

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Secretary: Bernadette Veitch  
Monday - 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:**

- 3:45 - 4:45 pm Saturday or anytime by appointment. Please call the parish office.

## **Rosary:**

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

## **Marriage:**

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

## **Baptism:**

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

## **Children's Liturgy:**

- Children's Liturgy for young children is held September to June during the 10:30 am Sunday Mass.

## **St. John's and St. Philomena's Cemetery:**

- Please contact the parish office.

## **Join our Choirs (voice and instrumental):**

- Sunday Choir: practices on Mondays 7 pm
- Traditional Choir: practices on Wednesdays at 10:30 am

## **For the Sick and Shut-ins:**

- The Sacrament of 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 thru the nursing staff at hospitals for the priest on call.

## **Bequests 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 located at Church entrance.

## **St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School:**

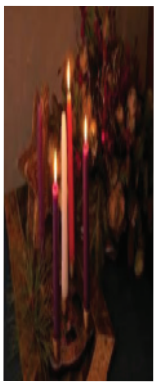
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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 12, 2021**

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**St. John**  
 Saturday, December 11  
 5:00 p.m. - †Sylvie Trudeau  
 Sunday, December 12  
 10:30 a.m.- †Mary Bird Flynn  
**St. Philomena**  
 Sunday, December 12  
 8:30 a.m.- †Peter Dowling

**ST. JOHN'S WILL CLOSE FOLLOWING MORNING MASS AS A TEMPORARY SECURITY MEASURE ST. PHILOMENA'S WILL BE CLOSED ONLY OPEN AT MASS TIME**  
**WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN'S**

Tuesday, December 14  
 8:30 a.m. - †Sidney Osmond  
Wednesday, December 15  
 8:30 a.m. - † Helen Keyes McAllister  
Thursday, December 16  
 8:30 a.m. - †Basil Brosso  
Friday, December 17  
 8:30 a.m. - †Hugh & Anastacia McGlade



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**St. John**  
 Saturday, December 18  
 5:00 p.m. - †Charles Gray  
 Sunday, December 19  
 10:30 a.m. - †Harriett Gagnon  
**St. Philomena**  
 Sunday, December 19  
 8:30 a.m. - †For the People

**READINGS FOR December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**First Reading:** Micah 5.2-5a  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 80 1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10.5-10  
**Gospel:** Luke 1.39-45



**National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples - Dec 12 the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

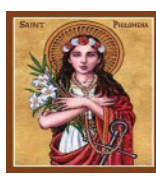
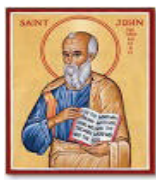
All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** 4:30 pm ST. JOHN  
 Friday, Dec. 24 7:00 pm ST. PHILOMENA  
 9:30 pm ST. JOHN  
**CHRISTMAS DAY:** 10:30 am ST. JOHN  
 Saturday, Dec. 25  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE:** 4:30 pm ST. JOHN  
 Friday, Dec. 31 7:00 pm ST. PHILOMENA  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY:** 10:30 am ST. JOHN  
 Saturday, Jan. 1

**PLEASE CALL AHEAD (613-382-2017) TO BOOK YOUR SEATS, AS WE WILL BE SOCIAL DISTANCING, MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY**



	Weekly Contributions: Dec. 5, 2021	
Thank you!	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular:	\$6,597.50	\$365.00
Fuel:	\$615.00	\$145.00
Priest Retirement Fd:	\$10.00	
Needs of Church		
World Mission Sunday		
Christmas:	\$160.00	
EFT:		

**Ministry Schedules: St. John December 11, 2021 & December 12, 2021**

Carveth:  
 Junior Liturgy:  
 Rosary: Mary Haesler  
 Greeters/Ushers: Sharon Carmichael Linda Beaupre  
 Lector: Maureen Deir Yvonne Harper  
 Gifts:  
 Holy Communion:  
**St. Philomena December 12, 2021**  
 Lector: Hugues Holy Communion: Fr. Dale

Synod  
2021  
2023

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

Prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit for an ecclesial assembly of governance or discernment (thus synodal)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.

For a synodal Church  
communion | participation | mission

### SYNOD 2021 2023 Week 3 – Themes of the Synod

The three synod themes are communion, participation, and mission. These themes are profoundly connected.

**Communion:** God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith, through Christ who unites us with each in the Holy Spirit. Together we are inspired by listening to the Word of God, grounded in the faith that we share. We all have a role to play in the discerning and living out God's call for His people by listening to one another and "journeying together" in our faith.

**Participation:** The Synod calls all of us (laity, consecrated and ordained) to be engaged in this deep and respectful listening to one another. The free and rich diversity of its members called together to pray, to listen, to analyze, to dialogue, to discern, and to offer advice on making pastoral decisions which correspond as closely as possible to God's will - all the faithful are qualified. Genuine efforts must be made to ensure the inclusion of all - the poor, the marginalized, the vulnerable, and the excluded – and those who feel they don't belong.

**Mission:** The Church exists to evangelize. Our mission is to witness to the love of God amid the whole human family. The Synodal process is to enable the Church to better witness the Gospel to those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographic, and existential peripheries of our world.

**Reflection question from Archbishop Mulhall drawn from this Sunday's Gospel : How do I decrease so that Christ might increase in my life? John the Baptist always points away from himself and toward Christ. How can we do the same?**

Visit our synod website for more at  
[www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/synod](http://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/synod)

**CONFESSIONS WILL BE HELD  
IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SATURDAYS  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. OR WITH FR. DALE BY  
APPOINTMENT**



**DONATION ENVELOPES  
FOR 2022 ARE AT THE  
BACK OF THE CHURCH,  
PICK YOURS UP NOW!**



**Flowers in Memory of our Loved Ones/In Thanksgiving.** If you would like to donate in memory of a Loved One or in Thanksgiving, for flowers this Christmas, please fill out the form found at the back of the church and deposit in the Collection Basket or at the office by December 13. A special booklet will include all requests.



**“Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”**

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, “The Lord is coming.” But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, “The Lord is near.” This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, “The Lord is coming.” But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, “The Lord is near.” This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.



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