

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The St. John the Apostle parish community, inspired by the Holy Spirit, strives to witness to the presence of Christ
(Parish established October 8, 1966)

Pastor: Rev. Lindsay Harrison
Deacons: Deacon Greg Vaughn
Deacon Fred Jardine
Office Administrator: Franca Morrison
Bookkeeping: Pearl Beausoleil
Maintenance: Steve Short

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 - 12:00; 1:00 - 3:30

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary: Prayed before weekday Mass 8:30 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Following Tuesday morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptismal preparation is required. Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Preparation is required.
Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760 at least nine months in advance.

PASTORAL CARE: If you or a family member is sick at home or in hospital, please contact our Pastoral Care Team to have someone visit you and bring Communion. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for the Sacrament of the Sick.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Ray Kostuch (Chair) John Schembri
Chris Pereira John Ware

Building Committee: Gino Brancatelli Paul Gillis
Peter Garvey John Schembri

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC):
Daniel Hogan (Chair) Divina Hogan (Sec.)
Bill Roblin Pat Fagan
Louise Hennessy Ian Moffat Jeff Alguire

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,
Children's Liturgy generally at 10:30 am Mass (*Sept. to June*)

Weekday Liturgy

Eucharist: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri at 9:00 am
and 1st Saturday of month: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS: 8:30 am Tuesday - Friday
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 pm; and on request

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

BAPTISMAL INQUIRIES	Parish Office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
BEREAVEMENT GROUP	Mary Ellen Henniger	613-224-0030
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE	Rosemary Fikis r.fikis@rogers.com	613-723-0728
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lynn Dal Farra dalfarra@rogers.com	613-721-8111
CHILDREN'S RELIGION PROGRAM	(for children attending a public or private school)	
	Parish Office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION	Parish Office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
COUNTERS	Eileen Gallant eileen.gallant@sympatico.ca	613-828-0778
CURSILLO REPRESENTATIVE	Louise Hennessy lhennessy1976@gmail.com (Monthly Ultreya - first Saturday after 9:00 am mass)	
FUNERAL LITURGY TEAM	Parish Office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Bob Williamson llandbob@bell.net	613-829-1805
LEGION OF MARY	Angela Beimers red_rose_angela31@outlook.com	613-829-0320
LITURGY COMMITTEE	Divina Hogan SJALitCom@yahoo.ca	613-820-7852
MARRIAGE PREPARATION INQUIRIES	Parish Office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Ming Leung Mingdee@gmail.com	613-721-3834
MUSIC MINISTRY	Parish Office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)	Daniel Hogan (Chair) daniel_hogan_sja@yahoo.ca	613-820-7852
PASTORAL CARE	Mary Ellen Henniger	613-224-0030
PRO-LIFE MINISTRY	Deborah La Riccia deborahlariccia@rogers.com	613-820-3580
	Help Line for crisis pregnancy	1-800-665-0570
READERS/COMMENTATORS	Laura Recoskie lrecoskie@gmail.com	613 596-0905
RECEPTION (VOLUNTEERS)	Joan and Helene reception.sja@gmail.com	613-829-1760
RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY	Theresa Verver theresa.verver@gmail.com	613-723-3157
SACRISTANS/ENVIRONMENT	Angela Beimers	613-829-0320
SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE	Call the parish office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
USHERS	Gerry Fikis g.fikis@rogers.com	613-723-0728

FOOD BANKS	Morrison Gardens Food Bank	613-596-6229
	Pincrest Food Cupboard	613-596-6703

AREA SCHOOLS		
Our Lady of Victory	613-828-5594	St. John XXIII 613-226-6223
St. John the Apostle	613-828-0644	St. Paul High School 613-820-9705

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

The people of St. John the Apostle Parish Community extend a warm welcome to our parish family! Kindly introduce yourself to the priest and register your family with our community. Please call the parish office if you have any questions. (Please complete the information below and place in the collection basket)

NAME: _____ TEL: _____ ADDRESS: _____ Postal Code: _____

PARISH INTEREST: _____ WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES? Yes ___ No ___

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Dec. 23rd & 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent		
5:00 pm.	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
	#1 Dee Simons #2 Murray Butler	Bill Roblin Ian Moffat Teresa Wong
	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
10:30 am	#1 Murray Butler #2 Monica Mullane	Teresa Wong John Schembri
	Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve	
	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
6:00 pm	#1 Ian Moffat #2 Mary Jean Thompson	Bill Roblin Teresa Wong Ming Leung Judie Beazley
	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
	#1 Richard MacPhail #2 Yvonne Munro	Teresa Wong John Schembri
8:00 pm	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
	#1 Harrison Peiris #2 Monica Mullane	Terry Durham Teresa Wong Albert Routhier
	Dec. 25th - Christmas Day	
10:00 am	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
	#1 Monica Mullane #2 Judith Gray	Angela Beimers Terry Durham Teresa Wong Dan Beausoleil

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled,
please ensure that you have found a replacement.*



Third Sunday of Advent

As Christians, we recognize the season of Advent as a time of great anticipation in which we prepare for the coming of the Lord. In today's Gospel John the Baptist calls us to "Make straight the way of the Lord". This call to action is not easy in an ever-growing secular world.

Although it should be the very opposite, the season of Advent is perhaps the most difficult time of year to rise and to meet John's call. More often than not, today's reality is one where the season of Advent is inundated with commercialism and anything but Christ. To remain focused while we await the coming of the Lord is increasingly difficult and requires humility, discipline and patience. These qualities require a great deal of practice and prayer. Seemingly enough, the reverse is true as practice and prayer require a great deal of humility, discipline and patience.

If we are to lead a virtuous Christian life then we must follow John's example, displaying humility, discipline and patience when responding to those who questioned him. Despite the heavy commercialization of Advent, let us as Christians persevere through prayer and practice as we celebrate and share the coming of the Lord with everyone that we encounter during this blessed season.

Dana Kenny, Charlottetown, PEI

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays : Legion of Mary - 9:30 am Small Assembly Room
Wednesdays: Euchre - 12:30 pm in Small Assembly Room
 Liturgy of the Word or Mass at Redwoods - 1:30 pm
Fridays: Liturgy of the Word or Mass at West End Villa - 2:15 pm
Sundays: Mass at Valley Stream Manor - 11:00 am
Mon. to Fri. After School Group: 3 – 6 pm Small Assembly Room

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 4th – Parish Memorial Mass

Jan 9th – Bereavement Luncheon

Jan 18th – Bible Study

Parish Memorial Mass The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass for **Thursday, January 4th, at 7:00 pm.** This Mass is dedicated to all the deceased members from our parish who passed away **in 2017**, as well as parishioner family members who died during this past year. If you lost a family member in 2017 and would like them remembered at this special Mass, please contact the office, 829-1760, with the name of the deceased and the representative who will attend the Memorial Mass on their behalf.

Bereavement Luncheon, Speaker Ian

Henderson: Ian works with Bereavement and Support Ottawa and is a grief educator and facilitator who has helped many through their grieving journey. He will be speaking at our parish Bereavement Group Luncheon on **Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 11:30am** in the Small Assembly Room (entrance back of parking lot). All are welcome. Bring your own lunch. Info: Mary Ellen (613-224-0030)

Bible Study: Our parish, in collaboration with Sister+Hood, will be offering Jeff Cavin's "**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.**" It is open to men and women and runs for 8 weeks every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in the Main Hall starting **Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018.** Cost is \$25 and includes student workbook, coffee and tea. Registration: Karen: 613-806-0377; livesisterhood@gmail.com; or with the parish office.



Children's Liturgy

There will be no Children's Liturgy on December 24th. We will recommence on December 31st. Merry Christmas!

The Parish office will close on Thursday, December 21st at 3:30 pm and reopen, January 2nd at 9:00am.



SUNDAY SMILE

Spotted outside a church: "Honk if you love Jesus. Keep on texting while you drive if you want to meet him."

Mass times for Christmas and New Year's



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23rd - 5:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 24th - 10:30 am (No 8:00 am Mass)

Christmas Eve

Sunday, Dec. 24th - 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm

Christmas Day

Monday, Dec. 25th - 10:00 am

Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 30th - 5:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 31st - 8:00 am, 10:30 am

Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, Dec. 31st - 5:00 pm

Monday, Jan. 1st - 10:00 am

All are welcome to join the new Divine Mercy Cenacle in our Parish, starting on Jan. 25th and following every third Thursday of the month, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Our focus is on the message of Divine Mercy. More details will follow in January. For more info, please contact Mary Ellen (613-224-0030) or Sonia syumas@yahoo.com

CCO National "Rise Up" Conference for young adults (aged 18-35) will be held in Ottawa at the Westin Hotel from **Thurs. Dec 28 to Monday, Jan. 1**. Includes many dynamic speakers and a New Year's Eve Banquet & Bash. Info. 613-736-1999 or riseup@cco.ca.

Relic of St. Francis Xavier coming to Ottawa:

St. Francis Xavier was one of the greatest Catholic missionaries; evangelizing in India, south-east Asia, and Japan. His body is in Goa, India, but the right forearm with which he baptized untold tens of thousands of people is preserved in the Jesuit mother church in Rome. The arm will be touring Canada in January of 2018. Its final stop will be in Ottawa on **Friday, Feb. 2nd**. It will be on view at St Patrick's Basilica (220 Kent St) from 8:30am-noon, and 2:30-4:00pm, and at Notre-Dame Cathedral (385 Sussex Dr) from 9:00pm-11:00pm. Archbishop Prendergast was instrumental in organizing this Canadian tour.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 16th - 5:00 pm

†Ivan Godin by Ella Godin

†Patrick Dunnigan by Joanne Parenteau

†Mary Hellard by the family

Sun. Dec. 17th - 8:00 am

†Deceased members of the Grace family by Pat Berdnikoff

†Gregory Kiez by the Kiez family

Congratulations on Baby Lucy's Baptism by Teresa Wong

Sun. Dec. 17th - 10:30 am

For the intentions of our parishioners

Sat. Dec. 23rd - 5:00 pm

†Stu Armstrong by Don and Terry Armstrong

†Marie Quinn by the Kerslake family

†Thomas Anzai by Carol & Oliver; Sonia & Gordon; Fred; John; Ann

Sun. Dec. 24th - 10:30 am

For the intentions of our parishioners.

Sun. Dec. 24th - 11:00 am Valley Stream

†Catherine May by Douglas and Ray Reid

Sun. Dec. 24th - 6:00 pm

†Peter Slogar by Teresa Wong

†Loma and Edward Mousseau by the Mousseau family

†Quentin Darr by the Darr family

Sun. Dec. 24th - 8:00 pm

†Ian Stevenz Carino by his Mom and Dad

For the benefit of family and friends by Joanne Parenteau

Mon. Dec. 25th - 10:00 am

†Edwin Kennedy by Barbara and family

†Margaret Yurack by the Yurack family

† indicates deceased

Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially Mary Saunders. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.

The Compassionate Community Care (CCC) helpline, 1-855-675-8749 is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help and support regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide prevention, and/or end-of-life treatment issues or concerns.

Clothing for St. Vincent de Paul: When deciding what to do with clothing you no longer wear please remember our **drop-off bin at the rear of the church parking lot.** Clothing donations to charities like St. Vincent's, Ottawa Neighbourhood Services, and the Salvation Army are down due to competition from other drop-off bin operators. Be aware that donation bins are not well regulated and many drop boxes around the city are operated by for-profit companies and even organized crime.

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