THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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Mass times for Christmas and New Year's

Friday, Dec. 24th -- *5:00pm *FULL 8:00pm 10:00pm Saturday, Dec. 25th -- 10:30am (Pre-registration is required for these masses)

Solemnity of Mary

Friday, Dec. 31st -- 5:00pm Saturday, Jan. 1st -- 10:00am (no 5pm Mass on Jan. 1st)

(No pre-registration needed for these masses)

CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY MASS PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

<u>*ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES</u> <u>MONDAY DEC. 20TH AT NOON</u>

As we still find ourselves with restricted capacities for our masses, it will be necessary to pre-register for the Christmas masses. Unfortunately, only those that have pre-registered will be able to attend. No walk ups will be allowed. To register go to the home page of our website:

www.stjohntheapostleparish.com. You may also register by calling the parish office 613-829-1760. Please note groups of 4 or more are asked to call the parish office to register. This will ensure that groups can be seated together.



Thanks to those who bought \$1,111.00 worth of Christmas cakes, chocolates, and other tasty treats in support of Campaign Life Coalition and the Monks of Val Notre Dame Abbey.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 6th – Parish Memorial Mass

Parish Memorial Mass The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass for **Thursday, January 6th, 2022**, at 7:00 pm. This Mass is dedicated to all the deceased members from our parish who passed away **in 2021**, as well as parishioner family members who died during this past year. If you lost a family member in 2021 and would like them remembered at this special Mass, please contact the office, 829-1760, with the name of the deceased. Deadline to add names is December 31st.

There will not be in-person attendance due to restricted seating capacity in the Church and to comply with public health requirements. Candles will be lit on behalf of the deceased by members of the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League. The candle can be picked up from the parish office any time after January 10th. The Mass will be live-streamed and will also be available for viewing on our website after the ceremony.



Advent Candle, Week 4: On the fourth and final Sunday of Advent we meditate on the peace that Jesus brings our hearts and our world. Scripture is the place we

can find the promises of God. Let us meditate on these truths and allow them to comfort our hearts this Advent season.

Mother Theresa said "Works of love, are works of peace". Peace is the result of spreading God's love to the people around us. The less we think of ourselves, the more peaceful we are. . .

SUNDAY SMILE

Where do snowmen put their money? Snowbanks.

How do mountains stay warm? They put on their snowcaps.

What do you call it when a snowman throws a temper tantrum? A meltdown.

What does December have that no other month does? The letter D.

Relocation of Ottawa Diocesan Office: The Ottawa office of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall has now relocated to 1209 Michael Street. Their new mailing address is 200-1209 Michael Street N., Ottawa, ON K1J 7T2. Their phone number remains the same 613-738-5025.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



We welcome donations to offset the cost of flowers to decorate the church. Envelopes are available at both doors of the Church.



January 2nd bulletin: Deadline: Tuesday, Dec. 21st by Noon

Submission deadline for all other bulletins is Tuesdays at Noon.

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 18th – 5:00pm PRichard Rain by Tom and Karen Kelly and family

Sun. Dec. 19th – 8:00am For the intentions of our parishioners.

Sun. Dec. 19th - 10:30am Sheila Berrea by The Berrea family John Carmichael by the Knights of Columbus

Wed. Dec. 22nd - 9:00am Alfred Aaron by Doreen Aaron

Fri. Dec. 24th – 5:00pm *Nancy Serrao by the estate For the benefit of the Sterling Children by Joanne Parenteau

Fri. Dec. 24th – 8:00pm Jerome and Mary Sullivan by Dave and Theresa Crampton

Sat. Dec. 25th - 10:30am Stanley Harrison by the family Raoul Nzisabira by the family For the health of Rita Hogan by Daniel and Divina Hogan

Sun. Dec. 26th – 8:00am Gregory Michael Kiez by the family

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New envelope boxes for 2022 are ready for pick up in the Glass house. Please help us by filling in your name and address on your envelopes for the first few weeks of 2022. Boxes can also be picked up at the Parish Office, Monday-Thursday 9am to 3:30pm.

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Thank you to all parishioners for your continued financial contributions through the pandemic. As many are still not able to join us in the Church, there are other ways to contribute to help the parish meet its financial needs.

- 1. Etransfer to: finance.sjap@magma.ca
- 2. By mail to: St. John the Apostle Parish
- 3. Pre-Authorized Donations. Forms are at the doors of the Church or see the home page of our website.
- 4. Through Canada Helps see home page of our website for more detail.
- 5. Envelope boxes. If you would like a box of collection envelopes, please contact the Parish Office at 613-829-1760.

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