

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ July 19th – 26th

Saturday July 18		
SJ	5:00pm	Zofia Raczek ~ Daughter & Family
SVDP	5:00pm	Roberta Yeldon ~ Bill & Caroline Casey
Sunday July 19		
SJ	9:00am	Francis & Wilma Boland ~ Merkley Family
SHP	9:00am	Jacques Vermette (15th Anniversary) ~ Claudette Vermette
SB	11:00am	Howard Farrell ~ Mary Cowan
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday July 20		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday July 21		
SB	9:00am	~ No Intention Booked ~
SJ	4:30pm	Nellie Pajackowski ~ Cathy Merkley
Wednesday July 22 ~ St. Mary Magdalene		
SJ	9:00am	Joe Carroll ~ Don & Gloria Davidson
CCt	2:15pm	Carolina Court Mass
Thursday July 23		
SHP	9:00am	Jean Benge ~ Carol Kleber
SJ	12:00pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ Allida Rubino
Friday July 24		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Barbara Morrison ~ Nina Stewart
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday July 25 ~ St. James		
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
SVDP	5:00pm	Isabel & John Mallon ~ Marion Letts
Sunday July 26		
SJ	9:00am	Deceased members of the Doyle Family ~ Cathy Fergusson
SHP	9:00am	Helen Cameron (1 st Anniversary) ~ Cameron Family
SB	11:00am	Pauline Quigley ~ Denise Tobin
SJ	11:00am	Brankin, Goudy, & Publow Families ~

Thank you for your contributions!
Regular Sunday Weekly Donation \$3458.
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PAD Monthly Donation \$7602.

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

- 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

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27;
Matthew 13:24-43

Have you ever planted flowers or vegetables and discovered that weeds seemed to grow twice as fast? You pull them out, and a week later they return. Jesus uses that familiar experience to teach us something profound: *"Let both of them grow together until the harvest"* (Mt 13:30). God is patient because He never gives up on people. We often want God to remove every "weed" immediately, those who hurt us, the problems in our families, even our own weaknesses. But today's first reading reminds us that God's power is revealed not by harshness but by mercy: *"Though you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness"* (Wis 12:18). He gives us time to repent, grow, and bear fruit. A parent understands this well. A child may make poor choices yet loving parents do not stop believing in them. They correct with hope, not condemnation. That is how God treats us. And when we feel too weak to change, St. Paul offers comforting news: *"The Spirit helps us in our weakness"* (Rom 8:26). We are never struggling alone. Christ continues to cultivate the field of our hearts with His grace. As we approach this Eucharist, let us allow the Divine Gardener to remove whatever chokes His life within us. If we let His mercy transform us today, we will become good wheat that nourishes the world and be joyfully gathered into His eternal harvest.

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, & Rita Steele. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Marlowe Kirkham, son of Theresa Kirkham, & Sister Aelred Erwin. 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 **Ruadhan Edwards and his daughter Elizabeth** into the Catholic Church through Baptism this weekend. We congratulate them for their commitment to the Catholic faith. May God abundantly bless their family!

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!
- ✚ **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>.
- ✚ **200th Anniversary Bicycle Pilgrimage:**

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August 9-12

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 now open for the 45th Annual Parish Golf Tournament. Sunday, August 16th at Mapleview. Shotgun Start 2:30pm & Cocktails 5:00pm. BBQ Dinner begins at 5:30pm 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.
- ✚ **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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

[St John Parish Meeting Place, 15 Church St, Perth]

CWL Monthly Meeting *Meetings on hold until fall	2 nd Monday of each Month @ 7pm
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details. *Meetings on hold until fall	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting *Meetings on hold until fall	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. *Meetings on hold until fall	Wednesdays @ 7pm
St. John’s Holy Face Group Monthly Meeting *Thursday, July 30th	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, July 17 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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John the Baptist Parish Window Restoration Fund

This weekend, we are launching our **Window Restoration Fund** to help restore the exterior of our church windows. This important project will protect and preserve our beautiful 200+ year-old church for years to come. **One window has already been generously sponsored!** Please take a moment to read the insert in this week's bulletin for more information. Donation envelopes are available in the pews and in the narthex. Whether you can sponsor a window in full or contribute any amount toward the project, **every gift is a blessing and is sincerely appreciated.** Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish. God Bless!

