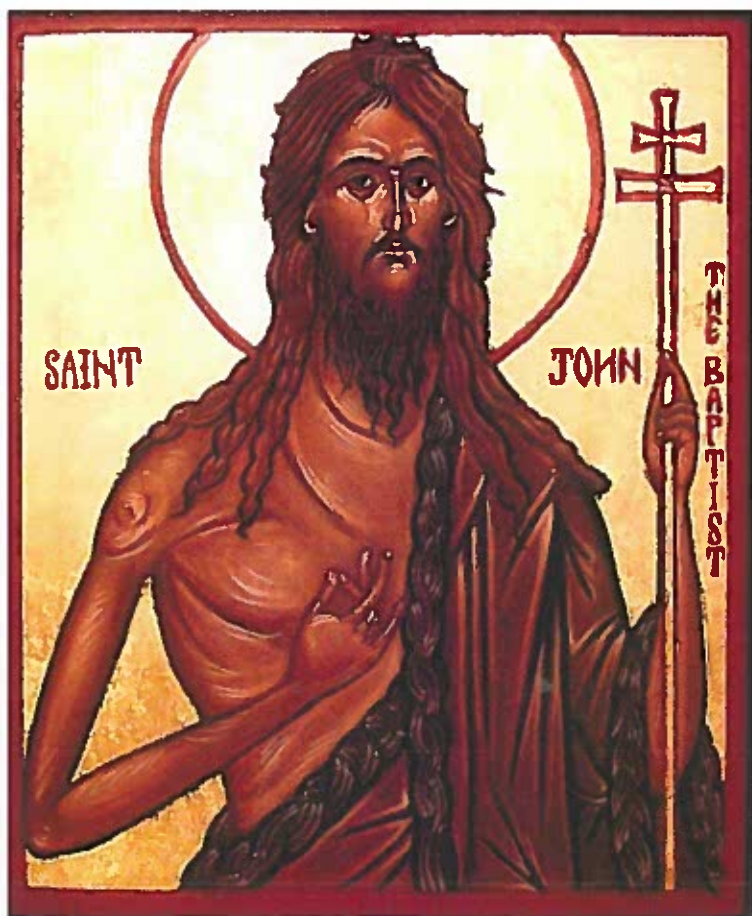


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John the Baptist Prepares the Way

¹ The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” (Malachi 3:1)

³ “a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” (Isaiah 40:3)

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

(The Gospel of Mark 1:1-8)

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Mass Schedule:

St. James Chapel: Mon.-Sat. 7:45 am Cathedral: Mon.-Fri. 12:10 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 7:30 pm

Opportunities for Confession

One half hour before each Mass held in the Cathedral

Wednesdays 1 pm – 5pm

Saturdays 4 pm – 4:50 pm

Confessions also on the Thursdays of Advent: 5 pm to 7 pm

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT COMING EVENTS

Masses:

Monday Dec. 11th

7:45 am Fr. McAvoy
12:10 pm Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary

Tuesday Dec. 12th

7:45 am Elizabeth Ghetskowa
12:10 pm Patricia McDonald, deceased members of Murray & McDonald families

Wednesday Dec. 13th

7:45 am Jon Conte's Intentions
12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory

Thursday Dec. 14th

7:45 am Nora & Austin Payne, 33rd anni
12:10 pm Angelina & Ventura Dos Santos

Friday Dec. 15th

7:45 am Elizabeth Ghetskowa
12:10 pm Frank Bracciodieta, 4th ann

Saturday Dec. 16th

7:45 am Toni & Maria Riley, Estate
5 pm Odile King

Sunday Dec. 17th

8 am Intentions of Larry & Phyllis Lindsay, 60th wedding anni.
10:30 am For all parishioners
7:30 pm Carminda Godinho

Ministries: Sat. Dec. 16th, 5 pm

Altar Servers	Glen M. Barry M.
Lectors	Sandi W. Janice L.
EM of the Eucharist	Theresa D. Ellen H.

Sunday Dec. 17th, 8 am

Altar Servers	Charles F. Doug S.
Lectors	Bill M. Ann L.
EM of the Eucharist	Maria C. Doug S.

Sunday, Dec. 17th, 10:30 am

Altar Servers	Mario D. Glen M. Bohdan Y. Tiago F.
Lectors	Connie A. Carmen B.
EM of the Eucharist	Sr. Shannon Betty G. Bob C Rita F Teresa K Domenica B Marietta M

Sunday, Dec. 17th, 7:30 pm

Altar Servers	Students
Lector	Dianne I Michelle S
EM of the Eucharist	Grace G. Pene L.

Please pray for our Sick:

Anog Beltram, Jack Coleman, Carmen Davies, Lois Furrrie, Patrick Gambin, Lidwien Gräfe, Lois Hopkinson, Ethel Kane, Matthew McDonald, Gabriel Sikema and Jim Wakelin.

Wed. Dec. 13th, 6 pm Alpha Reunion Dinner, Parish Centre
Thurs. Dec. 14th The Confessional Light is on: 5 pm to 7 pm
Thurs. Dec. 21st, Decorating the Cathedral, beginning at 8:30 am
Thurs. Dec. 21st The Confessional Light is on: 5 pm to 7 pm
Thurs. Dec. 21st, 7 pm Mass in St. James Chapel for those who have been bereaved this year.
Fri. Dec. 22nd, 10 am, Decorating the Parish centre for Christmas Day Dinner

This weekend Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Cakes: will be sold after all Masses *December 9/10th, 2017*. For a donation of \$25.00 to CLC's Pro-life work you will receive a beautiful boxed deluxe Christmas cake. We also have a regular bar cake for \$18.00. They make great Christmas gifts!
Parish Contact: Betty Roy or CLC at 613-389-4472.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The Pageant will be a little different this year... hopefully we'll have more participants so that a choir can be formed to lead us in the carols of the pageant.



Mary and Joseph! Angels! Shepherds! Kings! Narrator! More! Needed for our Christmas Pageant under the direction of Laura Raycraft and Jeff Moellman for the 5 pm Mass at the Cathedral on Christmas Eve. Children wishing to participate and a parent/guardian are required to attend the final rehearsal: Saturday Dec. 16th from 10:30 am-11:30 am. Please **contact Laura Raycraft** to register your child for a role. Please provide your name, your child's name and age, telephone and email contact information. Thank you for helping to make our Christmas Eve a very special time for all. Anyone interested in helping as well can reply to my email: laura.joel@hotmail.com. **Spread the word! The more the merrier!!!**

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!!

WE NEED HELP WITH THE CHRISTMAS DECORATION OF THE INTERIOR OF THE CATHEDRAL!!!

Anyone willing and able to assist with the putting up of the Christmas trees, assembling the Christmas Manger Scene or assisting in any other way, are encouraged to help decorate the cathedral on **Thursday, Dec. 21st** beginning at 8:30 am. Please contact **Janice Lumb** if you can help: 613-389-1305. Many hands do make light work!!!!

Decorating
the Church
for Christmas



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Christmas Season Holy Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent: Dec. 23rd/24th
Sat. at 5 pm, Sun. at 8 am & 10:30 am

Christmas Eve: Dec. 24th
5 pm and 7:30 pm

Christmas Day: Dec. 25th
12:00 am midnight, 8 am and 10:30 am

Followed by our Christmas Dinner at 12 noon,
For those who will be alone or cannot prepare one
of their own.

Feast of the Holy Family: Dec. 30th/31st
Sat. at 5 pm, Sun. at 8 am & 10:30 am

New Year's Eve: Dec. 31st
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God at 5 pm

Holy Hour to Ring in the New Year at 11 pm

New Year's Day: Jan. 1st
8 am and 10:30 am

Epiphany: Jan. 6th/7th Regular Sunday
Mass Schedule

JOB POSTING:

RECEPTIONIST AT THE CHANCERY

The Archdiocese is seeking a full-time receptionist for the
offices of the Pastoral Centre in Kingston.

Please see the website for details

www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

Apartment Needed: There is an elderly woman who has asked
us to help her find housing. She would like to rent a first floor
apartment. She was hoping someone in the parish would have an
apartment or point her in the right direction. If you could help out or
have some ideas please speak to Father Shawn.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

The Knights of Columbus are starting a new initiative! We want to help those of you who need help shoveling snow over the course of the winter. The service will be offered by members of our parish's Knights of Columbus #728 at no cost to you! If you wish to volunteer even if you are not a knight, please send your name as well! If you are interested in this service, please contact Jude Thusiar at (647) 701-9256 or my email at grandknight728@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. JOSEPH'S Join us for an afternoon of Christmas music, featuring the local talent of Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg and Brian Flynn, (three members of the band, Turpin's Trail) in the church on Thurs. 14th Dec. from 1-3 pm, at St. Joseph's Church, 392 Palace Rd., Kingston. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall; a free-will offering would be gratefully appreciated.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN ST. JAMES' CHAPEL: Because winter is a more difficult time for many of our seniors, we need extra help to supplement any of the hours throughout the winter months. If you are able to make an ongoing commitment to a particular hour please prayerfully consider it and contact us. The Lord may be calling you to commit to spending an hour with him. Deepen your relationship with the Lord and gain untold graces in prayer before Him exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. If you can answer His call to you at one of these times *please contact Natalie Holland*, the Coordinator of Eucharistic Adoration. nholland@cogeco.ca or 613-876-1801.

Notice to All Those Who Have Taken the Cursillo (Cursillistas) in the Archdiocese of Kingston You are cordially invited to attend an Ultreya (Cursillo Follow-up) scheduled for 2:00 pm, Sunday, December 10th, 2017, at St. John the Apostle, [88 Patrick Street, Kingston](http://88PatrickStreet.com). Contact Lionel Ryan at [613-634-9588](tel:613-634-9588).

Cursillo Weekend for Men to be held in Kingston - Pope Francis encourages us to encounter Jesus. The Cursillo Weekend offers a short and profound opportunity to encounter Jesus. A Men's Cursillo weekend is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 8th to Sunday, March 11th at Providence Spirituality Centre, Kingston. For more information contact Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588 /RyanLionel07@gmail.com or Friar Ed Debono at 613.546.6900 x 204 / eddebono@aol.com.

Christmas Decorations in Memory of Your Loved Ones: If you would like to make a contribution towards the Christmas Decorations (Trees and Flowers) in memory of a deceased member of your family, or for a living member's intentions, your family member will be prayed for at the 5 pm and 7:30 pm Masses offered on Christmas Eve. Please feel free to use one of the envelopes at the entrances to the cathedral or to fill out the form below and deposit it into the collection basket or drop it off to the parish office.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERING

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Env. No.: _____ Amount: \$ _____

For the repose of the soul of: _____

OR for the intentions of _____



The Light is On!!!!!!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is an essential part of our Advent preparation for Christmas. In light of that, in addition to our regular times, there will be a priest in the confessional from 5 pm to 7 pm, every Thursday evening of Advent. (Dec. 7, 14, 21)

Our Regular Times

One half hour before each daily Mass held in the Cathedral

Wednesdays 1 pm – 5pm

Saturdays 4 pm – 4:50 pm



Also there will be Advent Penitential Services around the City:

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 pm at St. Joseph's

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2:30 pm at Holy Family Church

Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7 pm at Blessed Sacrament, Amherstview

Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7pm - 8:30 pm at St. Paul the Apostle

So many opportunities to receive the Lord's Compassionate Merciful Love!!!

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE CWL BAKE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

The members of St. Mary's Cathedral Council of the Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone who contributed to the tremendous success of our Christmas Bake Sale last weekend. **The bake sale was a complete sellout and raised \$1715 for our projects here at St. Mary's Cathedral. The proceeds from the bake sale will be poured back into the parish to purchase new liturgical vestments for the Cathedral.** A huge thank you to all the ladies in the parish who donated home baked goods. We were overwhelmed and overjoyed, not only by your generous response to our request, but also by the sense of community generated by your support. Thank you also to everyone who purchased items at the bake sale. We hope you enjoyed the baked goods!!! Again, many, many thanks for your support.



INCREASE TO PALLIATIVE CARE BILL INTRODUCED IN THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE:

Sam Oosterhoff, MPP has just introduced his first bill which will increase access to palliative care in Ontario and help take care of those facing end-of-life situations with dignity.

Please write your MPP today to support palliative care! **Takes seconds** on the form provided at www.ontariopalliativecare.ca under Take Action. Let's flood their inboxes with emails from all of us! Please visit the site and send a quick and easy email to your MPP to support Bill 182, the Compassionate Care Act: First debate and vote on Bill 182 will be on Dec. 14th.

“Palliative care improves the quality of life throughout the treatment of a serious illness by providing practical, emotional and spiritual support. Hospice care places a high value on dignity, respect, and the wishes of the person who is ill, as well as the needs of the person's loved ones.”



CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER: The Parish Pastoral Caring Team is preparing for the annual Christmas Day Dinner for those who are alone or who are unable to prepare a Christmas Day dinner for themselves. Once again this year we are reaching out to serve the needs of more people within our local community. Our annual Christmas Day Dinner will be held at St. Mary's Parish Centre immediately following the 10:30 am Christmas Day Mass when a complete turkey dinner will be served from 12:00 pm noon until 2:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the set up and decorating the Parish Centre and with advanced food preparation on December 22, December 23 and until noon on Christmas Eve. If you have some free time on those days, please consider volunteering a couple of hours to assist in the advance preparations for the dinners.

Donations of home baked food items would be greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity for discipleship by giving of oneself in imitation of God's great gift of Himself, which we celebrate on Christmas Day. We ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering at the dinners as we strive to serve the less fortunate in our community during this joyous time of the year. Individual volunteers as well as entire families, who have volunteered at our previous Christmas Day dinners, have stated that it was one of the best Christmases they ever experienced thus reaffirming that those who give of themselves to others receive many graces in return. Come and experience for yourself the joy of giving! If you are interested in volunteering or are willing to contribute baked goods, please contact Ann Lyng at 613-546-5521 Ext 5 or alyng@cogeco.ca



LESSONS AND CAROLS WAS A WONDERFUL SCRIPTURAL & MUSICAL FEAST

What a success!!! One person said it felt like she was in heaven it was so beautiful. The words "stunning" and "spectacular" were tossed around by many at Lessons and Carols conclusion. Many, many thanks to our music director, Jeff Moellman and the members of the choir who participated: Gwen Bergman, Edward Burroughs, Meghan Burton, Joel Cameron, Rafe Fernandes, Margaret Hale, Ellen Hawman, Christine Helferty, Emily Helferty,

Michelle Kasaboski, Rebecca Millar, Jenny Sullivan, Sarah Thusiar, and Will Tran. God was truly praised!!!
N.B. For those who missed out on this wonderful event you can mark your calendars for the first Saturday of Advent, 2018!!!!

Angel Tree Christmas Outreach to Family Members of Prisoners

As a Christian charity, Prison Fellowship Canada spreads the love of Christ into the homes of families who have loved-ones in prison, by providing Christmas gifts to the children of inmates on behalf of their imprisoned parent. By God's grace, we have experienced unprecedented growth in the number of registered children in the Kingston area, and are in acute need to recruit some new Sponsors to help us fill the gap.

Angel Tree Christmas Sponsors will receive copies of inmate applications with their gift requests clearly indicated for each child. Sponsors are requested to purchase these gift items to a maximum of \$30 per child, wrap them, attach a Christmas Card with a pre-approved greeting from the incarcerated parent, and deliver the gifts to the families being serviced. It is a wonderful way to connect this marginalized community with a local, caring Church and enable our Sponsors to honour God by fulfilling the Great Commission by being the hands and feet of Jesus in these acts of service.

For Sponsorship please go to

https://prisonfellowship.formstack.com/forms/angel_tree_christmas_2017_sponsor_signup.

For more information on Prison Fellowship Canada, please check out our website at www.priospfellowship.ca.



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Wednesday January 10, 2018

AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

12:10pm: Mass with His Grace, Archbishop O'Brien

12:45pm - 6:30pm: Public veneration of the relic

7:00pm: Talk and testimony by missionaries of Catholic Christian Outreach

7:30pm - 10:00pm: Public veneration of the relic

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