

Welcome! 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ September 6th – 13th

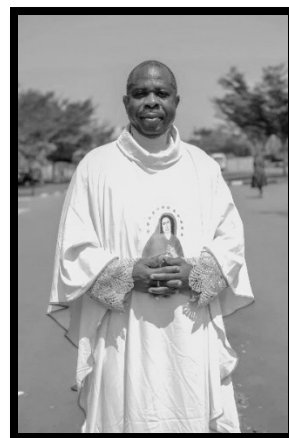
(FIRST) Saturday September 5		
SJ	9:00am	Mary Seta De Francesco (1 st Anniversary of Death) ~ <i>Bernie De Francesco</i>
SJ	5:00pm	Leo & Peg Williams, and Fred & Cecile Burgess ~ <i>Bob & Lois Burgess</i>
SHP	7:00pm	Marie Gayda & Vicky Copper ~ <i>Brian & Pat Molyneaux</i>
Sunday September 6		
SJ	9:00am	Pierrette Poulin ~ <i>Jacques Poulin</i>
SJ	11:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
Monday September 7		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
Tuesday September 8 ~ The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
SB	9:00am	Sister Aelred Erwin ~ <i>St. Bridget's CWL</i>
SJ	4:30pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ <i>Allida Rubino</i>
Wednesday September 9		
SJ	9:00am	Farrell & Donnelly Families ~ <i>Teresa Donnelly</i>
LL.	10:00am	Lanark Lodge Mass
Thursday September 10		
SHP	9:00am	Rhonda Shepherd ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SJ	12:00pm	John Boznar ~ <i>Mark & Madeleine Boznar</i>
PCCC	2:00pm	Perth Community Care Centre Mass
Friday September 11		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
SJ	9:00am	Pilon & Crawford Families ~ <i>Ken & Lucille Crawford</i>
SJ	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration & Benediction</i>
Saturday September 12		
SJ	5:00pm	In thanks to St. Jude ~ <i>Bonnie Switzer</i>
SHP	7:00pm	Nancy Shepherd ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
Sunday September 13		
SJ	9:00am	Vince Boland ~ <i>Merkley Family</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.



PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

The readings this weekend call for mutual responsibility to translate our love into action. In the first reading, the Prophet Ezekiel reminds us that we are responsible for one another. This is especially regarding counselling and warning others of the consequences of their actions to save them. **It takes love to do this.** To say that we have a responsibility towards others is also to say that it has a consequence for us too. Hence, the Lord says: **"I will hold you responsible."** We must speak out, counsel, and advise our brothers and sisters, children, friends, and relatives when they walk away from the right path. Being indifferent to the wrongs in the community, family and the world at large could be detrimental to the society in the future. **It becomes our collaborative responsibility to be our brother's keeper and to protect our society.** This is what God is saying. No doubt, this Christian responsibility is more challenging today as many Christians are afraid of infringing on other peoples' private life, yet this is the time for a greater need for a collective responsibility to be there for one another if we need to build a better and future peaceful world. **However, all our corrections should be done through love.** This is why St. Paul says in the second reading: "Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love." **Through fraternal corrections, we can save lives and save families from both cultural, spiritual and moral decay.** Love should guide our actions, for where love and charity abide, there God is found. We are not meant to live our faith alone. God wants us to support each other. **May the love of God, which surpasses all human understanding, continue to reign in our hearts. – Fr. Cyprian Ihedoro**



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!

✠ **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.

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czap, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Claudette Timmerman, Susan Beaudoin Watson, Pascal Proulx, Camille Bozozuk, Nellie Pajaczowski, Rita Steele, Edith Clark, Lissette Vaillancourt, & 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 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.

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.

Congratulations!

Jomel Bautista & Laurene Obiacono are to be married this weekend at St. John the Baptist Church. We ask God's blessing upon them for a lifetime of joy together!

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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Message from Father Charles & Father Anthony

We are happy to let you know that we have both arrived safely at our new parishes and are settling in well. Although we already miss our parish community, we wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful send-off you gave us.

We are deeply grateful for every card, every gift, every kind word and well wish, and especially for your prayers. Your generosity, kindness, and affection meant so much to us as we prepared to leave and begin this new chapter in our ministry. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we settle into our new parish homes. Know that we will continue to hold all of you in ours.
With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,
Father Charles & Father Anthony

Confessions Cancelled this Tuesday

Please note that Confessions will not be offered before the Mass on Tuesday, September 8th.

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 *Tuesday, September 8th	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	TBD
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.*

