

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

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Parish Secretary: Anne Marie Young  
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Welcome to our parishioners, family members, friends,  
and visitors. Your presence here makes all the difference!**

**New Parishioners:**

Welcome! Please introduce yourself and complete a registration form which is available at the entrance of the church.

**Reconciliation:**

Confessions will be available one-half hour before daily and weekend masses or by appointment with Father Christian.

**Rosary:**

Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Marriage:**

Couples who are planning to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony are asked to please contact Father Christian at least 9-12 months in advance.

**Baptism:**

Please contact Father Christian to set up an appointment to meet for instruction.

**Children's Liturgy:**

For young children is held September to June during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**St. John and St. Philomena Cemetery:**

Please contact the Parish Office.

**Join our Choirs (Voice and Instrumental):**

Sunday Choir: practices on Mondays 7 p.m.  
Traditional Choir: practices on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

**For the Sick and Shut ins:**

The sacrament for the Sick is available upon request if a family member is in the hospital or confined at home. Please call the office. Also, a request may be made through the nursing staff at hospitals for the Priest on call.

**Bequest to the Parish:**

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember your parishes in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

**Mass Intentions:**

Give a gift of a mass for someone's birthday, to someone who is ill or undergoing surgery. Envelopes at back.

**St Joseph Elementary School:**

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**The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 15, 2023**



**The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**St. John**

Saturday, January 14

5:00 p.m. - † Robert McCauley

Sunday, January 15

10:30 a.m. - † Hal McCarney

**St. Philomena**

Sunday January 15

8:30 a.m. - For the People

**WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN'S**

Weekday masses will not be said during the month of January and the first two weeks of February. Father Christian is away. Please pray for his safe travel and safe return.

**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**St. John**

Saturday, January 21

5:00 p.m. - † Kally McCarney

Sunday, January 22

10:30 a.m.- † Joe Donohue

**St. Philomena**

Sunday, January 22

8:30 a.m. - For the People

While Father Christian is away Father Louis DiRocco will celebrate weekend Masses at both St. John's and St. Philomena's.

*Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*

**READINGS FOR January 22, Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9.1-4

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 27.1, 4, 13-14 (R.1a)

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18

**Gospel:** Matthew 4.12-23

**IN YOUR PRAYERS:** May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Jean Mulvihill, Fr. Don Cummings, Brenda Wing, Mary Mitchell, Carole Weir, Yvon Ouellet and Ellen Mangan and fortitude to theirs caregivers.

**PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:** Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life including Joe Donohue and Father Edward Keyes.

**Faith on Fire Weekly Prayer Meetings - Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.** The "Faith on Fire" Prayer meetings have resumed on Tuesday evenings and continue weekly from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on Zoom. All are welcome to join us for prayer and teachings as we seek to grow in the Lord. Please email Maame Addai at [faithonfirekingston@gmail.com](mailto:faithonfirekingston@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

**This Year:** Trying to find a way to stop forgetting your offertory envelope each Sunday? Think about joining the Pre-Authorized Debit Plan by completing the Form found at the entrance; enclose a cheque marked VOID; return all in a sealed envelope via the Offertory Collection or at the office. The next Debit is Monday, January 16, 2023.

	Weekly Contributions: Jan 1/23	
Thank you!	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering:	\$1,533.25	\$180.00
Initial Offering	\$110.00	\$10.00
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**Ministry Schedules:**

**St. John**

Rosary:

Greeters/Ushers:

Lector:

Holy Communion

**January 21**

Dianne Ouellet

Marlyn Jacobson

Sharon Carmichael

Sharon Carmichael

**January 22**

June Nalon

Margaret Rose

Budgie Mabee

**St. Philomena**

Lector:

Holy Communion:

**January 15**

Bonnie Ottenhof

Fr. DiRocco



### The Pope's Intention for January: For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



### Background on Today's Gospel Reading

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives. *Source: LoyolaPress*

### From the Editorial Team at Living With Christ



Dear Readers: we invite you to contribute your photos for consideration of future covers of *Living with Christ*. Our aim is to reflect the life of Church in Canada through the following categories:

- a) church art;
- b) church architecture;
- c) people at prayer or worship;
- and/or d) meditative images for prayer.

The photos need to be high resolution, minimum of 5" wide by 6" high at 300ppi or 1500px by 1800px, and if people are identifiable in the photo, their permission will be needed for publication. Thank you.

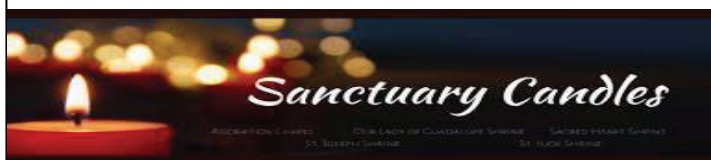
Church Donation envelopes can be found at the back of the church, please pick yours up. If you don't see one for you, or if there is a mistake please call the office to advise, it will be rectified the following weekend. Thank you!



There are still 2022-2023 missals available for a donation of \$5.00 and can be found at the back of the church. Thank you.



**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**  
**January 14 to January 20**

**Thankfulness for Blessings Received**



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