# Welcome! Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2026

## Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ November 22nd – 29th

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| **Saturday November 21 ~ The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** | | |
| **SJ** | 5:00pm | Zofia & Marian Raczek ~ *Daughter & Family* |
| **SHP** | 7:00pm | For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ *Don & Dianne Adam* |
| **Sunday November 22 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** | | |
| **SJ** | 9:00am | Chuck Stewart ~ *Nina Stewart* |
| **SJ** | 11:00am | *Mass for the People of the Parish* |
| **Monday November 23** | | |
| **SJ** | 8:30am | *Prayers for the Sick & Suffering (No Mass)* |
| **Tuesday November 24 ~ St. Andrew Dũng-Lac** | | |
| **SB** | 9:00am | Living & deceased members of the DeWitt family ~ *Butler Family* |
| **SJ** | 4:30pm | Brian Peters ~ *Laurie McNally & Family* |
| **Wednesday November 25** | | |
| **SJ** | 9:00am | Rosalia Indita ~ *The Family* |
| **SJHS** | 12:45pm | St. John Highschool Mass |
| **CCt.** | 2:15pm | Carolina Court Mass |
| **Thursday November 26** | | |
| **SHP** | 10:15am | Combined Daily/Sacred Heart Elementary School Mass Wayne Kirkham ~ *Doris Quinn* |
| **SJ** | 12:00pm | Kevin McNaughton ~ *Terry & Joanne Finnegan* |
| **Friday November 27** | | |
| **SJ** | 8:30am | *Prayer for the Sick & Suffering* |
| **SJ** | 9:00am | Paul Gaudy ~ *Publow Family* |
| **SJ** | 9:30am | *Holy Adoration & Benediction* |
| **Saturday November 28** | | |
| **SJ** | 5:00pm | *Mass for the People of the Parish* |
| **SHP** | 7:00pm | Marie Fritz ~ *Doris Quinn* |
| **Sunday November 29 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent** | | |
| **SJ** | 9:00am | Wayne Kirkham ~ *St. Bridget's CWL* |
| **SJ** | 11:00am | Catherine Williams ~ *Bonny Godfrey* |

*Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Weekly Donation $3215.*
*E-Transfer Weekly Donation $100.*

**Pope Leo's Prayer intention for November: For the proper use of wealth.**

*Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.* ***Amen.***





## ADVENT CONFESSIONS

**Wednesday, December 2nd @ 6:30-8pm:**
St. Mary's Church, Carleton Place
***More confession dates to come***

## PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

### CHRIST THE KING

We are a royal people bound together in the one Kingdom of God, the kingdom of love.

We come today to the end of that season after Pentecost, and the end of the Church's liturgical year. We have come full circle. The church year begins next Sunday with the first Sunday of Advent.

The celebration of Christ the King not only brings an end to the Church's liturgical year but also introduces us to a new liturgical year: the Advent season.

Today's celebration would be meaningful only if we personally permit Christ to reign in our lives. If he reigns in every heart, then he reigns in our world.

This celebration reminds us of the identity of our Saviour Jesus Christ and also draws our attention to the fact that we are royal members of God's Kingdom. Our actions, therefore, should be directed towards ensuring that we remain permanent members of this Kingdom at the end of time. It is a Kingdom that is absolutely ordered and guided by rules and norms. The paramount rule of God's kingdom is love, because God is love.

Although Emperors and Kings now exist mostly in history books, and empires and emperors come and go, we continue to honor Christ as the King of the Universe by enthroning Him in our hearts and surrendering our lives to God. We are therefore challenged to see Christ the King in everyone, especially those whom our society considers the least important, and to treat each person with the same love, mercy, and compassion Jesus showed.

Christ was a Servant-King. We are therefore invited to be His loyal citizens by rendering humble service to others and by sharing Christ's mercy and forgiveness with others. Christ still lives as King in thousands of human hearts all over the world. The cross is His throne, and the Sermon on the Mount is His rule of law. His citizens need obey only one law: "*Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12).* A love that goes with sacrifice. His love is selfless, kind, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. May we allow Him to rule and reign in our hearts, so that we may be true members of His Kingdom. – 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, Teresa Donnelly, Danielle Gervais, Bernie Boucher, Father Moses Nwosu, Andrew Brosso, George Donnelly, Paul Donnelly, & Bonnie Bulmer. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Elizabeth & Patrick Fahey – sister and brother-in-law of Fr. Don Cummings, Theresa Kirkham, Patrick Kavanagh, father of Andrea McKinnon, & Diana Meldrum. 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.

*Reminder: Advent Begins Next Weekend!*



## 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. Many Christmas items in stock. Hope to see you there!
- ***THIS Weekend! Social Sunday!:*** Join us this weekend on November 22nd, for fellowship and refreshments, **hosted by our St. John's Bible Study groups!** Come meet the groups, learn what they have to offer, and discover how studying Scripture together can deepen your faith and bring the Word of God to life!
- ***Family planning that reflects your faith and values:*** St. Francis Parish welcomes you to a Natural Family Planning presentation by Raquel Fararr Nurse Practitioner and Marquette Method Certified professional on **November 28th** at Hanley Hall, 30 McGill St N, Smiths Falls. Raquel will introduce the science behind NFP, explain how it supports women's health, and highlight its role in strengthening marriages through shared responsibility and respect. The presentation begins at 10am followed by a Q and A period. For further information see https://www.lifemattersnetwork.ca/.
- ***Solemn Vespers:*** The Knights of Columbus are hosting Solemn Vespers in honour of the Feast of St. Andrew on **Monday, November 30th**, at 7:00pm at St. John's Church. Men of the parish are warmly invited to a social gathering afterward in the Knights Hall at 15 Church Street, Perth.
- ***St John's CWL Christmas Bake Sale:*** St. John's CWL Christmas Bake Sale will be held December 5th and 6th after each Mass in the Narthex.



Festive and delicious homemade baking and preserves (and more!) will be available for cash purchase. All proceeds to support CWL projects in the parish and beyond. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. **Anyone wishing to provide baking for our sale may drop items off on Saturday December 5th between 3-5pm.** Thank you in advance for your generous support.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### St. John LifeMATTERS group presents...

**FRUIT CAKES FOR LIFE!**



In collaboration with Campaign Life Coalition, St. John's lifeMATTERS Group are taking orders for delicious Christmas Cakes & Treats in the Narthex **until November 29th.** These treats are made using the original recipes of the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey (formerly Oka) and are perfect for holiday gift-giving. Religious **Advent Calendars are also available** in two sizes, as well as religious Christmas cards … and whole Bean Coffee! … so don't wait to order. All proceeds go towards local pro-life work and the Monks of Val Notre Dame Abbey. Thank you for your support for Life, from conception to natural death. Please see posters in the Church for more information, or call Elaine @ 613-264-4071

**CWL Membership for 2027**

All women are warmly invited to join the Catholic Women's League in 2027! Annual membership is $40, payable by cash or cheque (**made out to "St. John Catholic Women's League").** Please use the blue CWL envelope provided in your parish donation box or clearly mark a regular envelope "CWL."

**ADVENT PARISH MISSION!**



Together, St. John the Baptist, Sacred Heart, and St. Bridget's Churches welcome Fr. Augustine Obago (SMMM) to lead this years' Advent Misson! Join us at St. John's Church on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, **December 16th – 18th**, during regular Mass times, for this joyous occasion. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

**HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!**

Donations are needed for this year's Children's Christmas Shopping Event in Lanark! We welcome new or gently used, gift-worthy toys, clothing, accessories and small household items that children can choose as Christmas gifts for their parents and siblings.

Wrapping paper, gift bags and tape are also needed!

**Event takes place on Saturday, December 5 | 10am – 2pm.**

St. Andrew's Church, 115 Clarence Street, Lanark

**Please drop off donations at the parish office or contact Doris Quinn no later than Wednesday, December 2nd.**

Thank you for helping make Christmas special for local families!

## ARCHDIOCESAN MASS

*for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Tuesday, December 8th at 10:30am - St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston. All are welcome!**

St. Mary's Church in Carleton Place is offering $30 per person coach bus transportation to this event, with pick-up stops in Smiths Falls and Lombardy. For details, please see the posters in the church or contact Katelyn at St. Mary's to register: 613-257-1284 or stmary.carletonplace@archkingston.ca.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING**

As the Christmas season approaches, families need support more than ever. Please consider donating non-perishable food items to help stock our local food bank. Most needed items at present are: Spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned beans, canned veggies, canned meats, kids lunch snacks, ground coffee, diapers, baby wipes.

Just 1 or 2 extra items in your grocery cart can make a big difference. Leave your items in the basket at the back of the church and a CWL member will ensure it is delivered to the "Table." Thank you for your generosity!

## MEETINGS

### St. John's Holy Face Group - November

St. John's Holy Face Group will be holding their monthly gathering on **Thursday, November 26th**, following the noon Mass. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Elaine, 613-267-1023.