

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

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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH
THE NEW YEAR**

The Feast of the Holy Family - December 31, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

St John Parish

Saturday, December 30

5:00 p.m. - Joan Dillion

Sunday, December 31

10:30 a.m. - † Brian Lynch

5:00 p.m. - For The People

Monday, January 1

10:30 a.m. - For the People



St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m. - For the People

7:30 p.m. - For the People

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Weekday masses will not be said during the month of January and until February 20th. Father Christian will be away. Please pray for his safe travel and safe return.

St John Parish

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6,

5:00 p.m. - Nadine Plumpton

Sunday, January 7

10:30 a.m. - † For the People

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, January 7

8:30 a.m. - For the People

While Father Christian is away Father Ikedi Obikaonu is coming to say weekend Masses at both St. John's and St. Philomena. Thank you Father and welcome!



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 Olive Schijns and those who have entered into eternal life.



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a liturgical celebration observed on January 1st. It is a holy day of

obligation for Catholics, meaning that Mass attendance is required. By celebrating a solemnity dedicated to Mary's motherhood, the Church highlights the significance of her part in the life of Jesus, and emphasizes that He is both human and divine.

When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honouring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honouring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honour we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honours Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honours Mary as the "Queen of Peace."

Ministry Schedules:

St. John

Rosary:

Greeters/Ushers:

Lector:

Holy Communion:

January 6

Maryln Jacobsen

Terri McFaul

Anne O'Neill

Marlene Sirosky

January 7

Michael Roney

Diane Hebert

Budgie Mabee

St. Philomena

Holy Communion:

Lector:

January 7

Fr. Christian

Marg McReynolds

“The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!” Happy New Year!

O Come All Ye Faithful: Epiphany Christmas Carol-Sing

Saturday, January 6, 2:00-3:30 pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church; 392 Palace Road, Kingston
Led by the Trinitas Singers and Youth Singers under the direction of Jeffrey Moellman. Monetary and non-perishable/canned food donations will be collected in support of a local charitable organization. A festive reception will follow.

ALPHA is Coming! (Presented by Holy Family Parish)

Mondays, starting February 5 - April 8, 2024; 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm
Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall (588 Division Street, Kingston)

This is a FREE course and dinner will be served. ALPHA is a series of 10 videos, about 30 minutes long, that explore the big issues around the Christian Faith, with a Catholic view and allow us to deepen our relationship with Jesus. These are followed by group discussions, to share thoughts and ideas on the topic. Everyone’s welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you’re invited. Registration is required. Please contact Holy Family at 613-548-8587 or holyfamily@archkingston.ca. For more information check out alphacanada.org.



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. Thank you.

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 years as we have ordered less to save the expense of unused and unclaimed boxes.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

O Sacrament Most Holy!
O Sacrament Divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment Thine.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me. Within Your wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from You.
From the malicious enemy, defend me.
At the hour of death, call me,
And bid me come unto You that with your saints
I may live with You forever in Heaven.
Amen.

PRAYERS AT THE END OF MASS

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to you and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

Dec 17	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$1,670.00	\$280.00
Loose cash	\$76.30	\$40.00
RESTORATION:		
Building Maintenance Fund	\$575.00	
Loonie/Toonie Collection	86.91	
Fuel	\$60.00	\$30.00
EFT + EFT Christmas	\$5,250.35	\$225.00
Christmas offering	\$120.00	
Christmas-decorations	\$435.00	\$20.00

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.

- 1) An announced Mass intention is a donation of \$20; an unannounced Mass is \$10.
- 2) An intention may be placed well ahead of time if you want a specific date.

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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