

| Saturday September 26 ~ St. Jean de Brébeuf & St. Isaac Jogues |         |                                                                         |
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| SJ                                                             | 5:00pm  | Living & Deceased Members of the Bencze Family ~ <i>Joanne Finnegan</i> |
| SHP                                                            | 7:00pm  | Simon Lau ~ <i>Rose &amp; 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>                                |
| Monday September 28                                            |         |                                                                         |
| SJ                                                             | 8:30am  | <i>Prayer for the Sick &amp; Suffering</i>                              |
| Tuesday September 29 ~ St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael   |         |                                                                         |
| SB                                                             | 9:00am  | -----MASS CANCELLED-----                                                |
| SJ                                                             | 4:30pm  | -----MASS CANCELLED-----                                                |
| Wednesday September 30 ~ St. Jerome                            |         |                                                                         |
| SJ                                                             | 9:00am  | -----MASS CANCELLED-----                                                |
| Thursday October 1 ~ St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus            |         |                                                                         |
| SHP                                                            | 9:00am  | -----MASS CANCELLED-----                                                |
| SJ                                                             | 12:00pm | -----MASS CANCELLED-----                                                |
| (FIRST) Friday October 2 ~ The Holy Guardian Angels            |         |                                                                         |
| SJ                                                             | 8:30am  | <i>Prayer for the Sick &amp; Suffering</i>                              |
| SJ                                                             | 9:00am  | <i>Ormond Lee ~ Myrna Lee</i>                                           |
| SJ                                                             | 9:30am  | <i>Holy Adoration &amp; Benediction</i>                                 |
| (FIRST) Saturday October 3                                     |         |                                                                         |
| SJ                                                             | 9:00am  | <i>Barbara Morrison ~ Brian Brosso</i>                                  |
| SJ                                                             | 5:00pm  | <i>Marlowe Kirkham ~ Doreen Kerr</i>                                    |
| SHP                                                            | 7:00pm  | <i>In Thanksgiving ~ Rose &amp; Walter Tam</i>                          |
| Sunday October 4                                               |         |                                                                         |
| SJ                                                             | 9:00am  | <i>Stephen McNamee ~ Susan Norwood</i>                                  |
| SJ                                                             | 11:00am | <i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>                                |

**Fr. Cyprian – Away on Retreat this Week**

A reminder that Fr. Cyprian will be away on retreat this week from Monday through Thursday. **All weekday Masses during this time are cancelled.** Regular Masses will resume on Friday morning, October 2nd.

We wish Fr. Cyprian a safe and fruitful retreat and look forward to welcoming him back!

**Parish Office Closed - Wednesday, September 30th**

Please note that the **Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, September 30th.** Regular office hours will remain unchanged for the remainder of the week.

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Weekly Donation \$2990.  
E-Transfer Weekly Donation \$100.

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PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

INNER CONVERSION MOVES US FROM “NO” to “YES” TO THE FATHER

As humans, we can recognize something of both sons in our own lives. A times, we are like the second son: our actions do not match our promises. We give our word but do not keep to it. At other times, we are like the first son, who turns a “NO” into a “YES”.

It can be very easy to say yes in the moment, without fully realizing what will be required of us. As time passes and we begin to understand what our “YES” involves, doubts can arise about whether we are willing to remain faithful to it. To fulfil our “yes”, we must continue to choose it.

Similarly, the opposite could be the case when we say “NO” to something initially and then change our minds after a moment of deeper reflection. Here we see the possibility of conversion: we can acknowledge our mistakes, turn away from what is wrong, and choose what is good. Our relationship with God, and with one another, is not built merely on spoken words, but on our deeds.

Many Christians can easily fall into the category of the second son. He represents those of us who pay lip service to God: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me” (Matt 15:8); referring to those who are fast at making vows of “I WILL” to God yet fail to make the effort required to live in obedience to His will.

Many Christians, during the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Matrimony, boldly in the presence of many witnesses, responded “I WILL” to every question posed, but ultimately do not end up fulfilling them.

Let us thank God for every opportunity He gives us to live faithfully by our “YES” to Him. Let us also thank Him for the grace to turn our “NO” into to a “YES”. God is gracious, and His plan of salvation is for everyone. He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desires that they turn from their ways and live.

– 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 Sharon Barnard, Anna Janssen, Gerald Desjardins, & Sister Sheila Anne Boase, RHSJ. 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!

✚ **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.”**

✚ **You’re Not Alone - Families in Crisis:** Join Wayne Burke, on Thursday’s in October (October 8, 15, 22, & 29), from 6:30-8:30pm in the boardroom of St. Mary’s Parish in Carleton Place, for a powerful 4-part workshop helping you cope with your loved one’s challenges with chemical use, mental illness, etc. Call St. Mary’s Parish office at 613-257-1284 to sign up today – You’re not alone!

✚ **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.**

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First Communion & Confirmation

Sacramental Preparation

Thank you to all the families who attended our Sacramental Preparation Parent Meeting, and to everyone who helped spread the word! We were delighted to welcome so many families from our schools and surrounding communities.

**If you missed the Parent Meeting and would still like your child to participate, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.**

**Upcoming Classes:**  
**First Communion:** Sunday, October 4th, beginning with the 11:00am Mass  
**Confirmation:** Sunday, October 25th, beginning with the 11:00am Mass

We look forward to a wonderful year of preparation with our families!

**Baptismal Congratulations!**

We welcome **Ivy & Asher Graham** into the Catholic Church through Baptism this weekend. We congratulate their parents and commend them for their commitment to raising their children in the Catholic faith. May God abundantly bless their family!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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| CWL Monthly Meeting                                                          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month @ 7pm       |
| Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.                  | Mondays @ 10am                                   |
| Parish Council Monthly Meeting<br>***Next meeting is October 6 <sup>th</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm.  |
| Life Matters Monthly Meeting                                                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 10am   |
| Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting                                          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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                                                        | TBD                                              |
| Life Matters Men’s Group – Contact Dave Lapointe for details.                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month           |
| Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir                                                   | Saturdays @ 4:45pm                               |