

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ June 28th – July 5th

Saturday June 27		
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
SVDP	5:00pm	Ted Blank ~ Michael Blank
Sunday June 28		
SJ	9:00am	Barbara Morrison ~ Kathy & Jim McHale
SHP	9:00am	Ruth & Edward Dunnigan ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Special Intention ~ Jean McShane
SJ	11:00am	Int. of Sister Margo Shafer ~ Shirley Kindellan
Monday June 29 ~ St.'s Peter & Paul		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday June 30		
SB	9:00am	Special Intention ~
SJ	4:30pm	Edie Cordick ~ Eleanor Kehoe
Wednesday July 1		
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Sister Dorothy Fournier ~ Shirley Kindellan
Thursday July 2		
SHP	9:00am	~ No Intention Booked ~
SJ	12:00pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ Allida Rubino
(FIRST) Friday July 3 ~ St. Thomas		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Therese & Phil McHale ~ Kathy & Jim McHale
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
(FIRST) Saturday July 4		
SJ	9:00am	Joe McEachern ~ Knights of Columbus Council #3531
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
SVDP	5:00pm	Bill Garry ~ Butler Family
Sunday July 5		
SJ	9:00am	Nancy Doring ~ Garnet & Muriel Turnbull
SHP	9:00am	Madge & Wilfred Millotte ~ Janice Devlin
SB	11:00am	For God's Healing ~
SJ	11:00am	Marian Dowdall ~ O'Connor Family

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2629.

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

- St. Patrick's Cemetery: Saturday, July 11th @ 11am
- Sacred Heart Cemetery: Saturday, July 18th @ 11am
- St. Columbkil Cemetery: Saturday, July 25th @ 11am
- St. Bridget's Cemetery: Saturday, Sept. 5th @ 11am
- St. John's Cemetery: Saturday, Sept. 5th @ 11am

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS
2 Kings 4:8-12a, 14-16 | Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 | Matthew 10:37-42

Have you ever noticed how the smallest acts of kindness can change a person's life? A warm meal, a listening ear, a place at the table. We often remember not the grand speeches people gave us, but the simple ways they made us feel loved.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about discipleship in a way that sounds demanding: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10:37). At first, these words may seem harsh. But Jesus is not asking us to love our families less. He is asking us to love Him first, because when Christ is at the center, we learn how to love everyone else better.

The woman in the first reading understood this. She welcomed the prophet Elisha into her home, not because she expected a reward, but because she recognized God's presence in him. Her generosity sprang from faith, not calculation. Her hospitality became a channel of grace, and God blessed her beyond her expectations.

This Gospel reminds us that discipleship is not merely believing in Jesus but making room for Him daily. Sometimes that means carrying the cross of forgiveness when we would rather hold a grudge. Sometimes it means choosing integrity when compromise seems easier. Sometimes it means offering a simple kindness that no one notices except God. It also means a parent caring patiently for a child, a neighbour checking on someone who is lonely, a parishioner visiting the sick, these are not small things, in God's eyes no act of love is ever wasted.

Jesus assures us: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me" (Mt 10:40). Every act of kindness offered in His name becomes an encounter with Christ Himself.

Saint Paul reminds us that through Baptism, we have died and risen with Christ (Rom 6:3-4). Our lives are no longer centered on ourselves but on Him who gave His life for us.

A child once asked his grandmother, "How do I know if Jesus lives in my heart?" She smiled and replied, "People around you will feel His love."

As we leave this church today, let us ask ourselves: If someone looked at my life this week, would they see that Jesus has the first place in my heart? As such, it is not merely speaking about Jesus but living in such a way that others can recognize His presence in us and say, "Christ must live there." Amen.

SACRAMENTS

Baptismal Congratulations!

We welcome Teagan Burke, Ella Poulin, Jackson Seary, Audrey Seary, & Isabel Seary into the Catholic Church through Baptism this weekend. We congratulate their parents and commend them for their commitment to raising their children in the Catholic faith. May God abundantly bless their families!



June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Prayer for the 4th week of June
For Community & Society

O most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we come to you as a community, and we consecrate ourselves to your Sacred Heart. Protect us through your most precious blood and keep us pure and holy. As a community, we need your help. Heal all quarrels that exist in our family due to our unforgiveness and lack of love for you. Heal our unbelieving and unconverted hearts and lead us to your Sacred Heart with love. Unite us as a family, to know you as our Lord and Saviour. Help us to be prayerful, and may we lead souls to your Sacred Heart. We consecrate our lives and our family, to you. Help us to rediscover the value in family life. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Have Mercy on us and the whole world. Amen.

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! See you there!
- ✚ 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!
- ✚ St. Bridget's Cemetery Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner: Sunday, July 12th from 4 to 6pm @ BVM Hall in Stanleyville.
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ 85th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac: Sunday, July 27th. The Triduum of preparation will be led by Bishop Michael Brehl, Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke. The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be at 11:00am at the Shrine. The Sacrament of Confession is available throughout the day. A Mass of healing with the Anointing of St. Ann's oil will be celebrated at 2pm (Please bring your own seating.) For more information: <http://www.cormacpilgrimage.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/CormacStAnn>.
- ✚ Archdiocese of Kingston 200th Anniversary – Speakers' Series Invitation: As part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston, a special spiritual Speakers' Series has been planned for August 13–15, and all are welcome to come and see and spread the Good News. See posters for details!
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ 17th Annual Women's Fall Retreat: Saturday, October 24, 2026, 9am to 3:30pm, St. Michael Catholic High

School, Kemptville. Guest speaker Melanie Rabishaw reflects on the 200th anniversary theme of the Archdiocese of Kingston: "To know Christ and the power of His resurrection" (Philippians 3:10). Join us for Holy Mass, inspiring reflections, worship, personal prayer and fellowship. Morning snack and lunch provided. Registration (\$50) is limited to 100 participants: romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/womens-fall-retreat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Parish Golf Tournament

Registration is now open for the 45th Annual Parish Golf Tournament SUNDAY AUGUST 16th at MAPLEVIEW.

Shotgun Start 2:30 PM & Cocktails 5:00 PM
BBQ Dinner 5:30 PM at the Golf Club

\$75 per person (\$45 for Mapleview members), includes 9 holes of golf with cart, dinner and prizes.

Register as a single, couple, or as a team foursome; bring your friends and relatives. (BBQ Dinner Only: \$21) Please pay by E-transfer to andywilliamson@shaw.ca (autodeposit, no password required). If you cannot e-transfer, please email to make other arrangements.

Collection of Used Stamps for the Poor

After many years of generously collecting and transporting used stamps in support of the poor, Gloria and Don Davidson have decided to step back from this ministry. We thank them for their many years of humble service and ask God's blessing upon them. If you or someone you know feels called to continue this worthwhile mission, please contact the parish office for more information.

"Change for Life" Baby Bottles

Please remember to return your baby bottles to the bin, located in the Narthex, at Mass this weekend! If you've forgotten to bring yours, please return them to the parish office during weekday office hours or to the church next weekend. God Bless you for your generosity!

Modified Office Hours & Bulletin Submissions

The parish office will be closed for summer holidays beginning Thursday, July 2nd and will reopen on Tuesday, July 14th. If you have an emergency and need a priest, please contact one of our priests directly at the numbers listed on the bulletin cover. All bulletin items for the weekends of July 4th/5th and July 11th/12th must be submitted no later than Tuesday, June 30th. Thank you!

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Claudette Timmerman, Mary Rorwick, Susan Beaudoin Watson, Pascal Proulx, Camille Bozozuk, Christiana Enyinnia, Anne Nagle, Nellie Pajackowski, & Father Sebastian Amato. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Leo McKinnon, & Brenda Webb, sister of Fr. Richard Whalen. 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.