

# Welcome! The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

April 5, 2026

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ April 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

Saturday April 4 ~ Holy Saturday		
SJ	8:00pm	For all Parishioners & Visitors
SHP	8:00pm	For all Parishioners & Visitors
Sunday April 5 ~ The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)		
SJ	9:00am	For all Parishioners & Visitors
SHP	9:00am	For all Parishioners & Visitors
SB	11:00am	For all Parishioners & Visitors
SJ	11:00am	For all Parishioners & Visitors
Monday April 6		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday April 7		
SB	9:00am	Int. of Brian & Donna Peters ~ <i>Nina Stewart</i>
SJ	4:30pm	Christopher MacDonald ~ <i>Shirley Kindellan</i>
Wednesday April 8		
SJ	9:00am	Poulin Family ~ <i>Jacques Poulin</i>
LL	10:00am	Lanark Lodge Mass
Thursday April 9		
SHP	9:00am	Dianne Charette ~ <i>Claude Charette</i>
SJ	12:00pm	Deacon David Cavalier ~ <i>Barbara Hendry</i>
Friday April 10		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Wayne Newby ~ <i>Robert &amp; Maureen Newby</i>
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday April 11		
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday April 12 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday		
SJ	9:00am	Theresa Somerville ~ <i>Jon Paul LeBlanc &amp; Emily McNaughton</i>
SHP	9:00am	For the deceased members of the LaFreniere family ~ <i>Pat &amp; Eadie LaFreniere</i>
SB	11:00am	Paul McShane ~ <i>Jean McShane</i>
SJ	11:00am	Evelyn & Arthur Publow ~ <i>Publow Family</i>

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$3780.

## PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS †

**Christ is Risen! The Lord is Truly Risen, Alleluia!**

**Early in the morning, while it was still dark,** Mary Magdalene came to the tomb (John 20:1). Notice that detail: while it was still dark. Not only in the sky, but in the heart. Grief has a way of dimming everything. When love is lost, when hope feels sealed behind a stone, even the dawn can seem reluctant. And yet, that is precisely where Easter begins; not in clarity, but in confusion, not in triumph, but in tears.

**Mary comes expecting to tend a body.** She was not expecting a miracle. She was just trying to be faithful. Peter and the beloved disciple run, not because they understand, but because they don't. And what they find is not an explanation, but an absence, the stone rolled away, the tomb empty. The Gospel is almost understated, even a little ironic, the greatest event in history leaves behind only folded linen clothes.

**This is because the Resurrection is not something you prove like a theory.** It is something you encounter. "He saw and believed" (John 20:8). Faith begins not when everything is clear, but when the heart dares to trust that God has acted.

**We know that experience.** Think of a family waiting through the long night at a hospital bedside. The hours stretch, the silence deepens and then, slowly, morning comes, and with it, unexpected Good News. Nothing dramatic, just a quiet turning: life where there was fear. That is how God often works, not always with noise, but with unmistakable power.

**This is what Easter proclaims:** sin is forgiven, death is defeated, and our life, exactly as it is, can begin again. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24). This is not because life is perfect, but because Christ is alive.

**And here is the heart of it:** the Risen Jesus is not locked in the past. He is present. The One who left the tomb does not remain at a distance, **He gives himself. Here.**

**Now. In the Eucharist.** **What the disciples first discovered in signs,** the empty tomb, the folded clothes, we receive in sacrament. The same Risen Lord places himself into our hands, into our lives, not just as a memory, but as a Living Presence.

**So, this Easter, do not just stand at the tomb in amazement.** Come to the altar in faith. Receive the One who is Life itself. **Happy Easter Folks!**

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://stmarysrefuge.org/rachel).

† **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 Muriel Chenard. 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]

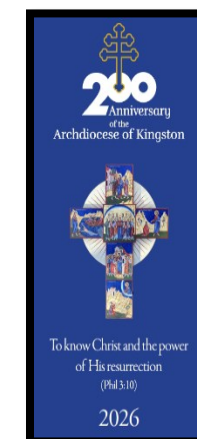
CWL Monthly Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month @ 7pm
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm.
Life Matters Monthly Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 10am
Knights 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	<b>Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm</b>
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 Movie Club Update

The Saint John's Movie Club will be holding its next meeting on **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 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!



### 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!



Dear Father Anthony, your parishioners would like to wish you a very Happy Birthday! We pray that God blesses you abundantly in the year ahead!