

Welcome! 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ August 30th – September 6th

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>
Monday August 31		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
Tuesday September 1		
SB	9:00am	-----MASS CANCELLED-----
SJ	4:30pm	-----MASS CANCELLED-----
Wednesday September 2		
SJ	9:00am	Marlowe Kirkham ~ <i>Maxine McEachern</i>
Thursday September 3 ~ St. Gregory the Great		
SHP	9:00am	Pierre Lessard ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SJ	12:00pm	Brian Peters ~ <i>Nina Stewart</i>
(FIRST) Friday September 4		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
SJ	9:00am	Bob Slack ~ <i>Jim & Fran McGuire</i>
SJ	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration & Benediction</i>
(FIRST) Saturday September 5		
SJ	9:00am	Mary Seta De Francesco (1 st Anniversary of Death) ~ <i>Bernie De Francesco</i>
SJ	5:00pm	Leo & Peg Williams, and Fred & Cecile Burgess ~ <i>Bob & Lois Burgess</i>
SHP	7:00pm	Marie Gayda & Vicky Copper ~ <i>Brian & Pat Molyneaux</i>
Sunday September 6		
SJ	9:00am	Pierrette Poulin ~ <i>Jacques Poulin</i>
SJ	11:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Weekly Donation \$2570. E-Transfer Weekly Donation \$170.

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.

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

Dear brothers and sisters of **St. John the Baptist Parish, Perth,**

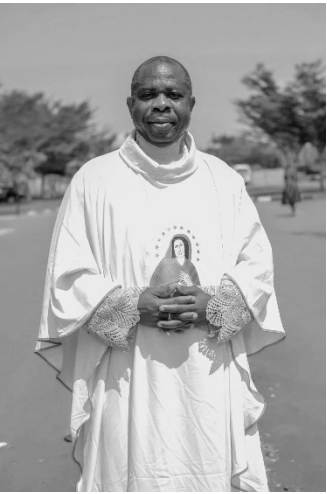
As Fr. Anthony and I prepare to say goodbye after many wonderful years here, our hearts are filled with gratitude, affection, and thanksgiving. Leaving is never easy when a parish has become a home and its people have become family.

I first came to Perth in 2020, during the uncertain days of the pandemic. Churches were restricted, families were separated, and the future seemed unclear. Yet God taught us that the Church is not merely a building. **We are the Body of Christ, and Christ never abandons His people.** Even when we could not gather as we wished, God united us in faith, prayer, hope, and love. During these years of ministry, we have been privileged to share many sacred moments with you: welcoming children through Baptism, celebrating marriages, accompanying families through funerals, and participating in countless conversations, visits, prayers, celebrations, struggles, and moments of grace. These encounters have been among the greatest treasures of our priesthood.

Together, we have sought to answer Christ’s missionary call, not simply to maintain a parish, but to become a people sent forth to **welcome, serve, evangelize, and bring Christ’s love beyond our church doors.** Today’s Gospel speaks powerfully to this moment: **“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me”** (Matthew 16:24). Following Jesus means trusting Him even when we cannot see the entire road ahead. St. Paul reminds us, **“Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God”** (Romans 12:1). These years have been a shared offering of our lives, joys, struggles, service, and faith.

We leave Perth with treasured memories, valued friendships, and deep gratitude. Thank you for your kindness, patience, generosity, encouragement, and prayers. Thank you for allowing us to share your joys and sorrows and your journey of faith. **The chapter is changing, but the story belongs to God.** And because the story belongs to God, **we leave not with sadness, but with hope.**

May St. John the Baptist continue to inspire us to **“prepare the way of the Lord.”** Please remember us in your prayers, as we will remember you in ours. Thank you for six beautiful years. May God bless St. John the Baptist Parish, Perth, and each of you.



It is my pleasure today also to welcome **Father Cyprian Ihedoro (SMMM)** as your new Pastor.

Welcome, Father Cyprian! We’re so honoured and grateful to welcome you to St. John’s, Sacred Heart, and St. Bridget’s. We feel truly blessed that you’ve chosen to share your ministry with our parish communities. May God bless you abundantly as you begin this new chapter with us! 🙏

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. Charles Enyinnia:** Please join us after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, August 30th, for a time of fellowship as we honour Fr. Charles Enyinnia 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.

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- ✚ **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.

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Claudette Timmerman, Susan Beaudoin Watson, Pascal Proulx, Camille Bozozuk, Nellie Pajaczkowski, Rita Steele, Edith Clark, Lissette Vaillancourt, Marg Trombley, & Teresa Donnelly. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Lynne Newman, Paul Pennett, Wayne Kirkham, Stephen McNamee, & Mary Rorwick. Jesus, I trust in You.

In need of prayer? Connect with our strong prayer warriors, Father Charles, Fr. 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

Pope’s Prayer intention for September: For the care of water. *Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it. Amen.*