

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

The Mother Church of the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Kingston

The Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston

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Mass Schedule

St. James Chapel: Monday to Friday at 7:45 am

St Mary's Cathedral Monday to Friday at 12:10 pm, Doors open ½ hour prior to Mass

Sunday Vigil: Saturday at 5pm **Sunday:** 8am, 10:30am, 7:30pm

The Light is On! Opportunities for Confession

Weekday Confessions: 11:30 am to 12 noon **Saturday Confessions:** 4:00-4:50

Sunday Confessions: 7:30 to 7:55am, 9:50 to 10:20am & 7:00 to 7:25 pm

Adoration and Confession: Wednesday 6-9pm in the Cathedral

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. James Chapel

Monday- Friday 8:15am-9pm **Saturday :** 9am-4pm



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Mass Intentions

Monday April 7th	7:45 AM †Ivan Jakov	12:10 PM †Wilhelmina Wylemans
Tuesday April 8th	7:45 AM †Deceased members of Palajsa and Petric families	12:10PM †Tom Alexandrowicz
Wednesday April 9th	7:45 AM †Deceased members of Jakov, Obzetic, and Greguric families	12:10PM † Marc Tremblay
Thursday April 10th	7:45 AM † Msgr Raby, Pat Fardella and Brian Cosgrove	12:10 PM †Stacey Ann Beverley Kermeen
Friday April 11th	7:45 AM †Bonnie McMullan	12:10 PM †Tom Alexandrowicz
Saturday April 12th	2:00 Pm Funeral of Marc Trembly in the cathedral 5:00 PM †Joanna Rosa Dos Santos	
Sunday April 13th	8:00 AM Intentions of Aaron Gifford 7:30 PM † In Thanksgiving & for the Intentions of all our Benefactors.	10:30 AM <i>Pro-Populo Livestream</i>

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed after all 12:10 pm Masses

MINISTRIES:		First Reading:	Second Reading:
Saturday, April 12th	5:00 PM	Elizabeth Neeley	Loretta Gaffney
Sunday, April 13th	8:00 AM	Anne Hogarth	Janet Woo
Sunday, April 13th	10:30 AM	Gwyneth Fairfield	Paul Fairfield
Sunday, April 13th	7:30 PM	Michelle Savoie	William Taylor

His Grace, Archbishop Mulhall, will resume his conferences this Wednesday, April 9th, at 7PM in St James Chapel.

Planning Ahead

Mass of Chrism

Tuesday April 15th at 10:30 AM, St Mary's Cathedral

Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston will preside and bless the oils for the Sacramental life of the Church. All priests and deacons of the Archdiocese will renew their commitment to service.

Catholic Women's League Convention Mass Sunday, April 27th at 3 pm

Mark Your Calendar

**The Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Rev Mr Jude Thusiar
Here at St Mary's Cathedral**

Deacon Jude graduated from Queen's in Mechanical Engineering. He attended St. Mary's Cathedral as a student and considers St. Mary's his home parish here in the Archdiocese. He is originally from Mississauga but has studied for the Archdiocese of Kingston and will live his priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Kingston.



The Ordination to the Holy Priesthood
of Deacon Jude Thusiar will take place

Saturday May 3rd at 10:30 AM here in St Mary's Cathedral

Sri Lankan Luncheon Reception following the ordination at Our Lady of Fatima Hall, 588 Division Street, Kingston.

First Holy Sacrifice of the Mass of Father Jude Thusiar

Sunday May 4th at 10:30 AM. Luncheon Reception to follow under the tents on the cathedral lawns. Please plan on attending.

ALSO IN MAY

25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood

Father Shawn will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood at the 10:30 a.m. celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday, May 25th.

Luncheon Reception to follow under the tents on the cathedral lawns. Please plan on attending.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE TO THE CANADIAN MARTYRS' SHRINE IN MIDLAND, ONTARIO

To celebrate the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, St. Mary's Cathedral is planning an overnight pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs' Shrine and Ste. Marie Among the Hurons in Midland, Ontario, July 24 to July 25, 2025.

The bus will leave St. Joseph's Church at 9 am sharp on Thursday, July 24, 2025 with pick up stops at Napanee, Belleville and Trenton. Upon arrival in Midland, we will check in at our hotel before heading to Ste. Ignace II, the martyrdom site of the Jesuits, to participate in Holy Mass celebrated by Father Shawn plus prayers and time for personal reflections. Then we will dine at Restaurant Ste. Marie before experiencing the Shadows and Stone guided evening tours of the 17th century reconstructed village of Ste. Marie Among the Hurons to explore the historical buildings, sip tea by the crackling fire in the longhouse, listen to Indigenous stories, and imagine what Wendake, the territory between Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay where the Huron-Wendat people lived, would have been like at night in the 1600s. The Huron-Wendat were completely wiped out by the Iroquois in the 17th Century.

Friday July 25 is a full day at the Canadian Martyrs' Shrine which houses the relics of the martyrs, St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Gabriel Lamont and St. Charles Garnier. There will be opportunities for Holy Mass celebrated by priests of the shrine, confessions, outdoor Stations of the Cross, a guided tour of the Shrine, visits to the gift shop, lunch at the Shrine restaurant, visits to the Votary behind the Station of the Cross plus time for prayer in this tranquil setting before returning to Kingston, arriving at approximately 9 pm after stopping enroute for dinner.

Travel provided by Franklin Deluxe Coach Bus Lines. The bus will be equipped with a washroom. Total cost of the round trip and hotel is \$290 per person. This includes travel, accommodation, guided tours and entry fees. Meals are not included. Space is limited, please reserve early to avoid disappointment of what promises to be a very prayerful and faith-filled pilgrimage. To reserve your spot please contact Ann Lyng at ann@stmaryscathedral.ca OR call 613-546-5521 ext.5.

You are invited to join the **Opus Dei Recollections** - reflections to deepen our union with Christ in ordinary life. Newcomers welcome. Come and go as you need.

For Women: Tues., April 22 - St. Joseph's Church 7-9pm

For Men: Wed., April 23 - Holy Family Church 7-9pm

Learn more at opusdei.ca and stjosemaria.org.

So, How Should I Vote?

By Deacon Andrew Bennet of Cardus, Ottawa.

Cardus is a non-partisan think tank dedicated to clarifying and strengthening, through research and dialogue, the ways in which society's institutions can work together for the common good.

In the following Deacon Andrew Bennett gives advice to pastors.....

We must remind them (our congregations) of our primary responsibility to God and to their faith and that when they participate in the civic life of our country that primary affiliation must govern our words and our actions, including our votes.

After months of the political stasis brought on by Parliament's prorogation, we now find ourselves at the start of the inevitable general election. Elections can bring out the best in our national political debate as parties compete to advance a vision for the country for the next four years. As voters, we engage those visions and then pass judgement on the best way forward for the country. Elections can be something that we look forward to as an opportunity to flex our democratic brawn, extending those family dinner table debates or office coffee machine discussions into all-candidates meetings, post-leaders' debate armchair commentaries, and eventually an X on a ballot. Or, is this a too-idealistic, Canadian Political Science 101 view? Perhaps. Might instead some of us dread elections, seeing them rather as an acute manifestation of original sin? Or, maybe we fear our own awkwardness when asked that fateful question after Sunday service: "Father/Pastor/Deacon, how should I vote?" How do we answer that question?

I would suggest the answer lies in rightly ordering our loyalties. God and our Christian faith come first, before family, before friends, and certainly before politics. As our first priority, our Christian faith informs all other aspects of our lives and keeps them in proper order. Our Lord Jesus Christ loves the world and all of us are called to love it too, fallen yet also redeemed. Our politics are fallen, yet they can also be redeemed when they are ordered towards the highest goods, the highest virtues: justice, mercy, self-sacrifice. When we counsel our congregants on how to engage politically, we must remind them of their primary responsibility to God and to their faith and that when they participate in the civic life of our country that primary affiliation must govern our words and

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

<https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/voting-as-catholics-2019-federal-election-guide/>

Offer guidelines to our vote in 2019. The same principles apply in 2025.

The American bishops offer a detailed reflection on Catholic teaching and political life, called "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

The following are a series of videos to help you make your decision to vote according to Catholic Social teaching. <https://capp-usa.org/catholic-social-teaching-voting/>

A Catholic's guide to voting

This article is American but the same principles apply to us as Catholic voters.

<https://www.thecatholicspirit.com/faith/faith-alive/a-catholics-guide-to-voting/>

Voting: It is one of our most important responsibilities as citizens. Indeed, the church teaches that there are three primary responsibilities of all citizens: to pay taxes, to defend their country and to vote.

Each of these responsibilities asks us to put the good of society and our fellow citizens above our individual desires and needs. Thus a primary question we must answer as Catholic voters is whether the needs of the weakest and most defenseless among us are being addressed. In the voting booth we have a privileged opportunity to contribute to our nation and promote the common good by bringing the values and teachings of our faith to bear on the issues facing our society.

The following is an FAQ on voting as a Catholic.

Q. Does the church tell me whom I should vote for?

A. No. The church does not tell us whom to vote for when we enter the voting booth. It does not endorse an official list of candidates or tell us which party Catholics should join. Instead, Catholics are to use their judgment and follow their consciences as they apply the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and the core faith values to the choices they make in the voting booth.

As Catholics, following the challenging path of discipleship, we need to evaluate the issues and candidates in the light of our Catholic faith. Then, we are challenged to live out our faith by getting actively involved — by voting and engaging in other civic activities.

"I Voted!" stickers are seen at a polling station in Brooklyn, N.Y., Aug. 23, 2022. (OSV News photo/Brendan McDermid, Reuters)

Q. How does my Catholic faith help me to make these choices?

A. We are taught from an early age to form our consciences in the light of Catholic teaching. "To follow one's conscience" is often misunderstood as something that allows us to do whatever we want, or as following the "feeling" we have that something is right or wrong.

But our faith teaches us that "conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil" (from the U.S. bishops' 2015 document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," 17, hereafter referred to as FC).

It is our responsibility as Catholics to form our consciences by developing the virtue of prudence to discern true good in circumstances and to choose the right means of achieving it by maintaining a willingness and openness to seek what is right through studying Scripture and church teaching by using our reason to study key issues in light of this teaching, and by prayerfully seeking to understand the will of God.

Q. What about the separation of church and state? Can the church ask me to vote according to my Catholic principles?

A. Our nation's founders sought to "separate church and state" in the sense of prohibiting the establishment of any particular denomination as the official religious body of the nation — not in the sense of forbidding religious organizations to address matters of grave importance to human welfare.

Building upon Scripture and the teachings of church leaders and saints for centuries, our faith has clear principles for how best to achieve justice, peace, and human dignity for all men and women. Moreover, the Catholic moral tradition rests firmly on the natural law binding upon everyone, not just Catholics.

Q. What are the key principles that should guide us as we enter the voting booth?

A. Four principles of Catholic social doctrine are key to making practical judgments to do good and avoid evil in voting: Promoting and defending the dignity of the human person; supporting the family and subsidiarity in local, state and national institutions; working for the common good where human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met; and acting in solidarity with concern for all as our brothers and sisters, especially the poor and most vulnerable.

Q. Is there anything Catholics must always reject?

A. As Catholics we "may choose different ways to respond to compelling social problems, but we cannot differ on our moral obligation to help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended" (FC, 20).

Our faith reminds us that we must always reject and oppose "intrinsically evil" actions of any sort. Acts such as the taking of innocent human life are so deeply flawed that they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor.

This is why the church so strongly opposes abortion and physician-assisted suicide (euthanasia). In each case, the lives of the weak and the vulnerable are endangered, and there can be no good reason to allow the taking of these innocent lives or to vote for legislation that would allow these evils to result. Likewise, our church opposes other actions that both violate human dignity and are destructive of life, such as human cloning or the destructive research on human embryos. The church condemns genocide, torture, the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, and racism, for they too are severe violations of human rights and human dignity. Related concerns are excessive consumption of material goods, unjust discrimination, and the narrowing redefinition of religious freedom.

Q. If all of these are priorities, what is most important?

A. All of these issues are important, but they are not all morally or ethically equivalent. “The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed” (FC, 28).

At the same time, issues such as war, the death penalty, racism, and care for the poor and the immigrant are enormously important. “These are not optional concerns which can be dismissed” (FC, 29).

Q. But if we must keep all of these principles in mind, is there going to be anyone who we can vote for?

A. Unfortunately, we are often forced to choose between two inadequate and flawed political agendas. It can be quite difficult to find candidates who align with our consciences on all of the key moral issues.

This is why the virtue of prudence is necessary when approaching the voting booth. This virtue helps us deliberate over the choices before us — to determine, in light of church teaching and our formed consciences, who is most deserving of our support. In other words, in a world of imperfect choices, we must strive to make the best choice possible.

Where Catholics must be in agreement is that fundamental moral obligation we share: to “help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended” (FC, 20).

Q. If no single party or candidate in a given election conforms to our key Catholic principles, what are we to do?

A. It is clear that one absolutely may not vote for a “candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, deliberately subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior, if the voter’s intent is to support that position” (FC, 34, emphasis added). But neither can one use a candidate’s opposition to such evils “to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life or dignity” (FC, 34).

There may be times when a voter selects a candidate who holds an unacceptable position, but this can be done only for “truly grave moral reasons,” not just for partisan or personal interests. It may involve the prudential judgment that one candidate seems likely to do less harm or is more likely to pursue other positive priorities.

If, for a grave reason, we do vote for a candidate who holds positions contrary to fundamental moral goods, we have a duty to make our opposition to those positions heard. Writing letters, speaking up at forums, and participating in local party political activities are ways to steadfastly assert our Catholic values.

There may even be occasions when some Catholic voters feel that they must take “the extraordinary step of not voting for any candidate” (FC, 36). This, too, is a serious decision that must be guided by one’s conscience and the moral teachings of our faith.

Q. What can I do to prepare to vote?

A. Inform yourself about the church’s teachings. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a great place to start. Consider gathering a small group to discuss church teachings in relation to the candidates or policies.

Inform yourself about the issues. Read the Catholic press and listen to the candidates. See where the candidates stand on critical moral and social issues.

Seek input from Catholics you respect.

Pray. Take your hopes, concerns and worries to the Lord and ask for his guidance.

Q. This seems hard.

A. In today’s political environment, voting as a Catholic is hard work. It takes serious reflection, knowledge of church teaching, and awareness of who the candidates are and where they stand on the issues.

The church challenges us to vote for what is best for society and all of its members, particularly those least able to speak up for or defend themselves. The great privilege of democracy is that we, as citizens and religious believers, can have a voice in the direction of our country by voting for the common good; this is both a right and a responsibility. The great privilege of being Catholic is that we have a community of faith and a body of teaching, going back to Christ himself, which can help us make good decisions in the voting booth.

Holy Week Schedule at the Cathedral

Palm Sunday, Sunday April 13th (Regular Sunday Schedule in the cathedral)

Mass: Sat 5PM, Sun 8AM, 10:30AM and 7:30PM

Monday, April 14th

Mass: 7:45 AM, Confessions: 11:30AM, Mass 12:10PM

Tuesday, April 15th

No 7:45AM and no 12:10PM Noon Mass

Confessions 9:30 AM, Mass of Chrism: 10:30 AM in the cathedral

Wednesday April 16th

Mass: 7:45 AM, Confessions: 11:30AM, Mass 12:10 PM

Adoration and Confessions: 6 – 9 PM

Archbishop Mulhall: Holy Week Spiritual Conference 7PM

Holy Thursday, April 17th in the cathedral

Confessions 2-4 PM, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM

Good Friday, April 18th

Stations of the Cross: 11AM in the cathedral

The Passion of the Lord: 3PM in the cathedral

Stations of the Cross: 7 PM in the cathedral

Holy Saturday, April 19th

Decorating: 9AM, RCIA practice: 11AM

The Great Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM in the cathedral

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Confessions: ½ Hour before each Mass

Mass of the Resurrection: 8AM, 10:30AM, and 7:30PM in the cathedral

