

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ August 9th - 16th

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
Monday August 10 ~ St. Lawrence		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday August 11 ~ St. Clare		
SB	9:00am	Int. of Teresa Donnelly ~ Mary Cowen
SJ	4:30pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ Allida Rubino
Wednesday August 12		
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Ken & Lucille Crawford ~ Nina Stewart
LL	10:00am	Lanark Lodge Mass
Thursday August 13		
SHP	9:00am	Basil & Jean Dunnigan ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SJ	12:00pm	Jamie Christie ~ Mary Rorwick
Friday August 14 ~ St. Maximilian Kolbe		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Provost Family ~ Jacques Poulin
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday August 15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
SJ	5:00pm	Nancy Kearney ~ Robert Kearney
SVDP	5:00pm	Brian Letts ~ Marion Letts
Sunday August 16		
SJ	9:00am	Birthday Intentions of Lianne Kevan ~ A Friend
SHP	9:00am	In Thanksgiving ~ Pat & Eadie LaFreniere
SB	11:00am	Pauline Quigley ~ Denise Tobin
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish

Thank you for your contributions!
Regular Sunday Weekly Donation \$2845.
E-Transfer Weekly Donation \$200.

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

Today's Gospel begins with a scene many of us know well. The disciples are in a boat, doing exactly what Jesus told them to do, yet they find themselves battling a storm. Is that not how life feels often? You can be faithful, pray every day, love your family, and still find yourself facing unexpected waves, illness, financial worries, broken relationships, or uncertainty about the future.

Every one of us faces storms. Some are the storms of illness, grief, family tensions, or uncertainty. Others are hidden deep within the heart, fear, doubt, disappointment, or loneliness.

Today's readings remind us that while God may not always calm the storm immediately, He always comes to us in the midst of it. Elijah discovers that God is not found in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in **"the sound of sheer silence"** (1 Kings 19:12).

Peter walks on water only while his eyes remain fixed on Jesus; the moment he focuses on the waves, he begins to sink (Matthew 14:30). Jesus does not scold Peter before saving him. Notice that before Jesus challenges Peter's faith, He first reaches out His hand and saves him. God’s Grace always comes before correction.

St. Paul, in today's second reading, reveals another dimension of faith: a heart that suffers for others. He carries "great sorrow and unceasing anguish" (Romans 9:2) because he longs for his people to know Christ. Authentic faith never becomes self-centered; it always desires that others encounter the Lord.

Today, the risen Lord speaks the same words to every anxious heart: **"Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid"** (Matthew 14:27). As we gather around this Eucharistic table, may we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Storms will come and go, but the hand that holds us is stronger than the waves. With Christ in our boat, fear never has the final word, His love does.

UPCOMING EVENTS

✠ **Foy Hall Garage Sale: Our bag sale begins! Fill a bag of clothing for only \$5!** Open Fridays & Saturdays from 10am – 2:30pm! 91 Princess St. in Lanark. 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 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.
- ✠ **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
Last weekend marked 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 Envinnia

Volunteers Needed at Sacred Heart Church

We are looking for volunteers to help clean Sacred Heart Church. **Please stay after Mass on Thursday, August 20th to lend a hand.** Many hands make light work, and your help is greatly appreciated!

Foy Hall Garage Sale Volunteers

Thank you to those who recently came forward to help with the weekly Foy Hall Garage Sale! We are grateful to have several parishioners step up, so we will no longer be advertising for volunteers at this time. Additional help is always welcome. The Garage Sale helps support the ongoing needs of Sacred Heart Church. Thank you to all who lend a hand!

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, Edith Clark, & Lissette Vaillancourt. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Catherine Williams, Brian Peters, & Sister Annette Mary Valade, R.H.S.J.

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	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