

The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

The Mother Church of the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Kingston
The Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston



This weekend we celebrate the
**SOLEMNITY OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE
UNIVERSE**

OUR KING'S THRONE IS THE CROSS.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:42-43)

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm, Closed 12 noon to 1 pm

Mass Schedule:

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

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (no incense) Sunday Masses: 8:00 am (no incense),
10:30 am (incense is used), 7:30 pm (incense is used)**

Opportunities for Confession: "The Light is On!"

One half hour before each Mass held in the Cathedral

Additionally: Wednesdays 1 pm – 5 pm & Saturdays 4 pm – 4:50 pm

Masses:

Monday November 25th

7:45 am Gwen Pero

12:10 pm Adelheid Kromer

Tuesday November 26th

7:45 am Vernon Mulhall

12:10 pm Martha Kromer

Wednesday November 27th

7:45 am Earl Fjarlie, 7th anni.

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory

Thursday November 28th

7:45 am Vernon Mulhall

12:10 pm Victor Kromer

Friday November 29th

7:45 am Souls in Purgatory

12:10 pm Living & deceased members of

Knights of Columbus # 728

Saturday November 30th

7:45 am Souls in Purgatory

5 pm Wilfrid & Jeanne Meloche

7 pm **Advent and Carols**

Sunday December 1st

8 am Mary & James Lyng

10:30 am For the People

7:30 pm Intentions of Fiona & Jeremy

Gallimore

Ministries:

Saturday, Nov. 30th, 5 pm

Altar Servers		
Lectors	Adora J.	Carmel F.
EM of the Eucharist	Ellen H.	Mark M.

Sunday, Dec. 1st, 8 am

Altar Servers		
Lectors	Sarah B.	Diane D.
EM of the Eucharist	Maria C.	Janet W.

Sunday, Dec. 1st, 10:30 am

Altar Servers		
Lectors	Kimber D. Sr.	Maureen L.
EM of the Eucharist	Ed M. Gail M. Bob C.	Connie A. Domenica B. Karla C. Joe C.

Sunday, Dec. 1st, 7:30 pm

Altar Servers	Students	
Lector	Autumn T.	Joel T.
EM of the Eucharist	Grace G.	Pene L.

The Solemnity of

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1) SUNDAY MISSALS FOR THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR THAT BEGINS NOVEMBER 30TH ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK THIS SUNDAY FOR A DONATION OF \$ 3.

2) Christmas Cards also available after each Mass.

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom continues Mon. Nov. 25th **OR** Wednesday, Nov. 27th at 7 pm. See posters.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) continues Tues., Nov. 26th 7-9 pm

Knitting Group resumes: Tuesday, Nov. 26th at 1:30 pm at the Parish Centre. We make infant sweaters and baby blankets for families in need through the HUGS program (Helping us Grow Strong) at KGH. New members welcome. For further information, Contact Cathy Allen at 613-548-4187 or catpetallen@bell.net

Searching for and Maintaining Peace: continues this Thursday, 7 pm, Nov. 28th in the Parish Centre.

Latin Mass. Dec. 1st. at 3 pm, St. James Chapel.

MORE THANK YOUS FOR THE ITALIAN DINNER

Thank you so very much to Maria Cimellaro who provided her homemade bread and it was Santina Donini who personally contributed the Thank You chocolates at each place that were from Donini Chocolates of Belleville but not contributed by them. Many thanks to everyone for this wonderful success.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:



Mary and Joseph! Angels! Shepherds! Kings! Narrator!

More! Needed for our Christmas Pageant under the direction of Laura Raycraft and Carolyn Positano.

For the 5 pm Mass at the Cathedral on Christmas Eve. Children wishing to participate and a parent/guardian are required to attend rehearsals: Saturdays beginning Nov. 30, Dec. 7th, & 14th from 10:30-11:30 am and Dec. 22nd after the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Please contact Laura Raycraft to register your child providing 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! laura.joel@hotmail.com. Spread the word! The more the merrier!!!

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30
7:00pm**

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Please pray for our Sick: Mike Baines, Finn Beharry, Kim Cabral,
Ruth Caron, Adam Lachine, Janice Lumb, Maria Matias.

**ANYONE WITH CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
OR CHILDREN BEING HOME SCHOOLED WHO ARE
EXPECTING THEM TO RECEIVE FIRST CONFESSION, FIRST
HOLY COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR SHOULD
SPEAK TO FATHER SHAWN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**The Month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in
Purgatory.** Let us pray for them: "Eternal Rest grant unto them
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls
and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. Amen."



The Archdiocese of Kingston Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered will be on the occasion of the
Archdiocesan Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary here at
St. Mary's Cathedral on
Monday, December 9th at 7:30 pm
Archbishop Michael Mulhall presiding
Reception to follow at École Cathédrale

VISITATION KINGSTON: Are you lonely? Or do you know someone who is? Age, a health condition or life situation can sometimes make socializing difficult. There are volunteers available through St. Mary's Cathedral Pastoral Caring to make weekly home visits for friendly conversation. If you are interested in having a weekly visit or would like more information, contact: Claire Brown Tel. 902-817-7687 e-mail:

visitation.kingston@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER VOLUNTEERS: The Parish Pastoral Caring Team are beginning preparations for our 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 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass** when a complete turkey dinner will be served from 12:00 pm noon until 2:00 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the set up and decorating the Parish Centre and with advanced food preparation on December 21st, December 23 and until noon on Christmas Eve Day. If you have some free time on those days, please consider volunteering a couple of hours to assist in the preparations. 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 dinner 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.

Campaign Life Coalition National will no longer be distributing Christmas Cakes for sale through CLC Kingston and the local parishes but they are available directly from the Toronto office. Please call CLC Toronto at 1416-204-9749 or clc@campaignlifecoalition.com Thank you for your support.

Also, Please mark your calendar for the Holy Innocent Mass which will be offered at 7:00p.m. on Friday Dec. 27, 2019 at St. Mary's Cathedral (Dec. 28th this year is on Saturday and therefore a Sunday Liturgy.) Plan to attend with family and friends to pray for our innocent victims of abortion who have died at Kingston General Hospital, their parents, doctors and staff and for an end to the sin of abortion. May God Bless you. Campaign Life Coalition 613-389-4472.



An Advent Evening with Archbishop Michael Mulhall in Preparation for Christmas

Wednesday, December 4th, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral. Surrounded by the beautiful music of the season of Advent, Archbishop Mulhall will present three brief prayerful reflections on how each of us can prepare well to celebrate the great event of the Incarnation of Lord, which we celebrate at Christmas. A reception of mulled cider and shortbread will follow. All are most welcome.

Kingston Youth Artists Presents: AN ADVENT CELEBRATION featuring the Academy Chamber Orchestra and Youth Choir, Jeffry Moellman Conductor and Organist. Sunday, Nov. 24 at 3 pm at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Sydenham and Sunday, Dec. 1 at 3 pm in St. Paul's Anglican Church (Queen and Montreal), Kingston. Free-will offering. Reception to Follow. See posters on the bulletin boards.

Third Annual: A Michelle Kasaboski Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019, 4:30 pm at The Grand Theatre. Tickets: Adult \$40, Student \$20 at 613-530-2050, kingstongrand.ca, michelkasaboski.com. See posters on the bulletin boards.

Another Virtual Yard Sale: Items can be dropped off at St. Mary's Parish Centre from 2 to 4 pm on November 12 to December 20 and January 2 to January 17: Contact Natalie Holland 613-876-1801. Once items are collected the website will be uploaded so you can shop and bid on the item you wish to give a new home. If you have good used items that someone else might like please consider donating them to our 2nd Virtual Yard Sale. All profits go to support projects of Catholic Women's' League.



MANY, MANY THANKS ! Thanks be to God and thank you to all of you!... Read on

Many thanks for the great response to the appeal for more coats. One group has managed to gather a large number of items for the Coat Drive just by posting on one of the Kingston facebook pages. People are so generous.

St. Joseph's Parish's Knights of Columbus have stepped in to collect coats too! The radio station is broadcasting the need for all winter clothing, blankets and many other groups are getting involved as well! Our inventory is growing. One gentleman donated a couple of 4XL men's coats and XL women's coats. Which, by the way, are already gone. We really need these extra-large sized coats. One parishioner donated the cost of a motel room so that a person who came to the cathedral would not have to sleep outdoors that particular night. Another person is donating \$500 to purchase whatever is needed. The Health and Safety Associate at KGH, runs Socks Kingston. They collected 500 men's socks, 500 women's socks and 100 children's socks from their October drive and donated them to the Coat Drive. Children from two local schools have collected 200 pairs of socks for the Coat Drive. One employee at the United Way wants to volunteer at our Christmas Day Dinner this year because she said that she has never seen a community that is as generous as Kingston! So very, very true. Many thanks to all for looking after those in most need. The Coat Drive continues to operate Monday to Friday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, until December 20, 2019 reopening after the Christmas break on January 2 and continuing until January 17, 2020. Any assistance during that time would be most appreciated. **To volunteer and/or to donate or for more information about volunteering and donating, contact Ann Lyng 613-546-5521 Ext. 5 or alyng@cogeco.ca** Please keep those who have less than we do very much in your prayers!



CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Let us do your Christmas baking and shopping! St. Mary's Cathedral Council of the Catholic Women's League will hold a **Christmas bake sale after all the Sunday Masses on the weekend of December 14/15.** Delicious homemade cookies, squares, candy, loaves and other seasonal delicacies will be available as well as gift boxes of Wilton cheese. These baskets make perfect Christmas gifts for family, neighbours and friends or just as a treat for yourself! All proceeds go towards the CWL renovation project at St. Mary's Cathedral.
Thank you in advance for your support!



THANK YOU FROM CHRISTINE HELFERTY:

Thank you for your incredible generosity at my fundraiser concert! I am very touched by your kindness and support as I discern my vocation. I know I will always have a home at St. Mary's. Please keep me in your prayers, as I keep you in mine.

In corde Mariae, (In the heart of Mary)
Christine

N.B. The concert for Christine raised \$4,530. I echo Christine's gratitude for your "incredible generosity." May God bless you all!

LOVE IN ACTION: Do you have someone on your Christmas list that you have no idea what to get them? Read on!!



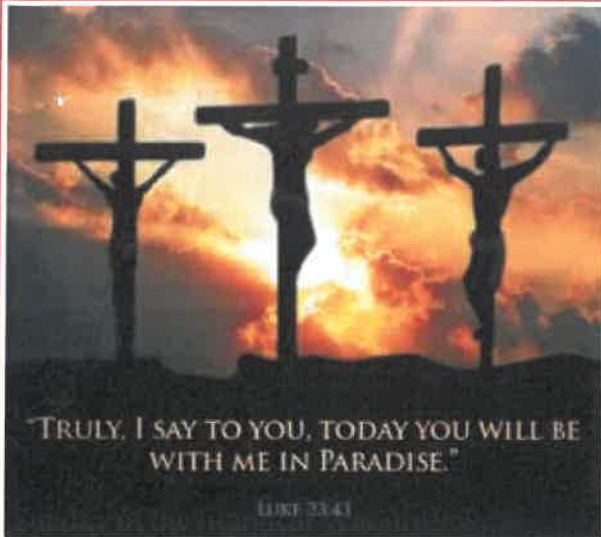
Sponsor a child in your name OR in their name; donate books for their school, donate cows, or chickens, or goats to their family or village. Donate tools like sewing machines so those receiving can become financially independent.

Chalice, is a Canadian Catholic International aid charity that works in impoverished communities around the world to help struggling families overcome the cycle of poverty. Education is the first and most important step in breaking the cycle. Too often, children must skip class or drop out of school to carry water, care for siblings, or earn money for their families.

Sponsorship gives children the support needed to overcome obstacles so they can attend and stay in school, and allows families to provide nutritious food and better care for their children. Children are selected for sponsorship based on need and family circumstances, regardless of race, age, ability, gender, or religion. Education gives every child the opportunity to shine.

Go to chalice.ca/gift-catalogue for all kinds of great ideas. Also see the catalogue on the bulletin board by the washrooms at the Johnson Street entrance to the Cathedral.





Why do we end the liturgical year with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe?

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Following this solemnity, we observe one more week of Ordinary Time, and then begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which is also sometimes referred to as the Feast of Christ the King, was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Though it was originally celebrated in October, this feast was moved to the last

It is more than a coincidence that we close out the year with this particular feast. On this day especially, we celebrate the supreme kingship of Jesus over the entire universe. His is a kingship not like the secular monarchies of the past and present, but one that is pastoral, absolute, and desirous of bring us to himself. We await the coming of Christ in his eternal Kingdom, but we recognize that he is already King.

When we remember and reflect on Jesus Christ as King, we are better prepared to enter Advent. Though Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year, the Church recognizes the cyclical nature of the calendar and ties its beginning with its end. During Advent, we wait in anticipation of the birth of Jesus, the Messiah. Today, after the world has witnessed the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we await his coming again, and we know that it is Christ the King who will come. Ending the liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King helps us to look both backward and forward: backward, so that we might better celebrate the joyful incarnation and birth of Jesus; and forward, so that we might be vigilant servants waiting for the day Jesus comes again.

No matter what time of the year it is, however, it is good to reflect on Jesus as King. Remembering this helps us to submit to him, not out of fear or habit, but out of love for our Creator and Savior.

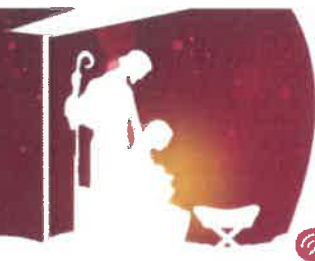
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The God Minute (thegodminute.org) is a daily prayer podcast to centre your day in God. Led by a Catholic priest it blends music, scripture and a thoughtful, spiritual message in a peaceful 10 minute prayer that goes where you go. Listen with your coffee in the morning, on your way to work, during an evening walk.

SIGN UP

For Daily Advent Thoughts
from RCSpirituality.



We live in a loud world: a world with competing messages, expectations, and agendas. These voices make it hard to hear the voice of God. During Advent, these competing voices seem to get louder and louder. Here at RCSpirituality, we know that you want to put God first. So, this Advent, let us help you spend a few moments each day focusing on God and his love for you.

[Sign up for Daily Advent Thoughts with RCSpirituality](#) to help keep God's voice first. Each morning, during the 24 days of Advent, you will receive a short message from Fr. John Bartunek, LC, to soften the competing voices and help keep God's voice first in your life. Go to rcspirituality.org and follow the prompts to sign up for Daily Advent Thoughts.

CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND

is scheduled for **Thursday evening, March 11th through to Sunday, March 15th, 2020** incl., at Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. For more information, please contact Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588 / ryanlionel07@gmail.com, or Mike Foley at 613.546.6224 / mfoley8@cogeco.ca, or Father Shawn J. Hughes at 613.546.5521 Ext. 4 / fathershawnjhughes@gmail.com .

I highly encourage the men of the parish to consider this Cursillo experience. Many who have been involved here over the past couple of years have found it to be truly life changing and have commented that it has drawn them much more deeply into the practice of their spiritual lives.

What exactly is Cursillo?

St. John Paul II said Cursillo is “an instrument raised up by God for the proclamation of the gospel of our time”.

"Here is your role in the Church : to create clusters of believers who will carry the message of salvation everywhere, showing the seriousness of your opinion not by imposing it, but by a strong testimony". (Pope John Paul II)

Cursillo is a movement within the Roman Catholic Church

Its name comes from the Spanish word "Cursillo" which means small course.

Its original full name is "Cursillo de Cristiandad" (short course in Christianity). However, it is not a theoretical course nor a traditional retreat; it is best described as an experience. An experience that leads to discover and better live what is fundamental in Christianity

 **During the Cursillo's 3-days, participants share a profound experience of Christian life ...**

The week-end starts on a Thursday night and ends on Sunday night. During these three days, we learn :

- to get to know us (encounter of self) ,
- to experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ (encounter with God),
- to see the good that can provide a loving and caring Christian community (encounter with others).

 **... To help to influence their environment by the force of their testimony**

The Cursillo Movement (CM) is an apostolic movement. Its goal is to share with the community the essence of Christianity and Christian values and in this way gradually transform the community from within. To convey its objective, the CM uses the expression "[leavening society with the gospel](#)" and it is counting primarily on the testimony of friendship and the deepening of the personal conversion of its members. Cursillo is for you!!!



KEEPING ALL OF YOU IN THE LOOP: Update on our Properties

Our Wonderful Cathedral and St. James' Chapel: You may have seen some architects crawling around the exterior and interior of the cathedral this past week. They have been seconded to formulate a proposal of the amount of work that needs to be done on the exterior of the cathedral. Once their proposal is in place a fundraising campaign will be begun. This will be diocesan wide, but, of course, we, the parish of St. Mary's, will be significant players, as this is our week-to-week home place of worship.

The Roof of the Cathedral: As you are

aware a good deal of damage happened to the roof of the cathedral during the storm of October 31. Upon closer examination the need for tile replacement is even far more extensive than originally thought. A good number of tiles that are still up there have come loose and need to be replaced. About a 20 foot width from the crest of the roof along the whole 200 ft. length needs to be replaced. You may have noticed the boom lift on the Clergy Street side on Monday, Nov. 18. This won't reach the top of the cathedral. A crane was brought in. It could not be adequately placed to do the job either. Thus, the old fashioned use of ladders is required. You will see a safety fence in place and the Clergy Street entrance to the cathedral will have to be closed off for the duration of the work. With the tiles off, the felt is exposed and needs to be repaired before any significant rain comes down and gets inside. This, as I mentioned earlier, is an insurance repair, however, our deductible is \$5,000. Many, many thanks to the very proactive parishioner who placed a \$1,000 cheque in last week's collection basket designating that it is to be used for the deductible. You can't imagine how edifying such unsolicited actions are to me and how much they lighten my load of concern.

The Rectory and the "Cottage" at 270 Brock Street: The future use of both of these properties is being examined.

The Interior of the Cathedral: As you know several bequests, amounting to about \$800,000 have been given and designated for the interior painting of the cathedral. Once the limestone exterior of the cathedral is secured and the masonry entirely repaired, we will proceed to this phase of Restoration; the interior of the cathedral. It would be

foolish to paint the interior of the cathedral before the exterior has been completely sealed: before leakage and exterior repair have been done. There are several aspects to the interior renovation: the painting of the interior, the replacement of the carpet in the Sanctuary, the floor of the main body of the cathedral is also obviously in need of repair and our historic organ needs a good deal of work.

The Sanctuary Floor: Many have asked when the Sanctuary floor will be replaced. We have raised a considerable portion of the cost of the floor and the Knights of Columbus have given \$150,000 specifically for the floor as well. Even though we have had much fundraising for the floor of the Sanctuary, it must be the last, finishing touch of the restoration of the interior of the cathedral. It would be foolish to put in a marble floor and then have to put scaffolding on it to paint the walls and ceiling of the cathedral.

Our Historic Organ is also in need of major repairs. It may sound fine to most of us, however, there are a good number of pipes, stops and other parts which do not function properly or do not function at all; to the extent that when a guest organist arrived from McGill a couple of years ago for the Royal Canadian College of Organists' concert here at St. Mary's he initially refused to play on the organ because he deemed it to be in such poor working order. This is a very complex musical instrument. Did you know there are 2700 pipes up there? A committee of parishioners, chaired by our music director, Jeff Moellman, has been meeting bi-weekly for three months now to make a proposal regarding the needs of the organ which was installed in 1905 A.D. The committee has consulted widely and is exploring numerous possible plans of action. The most conservative estimates of the cost of work on the organ have come in between \$500,000 to \$750,000.

The Road Forward

We are not a wealthy parish. The cathedral is not just our responsibility but that of the whole archdiocese. We will be expected to pull our fair share, but, the Archdiocese will also make their contribution as well. This wonderful historical building is the Archdiocese's and our responsibility to maintain and preserve and even improve upon. This will all take a great deal of time as the funds are raised. We will do each phase as we have the funds to move forward. Each of these projects will unfold in due time. As you know the first five Bishops are buried in the crypt under the main altar of the cathedral as are many of the first Religious Sisters to come to the Archdiocese and many members of the laity. We stand on holy ground. As the granite sign on the west side of the steps entering the cathedral off Johnson Street declares: *Ad Majoram Gloriam Dei*; for the Greater Glory of God. Everything that has been done in the cathedral, most importantly the celebration of the Sacraments but also the very structure itself; and everything we do now and everything we will do in the future should fall under this rubric, *ad majoram gloriam Dei*. (For the Greater Glory of God)

A COMPLETELY SEPARATE CONSIDERATION: Our Parish Centre Property:

Over the past three years a committee has been meeting to determine the best possible use of the property that is St. Mary's Parish Centre 260 Brock Street. As you know we have lost on average \$40,000 per year on that building. There are several areas which need major attention for repairs but we have held off on them during the discernment process of what to do with the building. The committee which has been meeting is a combination of three members of a very generous donor group and our Parish Finance and Property Committee. It is the proposal of this committee that together with the financial backing of this sponsor that the property be transferred to an independent Not for Profit Corporation which would build an apartment building of 6 to 8 stories on the footprint of the property; that is the old St. Mary's School plus the parking lot. We don't foresee going much higher as we don't want to shadow the magnificent stain glass windows of the cathedral. There would be one bedroom apartments, two bedroom apartments and bachelor apartments. Part of the proposal would be that the first floor be retained and used as our Parish Centre with a large meeting area and a couple of smaller meeting areas together with a good commercial sized Kitchen, not dissimilar to the one we have in the present parish centre. The plan would also have two or three stories of parking below ground some of which would be accessible for parish use. The City of Kingston has been consulted and they are enthusiastic about the project. CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation), demographic consultants and architects are being consulted as well. We are at a point where the financing looks feasible and banks have been consulted regarding financing. This would be a corporation that is independent of the cathedral but would be run by a board of directors, consisting of the major stake holders, three from the sponsor and three from the cathedral, who would direct the eventual cash flow to assist St. Mary's Cathedral. All in all the project would be in the area of \$25 plus million dollars and the hope is to have shovels in the ground by 2021.

General Parish Meeting, Thursday, January 9th, 2020 at 7 pm

There will be a general parish meeting to give you more detailed information on each of the categories mentioned above and to answer questions and address concerns as best we can to date. At this point the archdiocese is aware of all this, and supportive, but a formal proposal has not been submitted as of yet for final approval.

If you would like to meet with me and discuss this in more depth after the meeting in January, I would be more than happy to do so as would Mark Levac the chairman of the Finance and Property Committee.

God bless us all as we move forward in our stewardship of this wonderful parish and these wonderful properties.

Your servant in Christ,
Father Shawn



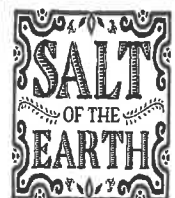
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while serving our
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Tuesday of the month. For more
information, please contact
CWL President Ann Lyng at
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