

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE
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**He is Risen!
Alleluia, Alleluia**

Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

St. John Parish

Holy Saturday, April 19 - 9:00 p.m. - † Ken & Marion Keyes

Sunday, April 20 - 10:30 a.m. - † Tina Carey

St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, April 20 - 9:00 a.m. - Sandra Fodey

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Wednesday, April 23 - 8:30 a.m. - † Anna Park

Thursday, April 24 - 8:30 a.m. - † Christine Keyes

Friday, April 25 - 8:30 a.m. - † Wilf & Judi Garrah

Easter Sunday

St. John Parish

Saturday, April 26 - 4:30 p.m. - † Basil Gavin

Sunday, April 27 - 10:30 a.m. - † Danny Deir

St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, April 27 - 9:00 a.m. - † Bruce & Dorothy Davis



The Pope's Intention for April - For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



IN YOUR PRAYERS

May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually and fortitude to their caregivers. We pray for Jean Mulvihill, Fr. Don Cummings & Fr. Gus Mendonça, Brenda Wing, Joan Rowland, Mark Mabee, Dan Hall, Al King, Karen Wand, Joanne Sneider, Fr. Mac Burke, Fr. Leo Bryne, Colleen Bennett, Tracie Yuille, Margaret Leeder, Lily Anne Metcalfe, Christine Folke, Anne Warren, and Judy Weir.



Confessions are held one half hour before Mass on Saturdays or by appointment.

The churches of in our community of Gananoque are coming together once again for the procession of the Cross of Christ through the town April 18th at 10 a.m.

Please plan to join the procession. It will begin at Christ Church then proceed to Town Hall, then to St. John the Evangelist and finish at Christ Church. Each church will have seven to eight minutes to present a reading and a reflection.

“O God, by the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord, bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.”



PRAYERS AT THE END OF MASS

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to you and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

O Sacrament Most Holy! O Sacrament Divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine. *(Repeat three times)*

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me. Within Your wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from You. From the malicious enemy, defend me. At the hour of death, call me, And bid me come unto You that with your saints I may live with You forever in Heaven. Amen.



Children's Liturgy is offered at St. John's during Mass on Sundays.



The St. John/St. Philomena Catholic Women's League

Next regular meeting will be held Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 2 p.m.

In the sacristy at St. John's. Everyone is welcome.

An Easter Message from your Pastor

Brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Christ!

Throughout the Lenten season, we prepared ourselves to enter into the mystery of Christ's passion and death culminating in his rising from the dead. We accompanied Christ through his suffering on the cross which led us to the empty tomb.

Today, our churches will be filled with joyous acclamations of "Alleluia!" announcing Jesus' triumph over death!



As we gather with friends and family, I pray that the light of the Risen Christ will fill our hearts with joy. May this joy move us to be witnesses of the Resurrection to all those we encounter.

Know that I have been praying for you throughout this Easter season asking God to strengthen your Catholic faith and your love for the Eucharist. I ask you to pray for me that I may be a good shepherd of St. John, St. Philomena, St. Patrick and St. Brendan Parishes.

A special word of thanks to all the volunteers who have contributed generously to the Liturgies throughout Holy Week. This includes greeters, lectors, servers, altar decorators, sacristans, our catechist, the musicians and choir and our parish secretary. You are all super!

A very happy and blessed Easter to each of you, and to your families.

Father Christian

Job Posting: Diocesan Curial Assistant

Position: Diocesan Curial Assistant Location: Archdiocese of Kingston Employment Type: Full-time Reports To: Chancellor of Temporal Affairs

Position Summary: The Archdiocese is seeking a highly organized and professional Diocesan Curial Assistant to support the day-to-day operations of the Curia. This role is vital in ensuring the efficient functioning of the Archdiocesan offices by providing administrative, organizational, and reception support. The successful candidate will have strong interpersonal and clerical skills to manage scheduling, correspondence, event coordination, record-keeping, reception duties, and office supplies.

Why Join Us? This position is essential to the smooth functioning of the Archdiocese, providing vital administrative and reception support to Curial staff in their pastoral and operational responsibilities. If you are a dedicated professional who values working in a faith-based environment and contributing to the mission of the Church, we encourage you to apply.

How to Apply: Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to: temporalassistant@archkingston.ca by 11:59 p.m., April 25, 2025. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Here at St. John's we have a second collection where by we ask for loose change that you might have in your pocket/wallet/purse. We call it the **Loonie/Toonie** collection. It is a contribution to our building/maintenance fund. Thus far in 2025 we have accumulated **\$1,938**. Every little bit helps! Thank you for your on-going contributions!

GANANOQUE FOOD BANK -

PRESENTS THE BEATLES! Friday, May 2 at Grace united Church (120 Pine Street, Gananoque) at 7:30 p.m. & Sunday May 4 at Lansdowne United Church (25 Miller St. Lansdowne) at 2:30 p.m.

Pre-paid tickets are available from members and at the Corner Store Stylists, 117 King St. E. Gananoque



**Happy Birthday
Father Christian!**





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