

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ August 2nd - 9th

(FIRST) Saturday August 1 ~ St. Alphonsus Liguori		
SJ	9:00am	Edith Lepine ~ Florence & Frank Mitchell
SJ	5:00pm	Genina & Gerry Sherwin ~ Allida Rubino
SVDP	5:00pm	Maria Antonia Pani ~ Butler Family
Sunday August 2		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Basil & Jean Dunnigan ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Bernadette McParlan ~ Denise Tobin & Family
SJ	11:00am	Joe Carroll ~ Knights of Columbus Council #3531
Monday August 3		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday August 4 ~ St. Jean-Marie Vianney		
SB	9:00am	Lionel Robidoux ~ Monica & Family
SJ	4:30pm	Wilf Hall ~ Sheila Kehoe
Wednesday August 5		
SJ	9:00am	Ron Fournier ~ Peter Noonan
Thursday August 6 ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord		
SHP	9:00am	Jean & Fred Shepherd ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SJ	12:00pm	Barbara Morrison ~ Elaine Cavalier & Family
(FIRST) Friday August 7		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Joe Carroll ~ Betty Carroll
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday August 8 ~ St. Dominic		
SJ	5:00pm	In thanks to St. Jude ~ Bonnie Switzer
SVDP	5:00pm	Margaret Brady ~ Brenda Cavanagh
Sunday August 9		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Julie Dunnigan ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Leo & Aileen Farrell ~ Evelyn Goodfellow
SJ	11:00am	For the deceased members of the Brady Family ~ Vince & Theresa Brady

Thank you for your contributions!
Regular Sunday Weekly Donation \$2690.
E-Transfer Weekly Donation \$140.

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

DATE CHANGE **St. Bridget's Cemetery:** Saturday, August 29th @ 11am
St. John's Cemetery: Saturday, Sept. 5th @ 11am

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

"Buy more and you will be satisfied" is a slogan that is so popular these days. Yet our hearts quietly whisper, "There must be more desired needs."

Today's readings answer that longing. Through Isaiah, God invites us: "**Come to the water... come, without paying and without cost**" (Isaiah 55:1). God's greatest gifts, love, mercy, forgiveness, and eternal life, cannot be bought. They are freely given.

In the Gospel, Jesus feeds over five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The miracle begins not with abundance but with a child's simple offering. God often starts with what seems small. **A family that prays together for five minutes each evening, a forgiving word after an argument, or a meal shared with a lonely neighbour may seem insignificant, yet in Christ these become miracles of grace.**

St. Paul then assures us that "**nothing... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord**" (Romans 8:39). Even when our baskets seem empty, God's love is never exhausted.

The Eucharist is the continuation of that miracle. Jesus still takes what we offer, blesses it, breaks it, and gives Himself as the Bread of Life. Leave today trusting not in what you possess but in the One who possesses your heart. Those who come to Christ hungry never leave empty; they leave nourished, sent, and ready to feed a hungry world with His love.

CLERGY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, Archbishop Mulhall announced the latest clergy appointments for our Archdiocese, to take effect on September 1, 2026.

We begin by congratulating the priests of our Archdiocese who are retiring and thank them for their many years of faithful and dedicated service to God's people. May God richly bless them in this new chapter of life.

We also offer our heartfelt congratulations to **Father Anthony Dim**, Associate Pastor of our family of parishes. Father Anthony has been a wonderful blessing to our communities, and while we will miss him dearly, we wish him every blessing and success in his new ministry.

With both gratitude and sadness, we congratulate **Father Charles Enyinnia** on his appointment as Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Kingston. Since arriving in 2020, Father Charles has faithfully shepherded our parishes with kindness, wisdom, and joyful dedication. As he returns to Kingston, the city where his Canadian ministry first began, his appointment is truly a full-circle moment. While many in Kingston will rejoice at his return, we will deeply miss our beloved pastor. We assure him of our prayers and wish him every blessing in this new chapter of priestly ministry.

We warmly welcome **Father Cyprian Ihedoro** to our family of parishes. Father Cyprian comes to us from St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Westport, where

Father Anthony has now been appointed. We look forward to welcoming him and pray that he will quickly feel at home among us.

Our priests faithfully promise obedience to the bishop at their ordination, accepting wherever they are called to serve. While these appointments are made in service to the needs of the Church, they are not without sacrifice. Such transitions are significant for our priests and for the parish communities they leave behind and those they join.

Please keep Father Anthony, Father Charles, Father Cyprian, and all our priests in your prayers as they prepare for the next stage of their ministry.
May God bless them abundantly.

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!

200th Anniversary Bicycle Pilgrimage:

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In celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston, we invite participation of parishioners of all churches of the northern deanery to a bicycle pilgrimage.

The riders complete a pilgrimage starting and ending in Perth. They can ride all four days, one day or just between two churches (segments as short as 10k). The complete route equals 200 Miles! (200th Anniversary). Email "Bike200ABC@hotmail.com" for more information.

✦ **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!

✦ **Annual Parish Golf Tournament:** Registration is still open for the 45th Annual Parish Golf Tournament. Sunday, August 16th at Maplevue. Shotgun Start 2:30pm & Cocktails 5:00pm. BBQ Dinner begins at 5:30pm at the Golf Club. \$75 per person (\$45 for Maplevue 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.

✦ **Healing Service:** "I am the Lord, your Healer" (Exodus 15:26). Jesus is alive! We have seen Him heal illness and injuries in our day. Join us to encounter the healing love of our Risen Lord on Thursday, Aug. 20th, 6:45pm – 9:00pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd, Kingston. The evening will open giving praise to God and proclaiming His Word, followed by corporate prayers for physical healing, and an opportunity for individual healing prayer. Free and open to the public. More information at: <https://encounterschool.org/kingston>.

✦ **68th Our Lady of Knock Pilgrimage:** This years' pilgrimage to honour Our Lady of Knock will be held on Sunday,

August 23rd. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 11am (in English) by Archbishop Paul-André Durocher. See posters and Flocknote for more information.

✦ **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

St. John the Baptist Parish
Window Restoration Fund

This weekend marks the conclusion of our Window Restoration Fund campaign. We are truly humbled and astounded by the extraordinary generosity of our parish family. Your support and love for our parish have been a beautiful witness to our shared commitment to preserving our church for future generations.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and prayers. May God bless you abundantly for your faithful stewardship.

-Father Charles Enyinnia

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, Nellie Pajaczkowski, Father Sebastian Amato, & Rita Steele. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Earl Sonnenburg, Catherine Williams, & Brian Peters. 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.

SACRAMENTS

Baptismal Congratulations!

We welcome **Oliver Antonio Licusati** into the Catholic Church through Baptism this weekend. We congratulate his parents and commend them for their commitment to raising their child in the Catholic faith. May God abundantly bless their family!

