

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE**

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**Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Welcome 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 Saturday Mass or by appointment with Father Christian.

**Rosary:**

Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday Mass at St. John's.

**Marriage:**

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

**Baptism:**

Please contact the parish office to obtain a registration form and information on the requirements of this sacrament.

**St. John and St. Philomena Cemeteries:**

Please contact the Parish Office.

**Join the Choir**

You are always encouraged to sing at our Masses, but joining a choir is also rewarding. Contact the office for more information.

**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.

**St Joseph Elementary School:**

235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, K7G 1M9  
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# First Sunday of Lent - March 9, 2025

## MASS SCHEDULE



### First Sunday of Lent

#### St. John Parish

Saturday, March 8 - 4:30 p.m. - † Mary McCauley

Sunday, March 9 10:30 a.m. - † Reta Ruby Heller

#### St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, March 9 - 9:00 a.m. - † Mara King

### WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Tuesday, March 11 - 11:00 a.m. - Mass at Fox Run -  
Special Intentions of Josephine Quesnel

Wednesday, March 12 - 8:30 a.m. - Jim Knudson

Thursday, March 13 - 8:30 a.m. - † Josep Park

Friday, March 14 - 8:30 a.m. - † Special intentions

### Second Sunday of Lent

#### St. John Parish

Saturday, March 15 - 4:30 p.m. - † Edward & Betty  
Taylor

Sunday, March 16 - 10:30 a.m. - † Carmelita &  
Eduardo Orellano

#### St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, March 16- 9:00 a.m. - For the People

### *The Pope's Intention for March -For families in crisis*

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



### 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, Fr. Don Cummings & Fr. Gus Mendonça, Brenda Wing, Joan Rowland, Mark Mabee, Dan Hall, Al King, Karen Wand, Joanne Sneider, Fr. Mac Burke, Fr. Leo Bryne, Colleen Bennett, Tracie Yuille, Margaret Leeder, Lily Anne Metcalfe, Christine Folke and Anne Warren.

### The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Confessions are held one half hour before Mass on Saturdays or by appointment.

### PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

O Sacrament Most Holy! O Sacrament Divine!  
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment  
Thine. *(Repeat three times)*

#### 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.

**GANANOQUE FOOD BANK**

Is currently in need of: Chunky Soup, Canned-Potatoes, Canned-Cream Corn, Canned-Carrots, Tea, Instant Coffee, Jam, Crackers, Rice, Ham and Spam, Heinz Spaghetti Zoodles, Chef Boyardee Ravioli, Juice 1 L, Relish, Ketchup. **Non Food Items** Paper Towels, Shampoo/Conditioner, Tampons, Laundry pods, Hygiene Items, Dish Soap, Dry Cat Food



Please deposit your donation in the box provided in the church vestibule. Thank you for your continued support!

**The Royal Theatre** (owned and operated by our Sunday musicians Kevin John Saylor & Frayne McCarthy) is planning a **Variety Show Fundraiser for March 14 & 15, 2025**. All performers would do two songs (or whatever your act may be) in the show. Contact Kevin for more details kevin\_john\_saylor@hotmail.com



**Knights of Columbus Regional Basketball Free Throw Competition Winner**

On March 1st, *Lily Doogan* from our St. Joseph Catholic School participated in the Regional Basketball Competition in Cornwall and was the winner in her age group for 10-year-old girls. This represents the top scorer in about 18-20 schools who participated in the Basketball competition. Well done Lily!

**Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Rome and Assisi** - Please join Father Justin Pulikunnel and Father Shawn Hughes who will travel November 5 to November 17 to Europe to receive the great graces of pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year. Please see information and registration forms at the back of the Church for further information please do not hesitate to contact Ann Lyng at ann@stmaryscathedral.ca

**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.

**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.



Children's Liturgy is offered at St. John's during Mass on Sundays.



**The St. John/St. Philomena Catholic Women's League**

Next regular meeting will be held **Wednesday March 19, 2025 at 2 p.m.**

In the sacristy at St. John's. Everyone is welcome.

Tickets at being sold at the back of the church for the Catholic Women's League of Canada - Kingston Diocesan Council: First Prize is \$600; Second Prize is \$400; Third Prize is \$200.

St John - Financials February 2025



**Here at St. John's** we have a second collection where by we ask for loose change that you might have in your pocket/wallet/purse. We call it the **Loonie/Toonie** collection. It is a contribution to our building/maintenance fund. Thus far in 2025 we have accumulated \$1,535. Every little bit helps! Thank you for your on-going contributions!

Feb 23, 2025	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$2,188.00	\$50.00
Loose cash	\$57.90	
Fuel	\$555.25	\$50.00
Archdiocese Lenten Offering	\$80.00	
<b>RESTORATION:</b>		
In memoriam Loonie/Toonie	\$105.70	



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