

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE
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prepare the way...



ADVENT

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of 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 & Marie Babak

Christmas Eve: December 24

St. John Parish

4:30 pm & 10:00 pm

St. Patrick Parish

6:30 pm Living Intentions of Beryle Kolb

Christmas Day: December 25

St. John Parish

10:30 am

Boxing Day: December 26: No Mass

Feast of the Holy Family

St. John Parish

Sat, Dec 27 4:30 pm † Primo Castelli

Sun, Dec 28 10:30 am † Carmelita & Eduardo
J. Orellano

St. Patrick Parish

Sun, Dec 28 9:00 am † Ed Lappan

New Year Mass Schedule

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

St. Patrick - 6:00 pm

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

† Refugio Olmedo Alvarez

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 theirs 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 January 15 at **10:00 am**. Please note: There will be **no** 8:30 am Mass on this day, however, 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

The next regular meeting is January 15, 2026 at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Mark your calendar for March 6th, 2026 as St. John's is hosting this event.

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!

GANANOQUE FOOD BANK

is currently in need of: Canned Vegetables, Pasta, Canned fruit, Tea, Cookies, Toilet tissue, Shampoo, Deodorant, and Dish Soap.



St. Rita's Drop-in Centre -St. Mary's Cathedral Outreach to the homeless and poor of the city. 1:00-3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. Providing safety, great food, showers, and good Christian hospitality and dignity. Inquiries: paty@stmaryscathedral.ca

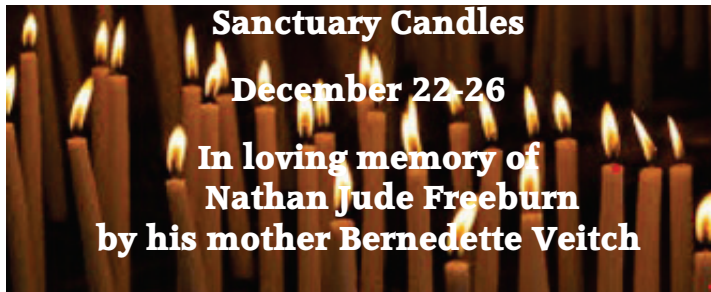
Special Note

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.

Sanctuary Candles

December 22-26

In loving memory of Nathan Jude Freeburn by his mother Bernedette Veitch



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."*

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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