

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE
ST. PHILOMENA – HOWE ISLAND
Roman Catholic Church**

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Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Welcome to our parishioners, family members, friends,
and visitors. Your presence here makes all the difference!**

New Parishioners:

Welcome! Please introduce yourself and complete a registration form which is available at the entrance of the church.

Reconciliation:

Confessions will be available one-half hour before weekend masses or by appointment with Father Christian.

Rosary:

Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass

Marriage:

Couples who are planning to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony are asked to please contact Father Christian at least 9-12 months in advance.

Baptism:

Please contact Father Christian to set up an appointment to meet for instruction.

Children's Liturgy:

For young children is held September to June during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

St. John and St. Philomena Cemetery:

Please contact the Parish Office.

Joining the Choir:

You are always encouraged to sing at our Masses, but joining a choir is also rewarding. Contact the office for more information.

For the Sick and Shut ins:

The sacrament for the Sick is available upon request if a family member is in the hospital or confined at home. Please call the office. Also, a request may be made through the nursing staff at hospitals for the Priest on call.

Bequest to the Parish:

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember your parishes in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

Mass Intentions:

Give a gift of a mass for someone's birthday, to someone who is ill or undergoing surgery. Envelopes at back.

St Joseph Elementary School:

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The Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2023



Second Sunday of Advent

St John Parish

Saturday, December 9

5:00 p.m. - † Deceased Members of the
Turcotte Family

Sunday, December 10

10:30 a.m. - † Alfred Rose

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, December 10

8:30 a.m. - For the People

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Tuesday, December 12

8:30 a.m. - † Sylvie Trudeau

Wednesday, December 13

10:00 a.m. - School Mass

Thursday, December 14

8:30 a.m. - † Kathleen Brennan

Friday, December 15

8:30 a.m. - † Basil Brosso

Third Sunday of Advent

St John Parish

Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. - † Robert Turcotte

Sunday, December 17

10:30 a.m. - † Vicente Ramales

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m. - Pixie Wilder

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER - For persons with disabilities - We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



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, Father Don Cummings, Brenda Wing, Olive Schijns, Joan Rowland, Mark Mabee, Dan Hall, Don Mills, and Dale Rashotte.



AN ADVENT PRAYER

Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Ministry Schedules:

St. John

Rosary:

Greeters/Ushers:

Lector:

Holy Communion:

December 16

Maureen Deir

Maryln Jacobsen

Dianne McCauley

Wilma Turcotte

December 17

Gerry Brosso

Sabrina Gifford

Anastasia Cliffe

St. Philomena

Holy Communion:

Lector:

December 17

Fr. Christian

Marg McReynolds

Please consider donating towards decorations to enhance our Christmas experience here in St. John's. If you wish your donation to be in remembrance of a loved one, please indicate the name(s) on paper and insert with your donation in the envelopes are provided at the back of the church and mark "Christmas Decorations" and drop in the collection basket by December 17th. Names of the remembered will be published in a pamphlet for the Christmas season. Christmas. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Sunday, December 24	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25	10:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 31	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 1	10:30 a.m.

ST. PHILOMENA PARISH

Sunday, December 24	8:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 31	8:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.



Gananoque Food Bank is currently in need of the following: peanut butter, jam, ketchup, mayo, chunky soups, tinned meats, pasta sauce, juice, and canned fruit. Please deposit your donation in the box provided in the church vestibule. Thank you.

Be on the lookout for 2024 Church Donation envelopes coming to you soon!

PLEASE NOTE - You may not have the same envelope number as previous yours as we have ordered less this year to save the expense of unused and unclaimed boxes.



From Our Visitor's Book

*Sept 5 - Thank you for having your doors open on this day, I needed strength, and I was driving by.
Westport, Oregon, USA*

Sept 21 - Beautiful church. We are from France and we're really impressed by the inside and outside of the church. Great organ too!



Sing to the Glory of The Lord!
Come early to the Christmas Eve 10 p.m. Mass! Starting at 9:15 p.m. Kevin John Saylor and Frayne McCarthy will be offering you a repertoire of Christmas hymns and carols. Enjoy the music and song of old favourites of the season.

Next Regular Meeting - Wed., December 13, 2:00 p.m.

We will be putting the Christmas basket together and intend to be making rather merry for the season. All are welcome!



We are selling tickets after weekend Masses on a Christmas Food Basket. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

The draw will take place December 17, 2023.



Dec 03	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$3,604.00	\$320.00
Loose cash	\$55.50	
RESTORATION:		
Building Maintenance Fund	300.00	
Loonie/Toonie Collection	182.21	
Fuel	\$510.00	\$220.00
Priest's Retirement Fund		\$60.00
Missals	\$45.00	\$10.00
Cemetery		\$50.00
Christmas Offering	\$90.00	
Christmas-decorations	\$40.00	

Family Advent Celebration - Choral & Instrumental Music for the Season Sunday,

December 10, 3:00 pm - CFB Kingston Spiritual Fitness Centre (formerly Trinity Chapel) 33 Lundy's Lane, Kingston Start your holiday season with familiar and charming sacred choral and vocal music from Canada, Germany, Ukraine, Renaissance Spain and Italy, and Baroque England, along with instrumental music for strings from Austria and Italy! Introducing: Trinitas Youth Singers; Jeffrey Moellman, director. With special guest Christine Helferty, soprano. This 1-hour concert is perfect for the whole family -- children are encouraged to attend!





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