd

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
Monday April 27		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday April 28		
SB	9:00am	~ No intention booked ~
SJ	4:30pm	Edie Cordick ~ Wayne & Kim Kehoe
Wednesday April 29 ~ St. Catherine of Siena		
SJ	9:00am	Mary Seta De Francesco ~ Bernie De Francesco
Thursday April 30 ~ St. Marie De L'Incarnation		
SHP	9:00am	Int. of Marilyn Landriault ~ Bozozuk & Proulx families
SJ	12:00pm	Int. of Karla Moynihan ~ St. John's Holy Face Group
(FIRST) Friday May 1		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Father Anthony Dim ~ Your friends at St. John's Church
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
SJ	7:00pm	Reconciliation for First Communion Candidates
(FIRST) Saturday May 2 ~ St. Athanasius		
SJ	9:00am	Ethel Day ~ Brian & Barb Day
SJ	5:00pm	Joe McEachern ~ Marg Trombley
Sunday May 3 ~ 5 th Sunday of Easter		
SJ	9:00am	Ed & Evelyn Pennett ~ Pennett Family
SHP	9:00am	Philip & Olive Brady & Family ~ Pat Molyneaux
SB	11:00am	~ No intention booked ~
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SJ	1:00pm	First Communion Celebration

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called Good Shepherd Sunday, and the image Jesus gives us is both tender and unsettling: "The sheep hear his voice... he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out" (John 10:3).

Jesus calls his own by name. Not by number, not by category, not by usefulness. By name. That means the Lord's relationship with us is not generic; It is intensely very personal. He knows my story and your story. He knows my struggles and your struggles. He knows my quiet hopes and your quiet hopes. And still, He calls us! There are many voices calling us these days but when Jesus calls, we should be able recognize his voice instantly. Not because it is the loudest voice, but because Jesus' voice is kind, familiar, trusted, and loved. In a world full of noises, opinions, fears and distractions, the Christian life becomes, in part, the art of recognizing the Shepherd's voice.

Jesus goes further: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). His invitation is not for a minimal life, not for a survival mode existence but that of abundance. Yet here is the tension: we often look for that abundance in places that leave us empty. We follow other "voices" that promise freedom though, they lead us to restlessness repeatedly.

The Good Shepherd does not just call us, He leads us. And where does He lead us? Ultimately, The Good Shepherd leads us to Himself.

This is where the Eucharist becomes crucial. The Shepherd we listen to is the Shepherd who feeds us. He does not merely give instructions; He gives us His very life. At the altar, the voice we hear in the Gospel becomes the Body we receive. The One who knows us by name places Himself into our hands and hearts.

So today, here is a simple question: whose voice am I following? And do I recognize the voice of the One who calls me by my name?

Because here, in the Eucharist, the Good Shepherd is not distant. He is present, speaking, feeding, and leading us into the fullness of life. Come, Follow Jesus!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

✠ **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!

✠ **Foy Hall Garage Sale: Opening for 2026 on May 1st - 2nd,** Fridays & Saturdays from 10am - 2:30pm! 91 Princess St. in Lanark. Come check out new items at great prices! Hope to see you there!

✠ **"Change for Life" Birthright Fundraiser: On Mother's Day weekend (May 9/10),** baby bottles will be made available to take home to support the moms and babies at Birthright. We encourage you to take home a bottle and fill it with spare change, paper money or a cheque made out to Birthright. **Please return the bottles on Father's Day weekend (June 20,21).** All proceeds support our work to help any woman who is facing an unplanned or difficult pregnancy make a plan for her future with her child. Thank you in advance and may God bless you for your generous support.

✠ **Women & Mother's Retreat:** A retreat for women will be held on Saturday, May 16th by a priest from St. Clement Parish. The day will run from 9am-3pm and will include Holy Mass, talks, Adoration, and confession. Location: Saint Francis de Sales Church, 17 Elmsley St N, Smiths Falls. Cost: \$30 (lunch included). If cost is prohibitive please contact us. For questions, email to francesmgorman@gmail.com. E-transfer can be sent to: mrosarioavellana@gmail.com. Please arrange for childcare at home, however babes in arms are welcome. Your registration is complete once payment is received. Please see this weeks' flocknote or contact the parish office for the link to register!

✠ **March 4 Life:** Join thousands of Canadians on Thursday May 14, 2026, as we gather on Parliament Hill to be a voice for the voiceless. Inspired by this year's theme, "Follow Me", we are called to witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. The day includes the Rally on the Hill, the March through downtown Ottawa, and the evening Rose Dinner Gala.

Let us stand together to demand legal protection for the unborn and the vulnerable. For a full schedule of the week's events, including the Candlelight Vigil and youth summit, please visit the National March for Life website: <https://marchforlife.ca/>. For bus info see display or check online at <https://www.lifemattersnetwork.ca/bus>

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, & Christiana Enyinnia. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially 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 Thursday, April 30th after Mass	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

St. John's Holy Face Group - April

St. John's Holy Face Group will be holding their monthly gathering on **Thursday, April 30th**, following the noon Mass. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Elaine, 613-267-1023.

SACRAMENTS



Sacramental Preparation Classes!

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

Confirmation Candidates: Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates on the completion of their catechism classes!

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.**

Baptismal Congratulations!

We welcome **Callum Cliften, Alice Tate, Eloise Srigley, & Emma Pierman** into the Catholic Church through Baptism. We congratulate their parents and commend them for their commitment to raising their children in the Catholic faith. May God abundantly bless each of them and their families!

2026-2027 SJ Parish Pastoral Council Elections FINAL WEEKEND! 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!

NOTICE OF MASS CHANGE

St. Vincent de Paul Church will resume Saturday 5pm Masses, beginning Saturday, May 16th.

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2550. Monthly PAD Donation \$7568.