

Welcome! 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ August 23rd – 30th

Saturday August 22 ~ The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
SJ	5:00pm	Special Intention ~ <i>Bonnie Switzer</i>
SVDP	5:00pm	Sean O’Grady ~ <i>Butler Family</i>
Sunday August 23		
SJ	9:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
SHP	9:00am	Rhonda Shepherd ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SB	11:00am	Marlowe Kirkham ~ <i>Theresa Kirkham</i>
SJ	11:00am	For the Consitt family & fellow parishioners ~ <i>Consitt Family</i>
Monday August 24 ~ St. Bartholomew		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
Tuesday August 25		
SB	9:00am	Marlowe Kirkham ~ <i>Jean McShane</i>
SJ	4:30pm	Brian Peters ~ <i>Cavalier Family</i>
Wednesday August 26		
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Lianne Kevan & Family ~ <i>Julie Kevan & Thomas Kom</i>
C Ct.	2:15pm	Carolina Court Mass
Thursday August 27 ~ St. Monica		
SHP	9:00am	Rolly Plouffe ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SJ	12:00pm	Int. of Paul Hewitt ~ <i>Ken & Lucille Crawford</i>
Friday August 28 ~ St. Augustine		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Lucie Brun del Re ~ <i>Jim & Fran McGuire</i>
SJ	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration & Benediction</i>
Saturday August 29 ~ The Passion of St. John the Baptist		
SJ	5:00pm	Michael Francis Coady ~ <i>Sandra Theobald</i>
SVDP	5:00pm	Bill Cavanagh ~ <i>Brenda Cavanagh</i>
Sunday August 30		
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Fr. Charles Enyinnia ~ <i>A Parishioner</i>
SHP	9:00am	Jean & Fred Shepherd ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SB	11:00am	Int. of Bill & Lilian Mackler on the Occasion of their 58 th Wedding Anniversary ~ <i>Mackler Family</i>
SJ	11:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Weekly Donation \$3485. E-Transfer Weekly Donation \$300. Monthly PAD Donation \$7663.		

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

There are questions we answer almost automatically: “What is your name?” “Where do you live?” “What do you do?” But occasionally, someone asks a question that reaches much deeper: “Who are you?” But today Jesus asks his disciples something even more important: “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15). Peter answers, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus calls him blessed and declares, “You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church” (Matthew 16:16,18). Peter was not a perfect rock. He would later misunderstand Jesus, deny Him, stumble badly and run away. Yet Christ chose him. Jesus sees not only the Peter he is, but the Peter he can become by grace. Jesus does not wait for perfect people before entrusting them with His mission. Jesus transforms ordinary, imperfect people by grace. Isaiah reminds us that God can entrust authority to the one He chooses: “I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David” (Isaiah 22:22). Authority in God’s kingdom is not about status or control; it is about service, stewardship, and responsibility for others. Every family understands this. A family does not remain strong because everyone is perfect. It remains strong because someone keeps loving, forgiving, praying, and holding people together when things become difficult. The Church is the same: Christ remains faithful even when His disciples stumble. The Gospel therefore asks us not merely, “What do others say about Jesus?” but “Who is Jesus for me?” Is He only a Sunday companion, or truly the Lord of my life? Not merely the Son of God in our creed, but my Lord, my Saviour, my hope, my reason for living. And here is something beautiful: the One whom Peter confessed is the One who gives Himself to us in this Holy Eucharist. The Christ who builds His Church also feeds His people. He does not merely ask us to believe in Him; Christ gives us Himself. So let our answer today be more than words “Jesus, You are the Christ. You are my Lord. Build Your Church through me and make my life a living testimony of Your love.” Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

✠ **Foy Hall Garage Sale:** Open Fridays & Saturdays from 10am – 2:30pm! There are always amazing deals to be found! 91 Princess St. in Lanark. Hope to see you there!

✠ **THIS WEEKEND! St. John’s Social Sunday in Honour of Fr. Anthony Dim:** Please join us after the 11:00am Mass this Sunday for a social with coffee, cold drinks, and snacks, as we honour Fr. Anthony Dim and give thanks for his ministry and time here at St. John’s. As many of you know, Fr. Anthony will be leaving

us at the end of the month to take on the role of Administrator at St. Edward’s Church in Westport. We invite you to join us as we express our gratitude for all he has shared with our parish and wish him every blessing as he begins this new chapter in his ministry. We hope you’ll stay after Mass and enjoy some time together with Fr. Anthony and fellow parishioners.

✠ **NEXT WEEKEND! St. John’s Social Sunday in Honour of Fr. Charles Enyinnia:** Please join us after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, August 30th, for a time of fellowship as we honour Fr. Charles Ennyinia and give thanks for his six years of ministry with our parish. As Fr. Charles prepares to begin a new chapter at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Kingston, we invite you to join us in expressing our gratitude for his years of service, friendship, and care for our parish community. Come enjoy some refreshments and fellowship as we wish Fr. Charles every blessing and all the best in his new ministry!

✠ **St. Briget’s Social Sunday – Final Sunday Mass:** Sunday, August 30th will mark the final Sunday Mass at St. Bridget’s Church. While the church will continue to celebrate one weekday Mass each week, we invite everyone to gather at BVM Hall following Mass for fellowship and to mark this important day together.

✠ **Catholic Women’s League – Fall Retreat:** We warmly invite all women to our Fall Retreat on Saturday, September 26th, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at St. Francis de Sales Church and Hanley Hall. We are pleased to welcome Father Justin Pulikunnel as our special guest speaker for a day of faith, reflection, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Lunch and refreshments are included. A free will offering will be accepted. Please RSVP by September 21st by contacting Melanie at 613-326-1003 or cwsmithsfalls@gmail.com.

✠ **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/women-s-fall-retreat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Bank Donations

Since January, St. John’s parishioners have collected and donated **571 pounds of food** to help fill the Food Bank shelves! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed. **Please continue to bring your food donations and help us keep the shelves stocked! God Bless!**

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SACRAMENTS

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Persons interested in learning more about the Catholic Church - its beliefs and practices - are invited to participate in a series of conversations (formerly RCIA) that will be held at 15 Church St, Tuesday evenings at 7 pm, starting September 15th.

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

St. Bridget’s Cemetery: Saturday, August 29th @ 11am

*****Please join us for *provided lunch* at BVM Hall after the cemetery Mass.**

St. John’s Cemetery: Saturday, Sept. 5th @ 11am

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, Nellie Pajaczkowski, Rita Steele, Edith Clark, Lisette Vaillancourt, & Marg Trombley. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Lynne Newman. 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 *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.	Wednesdays @ 7pm *Meetings on hold until fall
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 *Meetings on hold until fall
Sunday Mass 11am Choir	Thursdays @ 7pm & Sundays @ 10:15am
St. John’s Movie Club	No meeting in August
Life Matters Men’s Group – Contact Dave Lapointe for details.	3 rd Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm