

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ October 11th - 18th

Saturday October 10		
SJ	5:00pm	In thanks to St. Jude ~ <i>Bonnie Switzer</i>
SHP	7:00pm	Int. of the Tam Family ~ <i>Rose & Walter Tam</i>
Sunday October 11		
SJ	9:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
SJ	11:00am	Int. of Don & Gloria Davidson on their 65 th Wedding Anniversary
Monday October 12		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
Tuesday October 13		
SB	9:00am	Paul McShane ~ <i>Jean McShane</i>
SJ	4:30pm	Int. of Fr. Anthony Dim ~ <i>Chris & Maureen Rivers</i>
Wednesday October 14		
SJ	9:00am	Joseph McGuire ~ <i>Jim & Fran McGuire</i>
LL.	10:00am	Lanark Lodge Mass Fran Murphy, Tom Christenson, Lynne Newman ~ <i>A Friend</i>
Thursday October 15 ~ St. Teresa of Jesus		
SHP	9:00am	C.A. "Tony" Noonan ~ <i>Don & Dianne Adam</i>
SJ	12:00pm	John Boznar ~ <i>Mark & Madeleine Boznar</i>
PCCC	2:00pm	Perth Community Care Centre Mass
Friday October 16 ~ St. Marie-Marguerite D'Youville		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
SJ	9:00am	Marlowe & Wayne Kirkham ~ <i>Edith Clark & Monica</i>
SJ	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration & Benediction</i>
Saturday October 17 ~ St. Ignatius of Antioch		
SJ	5:00pm	Fr. Herbert Kalathil, OCD ~ <i>Jishil Jolly</i>
SHP	7:00pm	Ian MacDonald ~ <i>Helen Lowe</i>
Sunday October 18		
SJ	9:00am	For the intentions of Fr. Cyprian Ihedoro, on his 60 th Birthday ~ <i>St. John's Parishioners</i>
SJ	11:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
SJES	12:00pm	Welcome & Birthday Potluck Celebration for Father Cyprian – @ St. John's Elementary School Gym
Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Weekly Donation \$2500. E-Transfer Weekly Donation \$100.		

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for October: For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses. **Amen.**



PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

Today's Gospel passage tells us about a king who prepares a wedding banquet for his son (cf. Mt 22:1-14). He is a powerful man, but he is above all a generous father, who invites others to share in his joy. In particular, he reveals the goodness of his heart in the fact that he does not compel anyone, but invites everyone, even though this way exposes him to the possibility of rejection.

We notice that he prepares a banquet, freely offering an opportunity for encounter, an opportunity for a feast. This is what God prepares for us: a banquet, to be in communion with him and among ourselves. And we, all of us, are therefore God's invited guests.

But a wedding banquet requires time and commitment on our part: it requires a "yes": to go, to go to the Lord's invitation. He invites, but he leaves us free.

This is the type of relationship that the Father offers us: he calls us to stay with him, leaving us the possibility to accept or not accept [the invitation]. He does not propose to us a relationship of subjection, but rather of fatherhood and sonship, which is necessarily conditioned by our free assent.

God is very respectful regarding freedom; very respectful. Saint Augustine uses a very beautiful expression in this regard, saying: "He who created us without our help will not save us without our consent" (Sermonclxix, 13). And certainly not because he does not have the capacity to do so — **God is omnipotent! — but because, being love, he respects our freedom fully. God proposes: he does not impose. Never.** (Pope Francis, Angelus, 15 October 2023) – www.vaticannews.va

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 Pajackowski, Rita Steele, Edith Clark, Teresa Donnelly, Danielle Gervais, & Helen Merritt. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Margaret "Ann" Vaughan, Arron McParlan, Jackie Valliquette, & Bertha Tovey. 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!

✠ **You're Not Alone - Families in Crisis:** Join Wayne Burke, on Thursdays in October (October 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!

✠ **NEXT WEEKEND! 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:** 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

Upcoming Classes:

First Communion: Class #2 is Sunday, November 8th, beginning with the 11:00am Mass.

Confirmation: Class #1 is Sunday, October 25th, beginning with the 11:00am Mass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – SACRED HEART PARISH

Sacred Heart Parish is seeking volunteers interested in serving on our **Parish Screening Committee**. This important ministry helps ensure a safe and welcoming environment for everyone in our parish community.

The Archdiocese of Kingston is offering training for new committee members on **Saturday, November 7th, from 9:30am - 2:30pm**, at the Diocesan Centre in Kingston. If you are interested in volunteering, please **contact the parish office by October 30th**, so that we may submit your name for registration before the November 1st deadline. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our parish!

DONATIONS NEEDED!

St. John Catholic High School is hosting a yard sale on **Saturday, October 24th, from 7am - 2:00pm** in the school gymnasium (2066 Scotch Line, Perth). All proceeds will support students travelling to Costa Rica for a volunteer service trip. **Donations are welcome!** Items may be dropped off on **Saturdays, October 10th and 17th, from 9am to Noon**, at the back of Giant Tiger in Perth or at 76 Cornelia Street in Smiths Falls (vacant lot beside the hospital). Large furniture, hardcover books/textbooks, and televisions **cannot** be accepted.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

St. John's Parish is seeking additional volunteers to help lead Children's Liturgy during Sunday Masses. If interested in sharing your time and faith with our young parishioners, please contact the parish office!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

CWL Monthly Meeting	2 nd Thursday of each Month @ 4pm
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 Mass
Thursday Bible Study Group – Contact Evelyn Goodfellow	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

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us. Fill our hearts with gratitude, our homes with love, and our lives with generosity toward others. May we always recognize Your goodness in all things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wishing everyone a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

