

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ September 20th – 27th

Saturday September 19		
SJ	5:00pm	Bill Publow ~ <i>Bob & Lois Burgess</i>
SHP	7:00pm	Christopher Riopelle ~ <i>Riopelle Family</i>
Sunday September 20		
SJ	9:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
SJ	11:00am	Int. of Sabine & Michael Farrell on their 50 th Anniversary ~ <i>Lisette Vaillancourt</i>
Monday September 21 ~ St. Matthew		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
Tuesday September 22		
SB	9:00am	Etta O’Grady ~ <i>Jean McShane</i>
SJ	4:30pm	Int. of Fr. Richard Whalen ~ <i>Chris & Maureen Rivers</i>
Wednesday September 23 ~ St. Pius of Pietrelcina		
SJ	9:00am	Sean O’Grady ~ <i>Bruce & Mary McIntyre</i>
CCt	2:15pm	Carolina Court Mass
Thursday September 24		
SHP	9:00am	Joan Comfort ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SJ	12:00pm	Jean Fortner ~ <i>Fortner Family</i>
Friday September 25		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
SJ	9:00am	Wayne & Marlowe Kirkham ~ <i>Ken & Lucille Crawford</i>
SJ	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration & Benediction</i>
Saturday September 26 ~ St. Jean de Brébeuf & St. Isaac Jogues		
SJ	5:00pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Bencze Family ~ <i>Joanne Finnegan</i>
SHP	7:00pm	Simon Lau ~ <i>Rose & Walter Tam</i>
Sunday September 27		
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Judy Farrell ~ <i>Maxine McEachern</i>
SJ	11:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

The St. John’s Cemetery Mass has been rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26th @ 11am.

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Weekly Donation \$3935.
E-Transfer Weekly Donation \$120.

Mass Schedule – September 28–October 2
Fr. Cyprian will be away on retreat from **Monday, September 28th through Thursday, October 1st**. As a result, weekday Masses on **Tuesday, September 29th through Thursday, October 1st are cancelled**. Regular Masses will resume on Friday morning, **October 2nd**.
We wish Fr. Cyprian safe travels and look forward to welcoming him back!

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

ENVY and JEALOUSY

According to St. Augustine, “the equal is envious of his equal, the inferior is envious of the superior because he is not his equal. And the superior is envious of the inferior for fear he might become his equal and thus this hateful fever of equality, begotten of envy, divides all society.”

If we could see today the unjust situations envy and jealousy have created among families, friends, and communities, we would try to root them out and keep such thoughts away from our minds and hearts. We could replace this cancerous disease with love, tolerance, understanding, and appreciation of one another.

Let us be generous with our words and with our kindness, as Jesus exhibited in the gospel today. His action towards the last group of workers shows that he is not acting according to strict justice or economics. We can sacrifice to uplift others, even helping them to become better than us, rather than being envious and jealous. If only we could understand this, living and dying for God or for our brethren, would no longer be a tragedy. Instead, it would be a witness to the gospel. What we see in the Gospel today is simply the justice of God. His justice is governed by His generosity and unconditional love for all. The Lord invites everyone to work in His vineyard to bring souls to God. He cares for the salvation of every soul.

The Lord is sending you out to bring souls to His vineyard. The usual wage for everyone is the Kingdom of God, and there is nothing greater than the Kingdom of peace and joy.

In this struggle for the Kingdom of God, it does not matter how long we have been faithful Christians. What matters is achieving the goal – the wage of our faithfulness, dedication and service to God and humanity - which is the Kingdom of God.

May the blessings of the Lord be with you.
– Fr. Cyprian Ihedoro

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, Lisette Vaillancourt, & Teresa Donnelly. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Kevin McNaughton & Sharon Barnard. Jesus, I trust in You.

In need of prayer? Connect with our strong prayer warriors, Father Cyprian, 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 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!

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. Please RSVP by September 21st by contacting Melanie at 613-326-1003 or cwlsmithsfalls@gmail.com.

Retirement Picnic for Fr. John Hibbard: St. Paul the Apostle Parish is hosting a retirement celebration for Fr. John Hibbard on Sunday, September 27th, immediately following the 11 am mass at the parish. (1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd, Kingston). It will be a potluck picnic. Anyone interested in attending are invited to RSVP and find more information at the following link: <https://shorturl.at/jWFQB> or on the parish website: www.stpaulkingston.com/

Save the Date - Life Chain: Life Chain is an annual pro-life event held in communities across North America. Parishioners are invited to join us on Sunday, October 4th for an hour of peaceful prayer and public witness in support of the dignity and protection of human life.

Perth: Gore St. Bridge | 2:00-3:00pm
Lanark: Intersection of Mill & George St. | 10:45-11:45am

Signs will be provided to participants. Please join us as we gather in prayer and peacefully witness to the sanctity of human life, remembering the words of Proverbs 31:8: “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.”

Join Us in Celebrating Fr. Cyprian!: Please join us on Sunday, October 18th, following the 11am Mass, as we officially welcome Fr. Cyprian to our parish community and celebrate his 60th birthday! We will gather for a potluck celebration in the gym at St. John Catholic Elementary School, 34 Wilson Street East, Perth, immediately following Mass. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy good food and fellowship as we welcome Fr. Cyprian and celebrate this special milestone with him. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!



Project Rachel at St. Mary’s Refuge Retreat: November 13-15, 2026, for women who have been hurt by abortion. You can speak with someone who understands, and you will have a chance to begin healing from loss and grief. Phone 613-473-2679 or e-mail ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org, and visit stmarysrefuge.org/rachel.

Pilgrimage with Monsignor Joseph Muldoon: You are invited to join Msgr. Joseph Muldoon on a pilgrimage to Marian Shrines, the Camino and the Pyrenees, from March 31 - April 14,

2027. A meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 25 at 2 pm at Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd., in the parish hall. For reservations or more information, please contact Dennis Kam, JBC Travel at 613 569-3888 ext. 3 or dennis@jbctravel.ca.

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 are held at 15 Church St, Tuesday evenings at 5pm.

First Communion & Confirmation Sacramental Preparation

Registration is beginning for children wishing to prepare for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation to be celebrated in Spring 2027.

A mandatory parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00pm at St. John the Baptist Church, Perth. At least one parent of each child wishing to participate in this year’s sacramental preparation classes must attend.

We look forward to welcoming our families as we begin this special year of preparation!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

CWL Monthly Meeting	2 nd Monday of each Month @ 7pm
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting	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
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
Sunday Mass 11am Choir	Thursdays @ 7pm & Sundays @ 10:15am
St. John’s Movie Club	Friday, September 18 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 Bridget’s Cemetery General Meeting
Thursday, September 24th at 7:00pm
in the BVM Hall.

