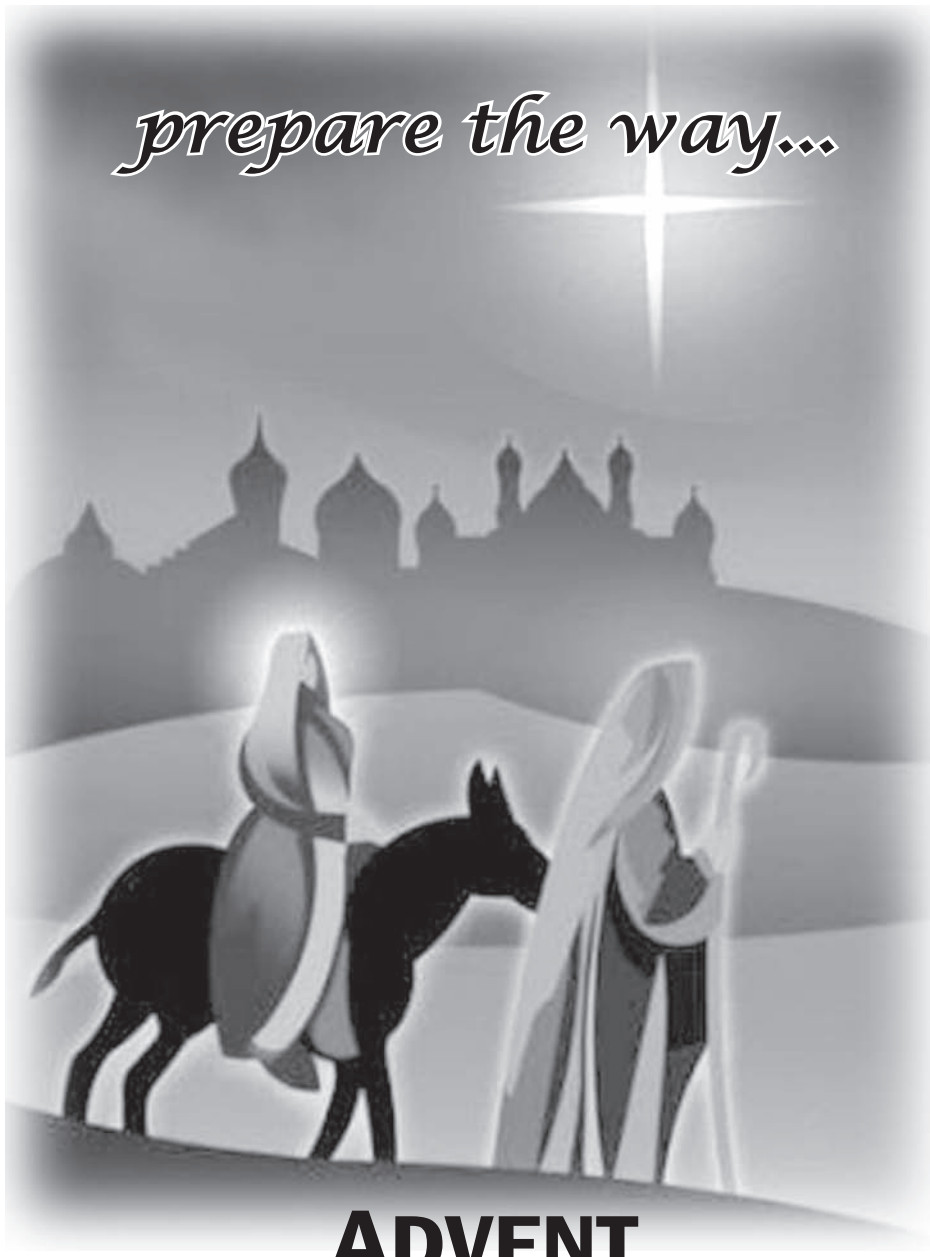


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**ADVENT**

# Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE



### Fourth Sunday Of Advent

#### St. John Parish

Saturday, Dec. 21 - 5:00 p.m. - † Bruneau Dionne

Sunday, December 22 - 10:30 a.m. - † Pixie Wilder

#### St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, December 22 - 9:00 a.m. - † Mara King

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, December 24 - 11 a.m. - Mass at Fox Run

#### St. John Parish

Tuesday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m. - For the People

Tuesday, December 24 - 10:00 p.m. - For the People

Wed., December 25 - 10:30 a.m. - For the People

Thurs., December 26 - 8:30 a.m. - No Mass

Friday, December 27 - 8:30 a.m. - † Donna Brown

#### St. Patrick's Parish

Tuesday, December 24 - 7:00 p.m. - For the People

Wed., December 25 - 9:00 a.m. - † Theodor Schmid &  
Family

### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

#### St. John Parish

Saturday, Dec. 28 - 5:00 p.m. - † Teresa Donald

Sunday, Dec. 29 - 10:30 a.m. - † Carmelita & Edward  
Orellano

#### St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, Dec. 29 - 9:00 a.m. - Bernadette Burgess

### **December: For Pilgrims of Hope**

Pope Francis requests this month's prayers "so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian 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, Joanne Sneider, Wayne Ocolisan, Fr. Mac Burke, Fr. Leo Bryne, Colleen Bennett, Jim Knudson. and Tracie Yuille.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**



### **St. John Parish**

Tuesday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24 - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 - 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

### **St Patrick Parish**

Tuesday, December 24 - 7:00 p.m.

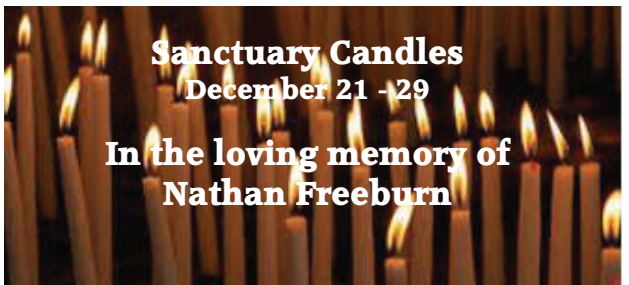
Wednesday, December 25 - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

*A Blessed Christmas to All!*

**Prayer For Vocations** O God, you have chosen the Apostles to make disciples of all nations and by Baptism and Confirmation have called all of us to build up your Holy Church. We earnestly implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters who will love you with their whole heart and will gladly spend their entire lives to make you known and loved by all. *Amen.*



**Sanctuary Candles**  
December 21 -29

**In the loving memory of**  
**Nathan Freeburn**

*My Brothers & Sisters:*

*With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas.*

*During this Advent season, it has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.*

*Christmas has a way of bringing to Church individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and His Church community. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God's presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world.*

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved parishes.*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Father Christian, Pastor*



### **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.

## **NOTICE**

**Beginning Saturday, January 4, 2025**

**Saturday evening Masses will start  
at 4:30 p.m.**



**Children's Liturgy  
is offered at  
St. John's during  
Mass on Sundays.**

### **The St. John/St. Philomena Catholic Women's League**

The next regular CWL meeting will be held in the sacristy at St. John's on

**January 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**

Note the new time. Everyone is welcome.



### **GANANOQUE FOOD BANK**

The Food Bank is currently in need of **Peanut Butter, Jam, Cereal, Chunky Soups, Canned fruit, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Meats-Ham, Chicken, Fruit juice-Canned, Bottle or tetra packs** Please deposit your donation in the box provided in the church vestibule. Thank you for your continued support!

### **Transformation Night**

#### **(Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission)**

Wednesday, January 29, 2025; 7:00-9:30 pm St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston) Experience the "Transforming Power of the Steadfast Love of God". Nancy Steele (www.nastele.ca), author and recent keynote speaker at the 2024 Women's Fall Retreat has a heart to help people grasp just how much God loves them. The evening will begin with Adoration and worship with song. After Nancy's presentation there will be an opportunity for personal prayer ministry from the Encounter School of Ministry graduates. **NO CHARGE.** For more information email: [kingston@encounterschool.org](mailto:kingston@encounterschool.org)

### **St. Rita's Drop-in Centre St. Mary's Cathedral**

**Outreach** to the homeless and poor of the city. 1:00-3:30 pm., Mon. to Fri. Providing safety, great food, showers, and good Christian hospitality and dignity. Inquiries: [paty@stmaryscathedral.ca](mailto:paty@stmaryscathedral.ca)

### **Please pick up your 2025 offering envelopes.**

You will find them at the south side at the back of the church. If you can not find one with your name on it or if some of the information is incorrect please contact the office at 613-382-2017. Thank you.





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