

**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  
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**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2022**



**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

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

Tuesday, December 20

8:30 a.m. - † Basil Bosso

Wednesday, December 21

8:30 a.m. - † Mary Deryaw

Thursday, December 22

8:30 a.m. - † Basil Brosso

Friday, December 23

8:30 a.m. - † Joanna Lowther

**CHRISTMAS**

**St. John**

Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. - For the People

10.00 p.m.- For the People

Sunday, December 25

10:30 a.m.- For the People

**St. Philomena**

Saturday, December 24

7:30 p.m. - For the People

**READINGS FOR** December 24, 5:00 & 7:30 p.m.  
**First Reading:** Isaiah 62.1-5  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 89.3,-4, 15-16, 26+28(R.1a)  
**Second Reading:** Acts 13,16-17, 22-25  
**Gospel:** Matthew 1.18-25

**READINGS FOR** December 24, 10:00 p.m.  
**First Reading:** Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 96.1-2,3-4,11-12,13(R.Luke 2.11)  
**Second Reading:** Titus 2.11-14  
**Gospel:** Luke 2.1-16++

**READINGS FOR** Christmas December 25, 10:30 a.m.  
**First Reading:** Isaiah 52.7-10  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 98.1, 2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6 (R.3bc)  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 1.1-6  
**Gospel:** John 1.1-5, 9-14



**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.



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

**Ministry Schedules:**

<b>St. John</b>	<b>December 24, 5 p.m.</b>	<b>&amp; December 24, 10:00 p.m.</b>	<b>December 25, 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Rosary:</b>			
<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b>	Gerry Brosso	Margaret Rose	Frank Fair
<b>Lector:</b>	Christine Woods	Lorraine O'Meara	Sabrina Gifford
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Sharon Carmichael	Lorraine O'Meara	Margaret rose
<b>Holy Communion:</b>	Ann O'Neill		
<b>St. Philomena</b>	<b>December 24, 7:30 a.m.</b>		
<b>Lector:</b>	Marg McReynolds		
<b>Holy Communion:</b>	Fr. Christian		



The Fourth Sunday of Advent symbolizes Love. All four candles will be lit on our Advent wreath and we will have a full circle of light. The Lord brings the light of love to his people by sending His only Son to earth for our salvation.

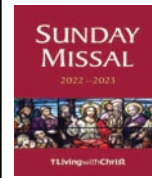
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17) May the love of Christ be with you and your family always.

***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.***



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.

Church Donation envelopes are here! You can find them at the back of the church, please pick yours up. If you don't see one for you, or there is a mistake 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 20<sup>th</sup> - 12:15 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - 12:15 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - 12:15 p.m.**

All are invited; pick a day and enjoy!



**FOR THE WEEK OF  
December 17- DECEMBER 23  
Thanksgiving for Blessings Received**



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