

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

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The Nativity of the Lord

**Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2022**

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Christmas- The Nativity of the Lord

St. John

Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. - For the People

Saturday, December 24

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

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN'S

Tuesday, December 27

8:30 a.m. - † Merle & Vincent Keyes

Wednesday, December 28

10:00 a.m. - † Floyd & Bernice Young

Thursday, December 29

8:30 a.m. - Special intention

- † Carmelita & Eduardo Orellano

Friday, December 30

8:30 a.m. - † Jason Dawley

New Year's - The Solemnity of Mary,

The Holy Mother of God

St. John

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. - For the People

Sunday, January 1, 2023

10:30 a.m.- † Basil Brosso

St. Philomena

Saturday, December 31

7:30 p.m. - For the People

READINGS FOR January 1, 2023

First Reading: Numbers 6.22-27

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67.1-2, 4-5,6-7 (R.1a)

Second Reading: Galatians 4.4-7

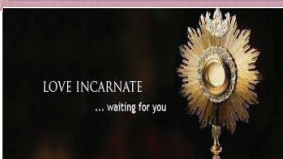
Gospel: Luke 2.16-21

St. Mary's Drop-In Centre Looking for Volunteers

260 Brock St., Kingston. Volunteer your time to help one of our teams: We need your help with staffing shifts, collecting/organizing donations, working at our Community Garden, and fundraising. Our guests regard the church as a safe haven and we continually hear that our loving volunteers make all the difference. We strive to see Jesus in all those who come through our doors (Mt 25:40). We are always in need of more volunteers, particularly to staff the shifts at the Drop-In Centre and to provide pastoral care to our guests. To volunteer, please get in touch with Paty Velazquez, Coordinator. Email: paty@stmmaryscathedral.ca; Phone: (613) 546-5521

Dear Friends, you will notice that the bulletin, for a few weeks, seems to be reporting the financial information late or not at all. That is due to the fact our publisher required that several bulletins to be completed ahead of the regular schedule; to accommodate Christmas timelines for their vacation. We will catch up in the new year! Thank you for your understanding.

	Weekly Contributions: Dec 11/22	
Thank you!	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering:	\$1,299.00	\$145.00
Priest Retirement		\$40.00
Donation	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Loose	\$61.10	
Fuel	\$240.00	\$70.00
Flowers	\$135.10	
Restoration	\$245.00	



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

Ministry Schedules:

St. John

December 31

January 1

Rosary:

Greeters/Ushers:

Lector:

Holy Communion

June Nalon

Wilma Turotte

Margaret Rose

Maryln Jacobson

Yvonne Harper

Maryln Jacobson

St. Philomena

December 31

Lector:

Holy Communion:

TBA

Fr. Christian

♪ **Today is born a Saviour,
Christ the Lord** ♪

A Christmas Message from your Pastor:

My dear friends, as we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but the whole year; not just the whole year, but our whole lives. Let us inspire this world, that can seem so lost in darkness, with the light of Christ in the light of our joy. Let us welcome family and friends. Let us welcome strangers and travelers in our midst who may join with us to celebrate the Eucharist. Make room in the pews; greet them with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality those like Mary and Joseph, who are seeking room in the inn. Let us not send them away to be born in a manger like the baby Jesus.

If you are returning to Church today from a long absence, or even a short one, let the joy of this celebration fill you. Let the light of Christ into your lives and into your hearts that your hearts may grow "three sizes" this day and return to the joy of celebrating the Eucharist today and every week of the year.

My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do to grow our church community. It is with humble joy that I give thanks for the honour of serving as your Pastor. Thank you for all your support and prayers. "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." (Luke 2:10-14)

May God bless you this Christmas, may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth and may you be missionaries of that joy, Amen.

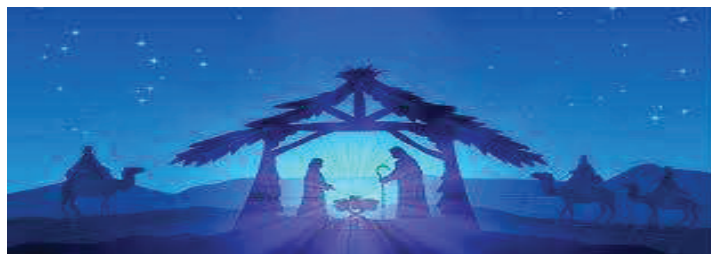
*Christ's Joyful Peace & Love,
Father Christian*

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.



There are still 2022-2023 missals available for a donation of \$5.00 and can be 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.

The Pope's message for Christmas:

Pope Francis asked people to celebrate a "real Christmas" by recognizing Jesus in their lives and cultivating peace in their hearts.

"What is Christmas? Is it a tree? A statue of a baby with a woman and a man nearby? Yes, it is Jesus, the birth of Jesus," he said, so "stop for a bit and think of Christmas as a message, a message of peace."

It is OK to celebrate, exchange gifts, eat and be merry, he said, "but do not forget Jesus. Christmas is Jesus who comes, who comes to touch our hearts," families, homes and lives.



Catholic Women's League Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the sacristy at St. John Parish. Everyone Welcome!



**FOR THE WEEK OF
December 24- DECEMBER 30
For deceased family members of
Elizabeth Knudson**



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