

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

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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:

235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, K7G 1M9
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The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 22 2023

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The Third 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

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.

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. John

Saturday, January 28

5:00 p.m. - † Vicente Ramales

Sunday, January 29

10:30 a.m.- † Merle & Vincent Keyes

St. Philomena

Sunday, January 29

8:30 a.m. - For the People

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

*Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!*

READINGS FOR January 29, Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
First Reading: Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10(R. Mt 5.3)
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

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 their caregivers.

Mass intentions are available for weekend Masses and any day after February 14, 2023

Faith on Fire Weekly Prayer Meetings - Tuesday, January 24 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 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, February 15 2023.

	Weekly Contributions: Jan 15/23	
Thank you!	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering:	\$957.00	\$185.00
Initial Offering	\$135.00	
Solemnity Of Mary	\$65.00	
Loose	\$171.10	
Fuel	\$50.00	\$50.00

Ministry Schedules:

	January 28	January 29
St. John		
Rosary:	Maureen Deir	
Greeters/Ushers:	Frank Fair	Linda Beaupre
Lector:	Wilma Toucotte	Gerry Brosso
Holy Communion	Marlene Sirosky	Diane Hebert
St. Philomena		
Lector:		Diane Dowling
Holy Communion:		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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Veronica's Veil Overnight Warming Center

Seeking Male Volunteers - male volunteers needed to staff 4-hour shifts throughout the night for a men's shelter at the St. Mary's Parish Centre. Contact Ann Lyn: (613)572-4892 or annlyng96@gmail.com

Transformation Night (Hosted by Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission)

Friday, February 24, 6:00 - 9:00 pm - St. Joseph Parish (392 Palace Rd, Kingston) Fr. Cosmas Ajawara will speak about Jesus' desire to "Bring fire to the earth" (Lk 12:49). NO CHARGE. Registration required: <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/transformation-night-feb-2023>. A period of silent Adoration will be followed by continued worship with song. Following the talk, there will be an opportunity for personal prayer ministry and fellowship. For more information contact Miriam at kingston@encounterschool.org.

Birthright Kingston Needs Volunteers - If you can spare 2 and a half hours per week to assist women and girls in Kingston who are facing a difficult pregnancy, please call us at 613-546-5433 or email info@kingstonbirthright.ca. If you have experience with websites and social media you could help us from home. We provide training. Please consider helping with this life-affirming work.

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!



FOR THE WEEK OF
January 20 to January 27

Thankfulness for Blessings Received

Background on Today's Gospel Reading



Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us. *Source: LoyolaPress*



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.



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