

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE
ST. PHILOMENA – HOWE ISLAND
ST. PATRICK – LANSDOWNE
ST. BRENDAN - ROCKPORT**

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**Welcome 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 Saturday Mass or by appointment with Father Tom.

Rosary:

Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday Mass at St. John's.

Marriage:

Couples who are planning to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony are asked to please contact the office to make an appointment with Father Tom at least 9-12 months in advance.

Baptism:

Please contact the parish office to obtain a registration form and information on the requirements of this sacrament.

St. John and St. Philomena Cemeteries:

Please contact the Parish Office.

Join 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.

St Joseph Elementary School:

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130 Russell St., Kingston 613-545-1902

Third Sunday of Advent: December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

St. John Parish

Sat, Dec 13 4:30 pm: † Angela and Ernest Rose

Sun, Dec 14 10:30 am: † Anna Rose

St. Patrick Parish

Sun, Dec 14 9:00 am: † Grover & Lena Reid

Third Week of Advent

St. John Parish

Wed, Dec 17, 8:30 am - † Deceased members of
the Jobin & Dionne Families

Thurs, Dec 18, 8:30am: † Deceased members of
the Duggan & O'Donnell Families

Fri, Dec 19 8:30 am: † Jason Dawley

***Adoration & Confession 3:00-5:00 pm**

Fourth Sunday in Advent

St. John Parish

Sat, Dec 20 4:30 pm † Robert McCauley

Sun, Dec 21 10:30 am † Primo Castelli

St. Patrick Parish

Sun, Dec 21 9:00 am † Vlado and Marie Babak

Christmas/New Year Mass Schedule

Wed, December 24

St. John - 4:30 pm & 10:00 pm

St. Patrick - 6:30 pm

Thurs, Dec 25 **St. John:** - 10:30 am

Fri, Dec 26 **No Mass**

Wed, Dec 31 **St. John** - 4:30 pm

St Patrick - 6:00 pm

Thurs, Jan 1 **St. John** - 10:30 am

Fri, Jan 2 **No Mass**

**Regular Mass Schedule on Sat & Sun*

The Pope's Intention for December



For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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, Fr. Mac Burke, Fr. Leo Bryne, Colleen Bennett, Tracie Yuille, Margaret Leeder, Lily Anne Metcalfe, Christine Folke, Judy Weir, Alice Manga, Barbara MacNeill, Barbara Mulcair, Colleen Buchanan, Carol Laclair, and Anna O'Hearn

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:

Please remember all those who have entered into eternal life.

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



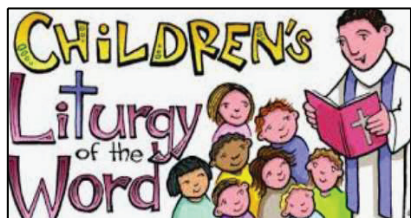
To prepare for the **Word Incarnate**, a spotless and holy tabernacle, God created Mary in grace and endowed her from the moment of her conception with all the perfections suited to her exalted dignity. This feast invites us to meditate on the virtue of purity.

Prayer for the 200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston

O Christ our King, who, for two centuries has built up the Archdiocese of Kingston upon the solid rock of Faith, grant that your people may know you, the Risen Christ, and through participating in your suffering and death, come at last to attain the glory of your resurrection. You, who live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.



Confessions are held at 4:00 pm:
One half hour before Mass on Saturday or by appointment .



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

The next Children's School Mass is on **Thursday, Jan 15 at 10:00 am**. Please note: There will be **no** 8:30 am Mass on this day but all are welcome to attend the Children's School Mass.

Offertory Envelopes

It's that time of year again! Your 2026 envelopes are at the back of the Church. If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the parish office.



The St John/St Philomena CWL would like to thank members for renewing their membership dues for 2026. If you have not done so, know that there is still time. The annual fee is \$35.00

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 raised over **\$7112!** Every little bit helps! Thank you for your on-going contributions!

Offerings	St. John Dec 7	St. Philomena Dec 7
Regular Offering	\$2,060.00	\$70.00
Loose cash	\$210.00	
Christmas	\$50.00	
Fuel	\$620.00	\$120.00
RESTORATION: Building Fund Loonie/Toonie	\$270.00 \$220.15	

Special Note

Beginning January 1, 2026 requests for replacement copies of certificate of baptism, first communion, confirmation or marriage will incur a charge of \$20 for each copy. You are asked to make payment in advance via cash, cheque or e-transfer.

Reconciliation During Advent

In addition to Saturday at 4:00 pm, confession will also be heard on Friday, **December 19 from 3 - 5 pm** by Special Confessor **Father Brian McNally** and Father Tom Stephan



The Archdiocese of Kingston is Celebrating its 200th Anniversary!

December 8, 2025 - December 8, 2026

The celebratory theme for this anniversary is from Philippians 3:10: *"To know Christ and the power of His resurrection."*

During this year, the **200th Anniversary Prayer** replaces the *Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations recited after Holy Mass*

MASS INTENTIONS ARE NEEDED

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one, please submit a Mass Request to us. An announced Mass intention is \$20. An unannounced Mass is \$10.

How to donate to the Church in memory of someone special. Donations to the St. John the Evangelist Church or for St. Philomena Church can be done anytime. Place a cheque in an envelope along with your name, address and your special intention. A tax receipt will be forwarded at year-end.



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