

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

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

PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE	Rosemary Fikis	fikism@proton.me	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lynn Dal Farra		613-721-8111
COUNTERS	Kerri Courville	courvillek3@gmail.com	
DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:	Doreen Aaron	doreen.aaron@gmail.com	
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 10470	Frederick Adibe	fredadibe7@gmail.com	613-410-8017
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Mary Jean Thompson	r.thompson1@rogers.com	613-226-7219
MUSIC MINISTRY 5:00pm	Joanne Parenteau	joanneparenteau@gmail.com	
8:00am	Jamie Burnett	jamesmichaelburnett@gmail.com	613-447-0489
10:30am	Lisa-Marie Flynn	lisamarielynn13@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	irecoskie@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	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 ___

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Feb. 28th- Mar. 1st Second Sunday of Lent		
Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu		
5:00 pm	Ian Moffat Cynthia Thornley	Deacon Victor Yoli Mesta Michael Hammond
Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu		
8:00am	Malachy Okafor Alphonsa Fernandes	Angela Beimers Mary Jean Thompson Jeff Hill
Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu		
10:30am	Chris Pereira Fiji Francis	Karen Leeder Dan Murawsky Noel Naba

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

Dates to Remember

February 27th – Stations of the Cross
February – Parish Directory Sign Up
February/March – 40 Cans for Lent
March 4 – Seniors Mass and Social
March 8th – Lenten Encounter



MONTHLY SENIORS MASS AND COFFEE SOCIAL WED. MAR. 4TH AT 1:00PM

As we welcome back Fr. Emeka , we also welcome the return of our monthly Mass on Wednesday, March the 4th at 1pm. This month our member **Marie Epps** will lead us in about 10 minutes of **line dancing**. **Mile Leeder** will lead us with **music**. He is an excellent guitar player and singer. Please bring a friend, bring a mug, bring goodies and most of all bring your enthusiasm and joy.

Books to borrow

Deacon Victor has three books to borrow. The books are about St.Claire, St. Francis and Our Lady of Fatima. If you are interested, please speak with Deacon Victor or Yoli.



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 Ushers. (Feb. 27th)



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.



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

I was going to give up lunch meat for Lent...
But I just couldn't quit cold turkey.

When he was at school, Barry was terrible at Math. He says he can't count the number of times he failed the exam.



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. 21st – 5:00pm

†Adele White by Peter White

†Marie Alcindor, †Rhode Jean-Louis,

†Benchley Jean-Louis by Fara Alcindor

Sun. Feb. 22nd – 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Feb. 22nd – 10:30am

Tues. Feb. 24th – 9:00am

For the living and deceased of the Leroux family by Monique Perry

Wednesday. Feb. 25th – 9:00am

Thurs. Feb. 26th – 9:00am

Fri. Feb. 27th – 9:00am

†Robert Heipel by Michelle Corbett

Sat. Feb. 28th – 5:00pm

Intentions of Sylvanie Limage by her mother

Sun. Mar. 1st – 8:00am

†Mary Kathryn Mowat by David Mowat and Family

†Alicia Ramirez Lescas

Sun. Mar. 1st – 10:30am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

† 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**.

Daily Reflection booklets for Lent are available for purchase (\$4) on the table at the back of the Church and at the side entrance. Quantities are limited.



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