

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

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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE



Fourth Sunday of Advent

St John Parish

Saturday, December 23

5:00 p.m. - Intentions of Father Christian

Sunday, December 24

10:30 a.m. - † Carmelita & Eduardo Orellano

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, December 24

8:30 a.m. - For the People

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Tuesday, December 26

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27

8:30 a.m. - † Basil Brosso

Thursday, December 28

8:30 a.m. - † Julie Robertson

Friday, December 29

8:30 a.m. - † Carmelita Orellano

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

St John Parish

Saturday, December 30

5:00 p.m. - John Traynor

Sunday, December 31

10:30 a.m. - † Brian Lynch

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m. - For the People

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER - For persons with disabilities - We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



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, Father Don Cummings, Brenda Wing, Olive Schijns, Joan Rowland, Mark Mabee, Dan Hall, Don Mills, and Dale Rashotte.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please remember Brian Lynch and those who have entered into eternal life.



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Sunday, December 24 10:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 31 10:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1 10:30 a.m.

ST. PHILOMENA PARISH

Sunday, December 24 8:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 31 8:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.



Confessions are held one half hour before every Mass on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays or by appointment until Christmas.

Ministry Schedules:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rosary</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Holy Communion</u>
St John				
Dec 30 - 5 pm	Mary Haesler	June Nalon	Donna Mccauley	Anne O'Neill
Dec 31 - 10:30 am		Linda Beaupre	Michael Roney	Diane Hebert
Dec 31- 7:30 pm		Lorraine O'Meara	Mary Elizabeth McDonald	Marlyn Jacobsen
Jan 1 - 10:30 am		Maureen Deir	Gerry Brosso	Wilma Turcotte
St. Philomena			Lector	Holy Communion
Dec 31 - 8:30 am			Bonnie Ottenhof	Fr. Christian
Dec 31- 7:30 pm			Diane Dowling	Fr. Christian

A Christmas Message from your Pastor

“ Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord”

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to reflect God’s presence in our community. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Additionally, a special thank you to the devoted members of the various ministries in our parish and especially to those few who work quietly, behind the scenes all the time to help make our parish become more vibrant. You are super!

My Christmas message this year is to challenge all of us to become more involved. It is not so much a question of giving more; it is a question of giving more of ourselves. Moreover, that’s what God did when he entered our world at the first Christmas. God will fill us with His peace if there is room for Him in our lives.

In closing, my only prayer today, that you, your family and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Joy and Love. At the same time, I thank you all, most sincerely for your thoughtful prayers, inspiring Christmas greetings and gifts. May all parishioners be over shadowed with the mighty and powerful blessings of the Baby Jesus, the Emmanuel.

Father Christian



AN ADVENT PRAYER

Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like

Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said “Yes” to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus!

Dec 10	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$1,215.00	\$145.00
Loose cash	\$95.75	\$60.00
RESTORATION:		
Building Maintenance Fund	150.00	
Loonie/Toonie Collection	101.75	
Fuel	\$305.00	\$10.00
Priest’s Retirement Fund	\$10.00	
Missals	\$20.00	\$35.00
Donation	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
Christmas-decorations	\$375.00	



Gananoque Food Bank is currently in need of the following: peanut butter, jam, ketchup, mayo, chunky soups, tinned meats-ham or chicken, pasta sauce, juice, and canned fruit. Please deposit your donation in the box provided in the church vestibule.

Please pick up your 2024 Church Donation envelopes at the back of the church. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE

You may not have the same envelope number as previous yours as we have ordered less this year to save the expense of unused and unclaimed boxes.

**A very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!**



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