

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

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Parish Secretary: Anne Marie Young
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 daily and 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.

Join our Choirs (Voice and Instrumental):

Sunday Choir: practices on Mondays 7 p.m.
Traditional Choir: practices on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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:

235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, K7G 1M9
613-382-2361 www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca

Regiopolis-Notre Dame High School:

130 Russell St., Kingston 613-545-1902

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022**



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. John

St. John

Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. - † Sylvie Trudeau

Sunday, December 11

10:30 a.m.- † Special Intention

St. Philomena

Sunday, December 11

8:30 a.m. - For the People

**WEEKDAY MASSES AT
ST. JOHN'S**

Tuesday, December 13

8:30 a.m. - † Basil Brosso

Wednesday, December 14

10:00 a.m. - † Mary Deryaw

Thursday, December 15

8:30 a.m. - † Peter McCarney

Friday, December 16

8:30 a.m. - † Sheila Wickens

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. John

Saturday, December 17

5:00 p.m. - † Mary Deryaw

Sunday, December 18

10:30 a.m.- † Jason Dawley

St. Philomena

Sunday, December 18

8:30 a.m. - For the People

READINGS FOR December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R. .7c+10b)

Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1. 18-24



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Saturday, December 24 5:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 31 5:00 p.m.

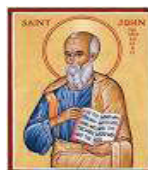
Sunday, January 1 10:30 a.m.

ST. PHILOMENA PARISH

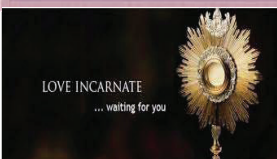
Saturday, December 24 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 31 7:30 p.m.

There are a few spots left in December for mass intentions. Call the office at 613-382-2017 and reserve a mass for yourself or someone you love.



	Weekly Contributions: Dec 4/22	
Thank you!	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering:	\$1,650.00	\$390.00
Loose	\$92.50	
Needs of Church in Canada		
Restoration	\$325.00	
Fuel	\$735.00	\$25.00
Flowers	\$90.00	



**HOLY HOUR
EVERY FRIDAY AFTER
8:30 AM MASS**

Ministry Schedules:	<u>St. John</u>	December 17, 2022	&	December 18, 2022
Rosary:		Dianne Ouellet		
Greeters/Ushers:		Lorraine O'Meara		Linda Beaupre
Lector:		Donna McCauley		Diane Hebert
Gifts:				
Holy Communion:		Marylyn Jacobson		Budgie Mabec
<u>St. Philomena</u>				December 11, 2022
Lector:				Marg McReynolds
Holy Communion:				Fr. Christian

Advent - A time for self preparation

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

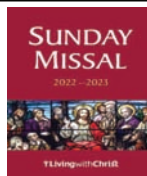
The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Finally, Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday. It is important to remember, however, there are no particular rules for how the laity should observe Advent.



Please consider donating towards flowers and 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 the donation envelopes are provided at the back of the church and drop in the collection basket by December 18th. Names of the remembered will be published in booklet for the Christmas season. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Be on the lookout for 2023 Church Donation envelopes coming to you soon! When you see them at the back of the church, please pick them up. If you don't see one for you, please call the office to advise, it will be rectified the following weekend. Thank you for your patience.



Missals for 2022-2023 are available for a donation of \$5.00 and found at the back of the church.



The Pope's Intention for December: Volunteer Not-for-profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



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.



St. Joseph Catholic School is working hard to give you a chance to attend their **Christmas Concert**. They are offering the same concert on three different days!

Tuesday, December 20th - 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21st - 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, December 22nd - 12:15 p.m.

All are invited; pick a day and enjoy!



FOR THE WEEK OF
December 10- DECEMBER 16
Thanksgiving for Blessings Received



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