

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. Emeka Onyeogubalu
Deacon: Deacon Victor Mesta
Office Administrator: Veronika Jakelic
Bookkeeping: Joanne Bazdell
Maintenance: Steve Short

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760 to make arrangements.

FUNERAL ENQUIRIES: Please contact the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Ray Kostuch (Chair) John Schembri
Chris Pereira Marie Weerasooriya-Epps

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Gino Brancatelli (Chair) Paul Gillis
John Schembri Don Percy Adel
Iskandar

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Mary Jean Thompson (Chair)
Rosemary Fikis Heather Petti Nancy Simon
Fred Adibe Deacon Victor Mesta Jeff Alguire
Christine Buccione Richard Abakah-Akumah

Sunday Eucharist

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

Weekday Liturgy

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

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet: prayed before weekday Mass 8:30am
Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday of the Month, following 9am Mass
until 10:30am

CONFESIONS:

8:30 am Tuesday - Friday

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 pm; and on request

PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE	Rosemary Fikis	fikisrm@proton.me	
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MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Mary Jean Thompson	r.thompson1@rogers.com	613-226-7219
MUSIC MINISTRY	Joanne Parenteau	joannemparenteau@gmail.com	
8am	Jamie Burnett	jamesmichaelburnett@gmail.com	613-224-8081
10:30am	Lisa-Marie Flynn	lisamarieflynn13@gmail.com	613-614-5566
PRO-LIFE MINISTRY	James Lariviere	jmlariviere@gmail.com	613-883-8670
	Family Support Center		1-800-665-0570
READERS/COMMENTATORS	Laura Recoskie	lrecoskie@gmail.com	613-596-0905
RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY	Parish Office		613-829-1760
SACRISTANS/ENVIRONMENT	Angela Beimers		613-829-0320
SENIORS MINISTRY	Claudette Joseph	claudette43@rogers.com	613-829-6013
USHERS	Gerry Fikis	fikisgw@pm.me	613-723-0728

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

AREA SCHOOLS			
	Our Lady of Victory	613-828-5594	St. John XXIII
	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 _____

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Feb. 21st- Feb. 22nd Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
5:00 pm	#1 John Dunphy #2 Peter Stoop	Deacon Victor Yoli Mesta Michael Hammond
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
8:00am	#1 Mary Jean Thompson #2 Monica Mullane	Deacon Victor Angela Beimers Mary Jean Thompson
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
10:30am	#1 Harrison Peiris #2 Judith Gray	Deacon Victor Eileen Gallant Janet Snider Belot

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



Stations of the Cross in the Church every Friday during Lent

This is a beautiful devotion that can help us better understand Jesus' journey. Everyone is welcome to join us as we prepare ourselves to celebrate Christ's sacred mystery. This week's Stations will be hosted by the Ministers of the Knights of Columbus. (Feb. 20th)



The Canonical Norms for Lent are as follows: **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken.

Abstinence binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. In the Archdiocese of Ottawa, the consumption of meat is not allowed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. Religious practices such as daily Mass, going to Confession, the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.

Dates to Remember

- February 17th – Pancake Dinner**
- February 18th – Ash Wednesday**
- February 19th – Parish Memorial Mass**
- February 20th – Stations of the Cross**
- February – Parish Directory Sign Up**
- Februry/March – 40 Cans for Lent**
- March 8th – Lenten Encounter**



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER FEBRUARY 17TH

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Woman's League will be jointly co-hosting a Pancake Dinner on **Shrove Tuesday, February 17th from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

Parish Memorial Mass

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass for **Thursday, February 19th**, at 7:00 pm. This Mass is dedicated to all the deceased members from our parish who passed away **in 2025**, as well as parishioner family members who died during this past year.



Parish Food & Cash Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual "**40 cans for Lent**" donations drive again this year **beginning as usual on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th through Holy Saturday, April 4th**. Your support through food and monetary donations will be very much appreciated.

Monetary donations can be made using the special "**40 cans for Lent**" envelopes available on the church tables or by e-transfer to bookkeeper@stjohntheapostleparish.com. Please indicate in your transfer that this is for the **40 cans for Lent** drive. Posters in the glass house and at the side entrance contain further details.



SUNDAY SMILE

Remember – there is never any problem that is so large or difficult that you won't be able to blame it on someone else.

I went for my interview to be a bus driver. I said, "Sorry I'm late." They said, "You're hired"



LENTEN ENCOUNTER OF FORMATION AND PRAYER

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH 3:00pm

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH

*Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi
On the Occasion of the 800th Anniversary of His Death*

See posters and flyers at the church entrances. All are invited. Bring your family and friends.

Parish Directory for our 60th Anniversary

SJA is consulting the parishioners to see who is interested in a parish directory to commemorate our 60th Anniversary. *Each household who gets photographed will receive a free copy. If there is not enough interest, we will not proceed with the photo directory.*

Photography sessions are FREE and will take place at the Church in May 2026. Please see the notices and sign up sheets (until March 1, 2026) at both Church entrances. Volunteers are welcome.

If you require additional information, please call (613-829-8233) Marie Weerasooriya-Epps or Mary Jean Thompson (613-226-7219).

Income Tax Receipts for 2025 are ready for pick up in the Glass house. If you wish your receipt emailed to you, please send an email to the parish office:
office@stjohntheapostleparish.com

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support!

Mass Intentions

Sat. Feb. 14th – 5:00pm

Thanksgiving to God, our Lord by Lunde Huang

Sun. Feb. 15th – 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Feb. 15th – 10:30am

Tues. Feb. 17th – 9:00am

**†Paul Nguyễn by his nephew
†Cecilia Gecain by Mr. and Mrs. Barbon**

Ash Wednesday. Feb. 18th – 9:00am

Ash Wednesday. Feb. 18th – 7:00pm

Thurs. Feb. 19th – 9:00am

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Fri. Feb. 20th – 9:00am

Sat. Feb. 21st – 5:00pm

†Adele White by Peter White

Sun. Feb. 22nd – 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Feb. 22nd – 10:30am

† indicates deceased



Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially for Bill Roblin and Cecilia D'Amico. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.

Special Collection (February 21-22)

Archbishop's Fund for Mission Advancement –On the First Sunday of Lent, we invite your contribution to the Diocesan & Missionary Works special collection, which supports the **Archbishop's Fund for Mission Advancement**.

This fund helps Archbishop Damphousse respond quickly and generously to real needs and to opportunities that support the mission of the Church, especially here in the Archdiocese of Ottawa–Cornwall. **Most of what is given stays right here in our diocese**, supporting evangelization, youth and family ministry, Catholic education and campus ministry, and other charitable works close to home.



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