

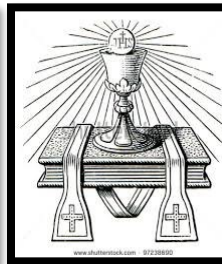
Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ May 17th - 24th

Saturday May 16		
SJ	5:00pm	In thanks to St. Jude ~ Bonnie Switzer
SVDP	5:00pm	Margaret Brady ~ Williamson Family
Sunday May 17 ~ The Ascension of the Lord		
SJ	9:00am	Edie Cordick ~ Sheila Kehoe
SHP	9:00am	Marie Fritz ~ Doris Quinn
SB	11:00am	~ No intention booked ~
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SJ	1:00pm	Confirmation Celebration
Monday May 18		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday May 19		
SB	9:00am	-----MASS CANCELLED-----
SJ	4:30pm	-----MASS CANCELLED-----
Wednesday May 20		
SJ	9:00am	-----MASS CANCELLED-----
Thursday May 21		
SHP	9:00am	-----MASS CANCELLED-----
SJ	12:00pm	-----MASS CANCELLED-----
PCCC	2:00pm	-----MASS CANCELLED-----
Friday May 22		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	-----MASS CANCELLED-----
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday May 23		
SJ	5:00pm	Zofia Raczek ~ Daughter & Family
SVDP	5:00pm	For the deceased members of the Williamson family ~ Williamson Family
Sunday May 24 ~ Pentecost Sunday		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Eleanor Walsh ~ Doris Quinn
SB	11:00am	Theresa Phillips ~ St. Bridget's CWL
SJ	11:00am	Edie Cordick ~ Marg McMunn

Thank you for your contributions!
Regular Sunday Donation \$2996.

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

The Ascension of the Lord can seem, at first glance, like a goodbye moment. The disciples stand on the mountain, watching Jesus disappear into the clouds, with their hearts full of wonder and uncertainty. Anyone who has stood at an airport, waved goodbye after a family visit, or watched a child leave home knows that strange mixture of sadness and hope. Love always feels the ache of separation. **Perhaps the disciples wondered: "Lord, what happens now?"** It is good to know that the Ascension does not mean that Jesus is abandoning the world. It is about Jesus remaining with us in a deeper and more powerful way. **As He promises: "I am with you always, until the end of the age"** (Matthew 28:20). **The angels almost gently teased the apostles: "Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?"** (Acts 1:11). In other words: "Do not remain frozen in fear or nostalgia. Go and live the Gospel." **Jesus entrusts His mission to ordinary people, weak, imperfect disciples, much like us.** They still had doubts, fears, and questions. Yet Christ trusted them anyway. That is comforting for every parent trying to raise children in faith, every weary volunteer, every Christian wondering whether their small acts of love really matter. **The Ascension reveals something beautiful about our destiny.** Jesus ascends with His glorified humanity. And as Saint Paul says, may "the eyes of your hearts be enlightened" (Ephesians 1:18). **Christianity is not simply about surviving life; it is about being drawn into the very life of God.** And Jesus does not leave us empty-handed. Saint Leo the Great wrote: "What was visible in Christ has passed into the sacraments." **The ascended Lord remains close in His Word, in His Church, in the poor, and most profoundly in the Holy Eucharist.** **At every Mass, heaven touches earth.** The risen and ascended Jesus comes to feed His people with His Body and Blood. We do not merely look up toward heaven; heaven comes down to us. Nourished by His presence, we are sent forth with joy to become witnesses of His love in the world.



REMINDER: ANNUAL PRIESTS RETREAT
Fr. Charles & Fr. Anthony are away this week on their annual Priests Retreat. Weekday Masses are cancelled. Weekend Masses will proceed as usual. May our Priests enjoy a rejuvenating and blessed retreat!

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✦ **Foy Hall Garage Sale: Now open for 2026!** Fridays & Saturdays from 10am – 2:30pm! 91 Princess St. in Lanark. Come check out new items at great prices! Hope to see you there!
- ✦ **SAVE THE DATE! St. John's Annual Parish BBQ:** Join us on Sunday, June 14th, after the 11am Mass, for our annual parish BBQ! See you there!
- ✦ **"Change for Life" Birthright Fundraiser: On Mother's Day weekend (May 9/10),** baby bottles were 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 plan for her future with her child. Thank you in advance and may God bless you for your generous support.
- ✦ **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.
- ✦ **2026 Seminarians Dinner – Celebrate our Seminarians:** Sunday, July 12, 2026. Join us for a 4-course Supreme Chicken Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus of the Archdiocese of Kingston in order to provide financial support towards the training of Seminarians and funds direct to each seminarian to help defray their annual costs. See posters for more information.



Remember to pray the Rosary daily throughout the month of May!

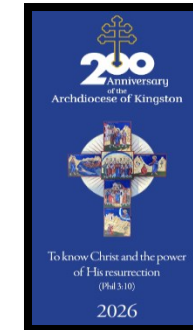
PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Claudette Timmerman, Mary Rorwick, Susan Beaudoin Watson, Barbara Morrison, Pascal Proulx, Kim Lapointe, Camille Bozozuk, & Christiana Enyinnia. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Edith Lepine, Fidelis Ajawara, father of Fr. Cosmas Ajawara, & Gilles Proulx. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations and continued blessings upon the Confirmands, their parents, sponsors, catechists, teachers, prayer partners, and all others involved in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, conferred by Archbishop Michael Mulhall!



200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston

The Jubilee Year Begins!
Jubilee celebrations are taking 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!

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, May 15 th @ 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



"The Blessed Virgin Mary offered the disciples her prayers, motherly care, and witness. She continues to offer us her

motherly love and intercession. During this month of May, let us rediscover her maternal role in each of our lives. Let us offer our spiritual mother our sincere prayers, that just as she aided the first Apostles with her prayers, she may also guide and intercede for us in our journey of faith. Let us learn from her how to love and trust God completely and how to be faithful witnesses of the risen Lord." - thecatholicstand.com