

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

December 6 – December 14, 2025 Repent for the kingdom of heaven

has come near.

Saturday, December 6

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. For Collette Boudreau

Sunday, December 7

9:00 a.m For the People 11:00 a.m. For Rachel Hart

Monday, December 8- The Immaculate Conception

Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:15 pm For Stephane Gagnon

Tuesday, December 9

9:30-9:50 am Confessions

10:00 a.m. For Intention of Marion Van de Vrande5:15 p.m. For Gerald, Genevieve and Paul Whalen

Wednesday, December 10

11:00 a.m. FUNERAL FOR LUCILLE KENNEY

Thursday, December 11

10:00 a.m. MASS

4:30-4:50 p.m. Confessions

5:15 pm MASS

6:30 pm First Reconciliations 7:00 pm Advent Confessions

Friday, December 12- Our Lady of

Guadalupe

10:00 a.m. For Dylan, Adam & Nathan Freeburn

Saturday, December 13

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. For The People

Sunday, December 14

9:00 a.m. For Carol Murphy 11:00 a.m. For The Monte Family

Join livestreamed Mass Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on our website stpaulkingston.com

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased *LUCILLE KENNEY*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Aiden Bedard, GF Miller, Marg Walton, John Kelly, Harry Gurney, Vener Manuel, Ken Burns, Sean Sayle, Carmel Rumleski, Laura McKenney, Joclynn Amaral, Kimberly, Fr. Bill Steacy, Carol Robinson, and Denis and Sherry Guenette. If there are members of your family or friends who are ill or recently died, and for whom you wish prayers, please contact the office at 613-389-8222

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel introduces John the Baptist, whose mission is to call us to prepare the way for the Lord. The Advent Season invites us to have a twofold preparation. First: not to be so engrossed in this world as to forget that we are also citizens of heaven and servants of our God. Second: that our preparations to celebrate the birth of the Saviour must not be only eating and drinking and partying, that is, we should not be so absorbed in the materialism of the season as to forget the spiritual significance of the Nativity and Incarnation of Jesus Christ as Saviour of the world. These two dimensions of Advent are closely related. To prepare a way is not just about the future but mainly about the present. So we must prepare, not in the desert, but in our world, in our homes and in our hearts, the way of the Lord. For sin in us has produced a labyrinth, so that there is now a complicated path to our heart. This is the path that we must straighten and untangle. The task is not impossible, for the task is not ours alone: God makes low, God fills up, God builds the road; our task is to assent to his action, remembering that, as Saint Augustine said, "he who made us without our help, will not save us without our help."

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Christmas Eve, Wednesday December 24:

5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Thursday December 25:

Nativity of the Lord

10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve, Wednesday December 31:

5:00 p.m.

New Years Day, Thursday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



VERSO L'ALTO UPCOMING DATES: GRADES 1-4 Every 2nd Saturday

10:00 am – 12:00 p.m. Room E

Dec - 20 – Nativity

Get to know our friends in Heaven the saints, play games, and make crafts, as we deepen in our Faith together, and ascent to the heights!

PREREGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE:

https://stpaulkingston.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1054108

200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF KINGSTON

We begin our anniversary celebrations on the Patronal Feast, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, at 10:30 am at St Mary's Cathedral, we will have a Mass at St Paul's at 5:15 that day for those unable to attend the mass at St Mary's https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/journey

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

Must be submitted to St Paul's Parish by December 7 if you wish a tax receipt for 2025. The Diocesan Centre's deadline is December 12. This would include Catholic Missions in Canada, Archdiocesan Lenten Collection, Needs of the Church in the Holy Land, The Pope's Pastoral Works, Needs of the Church in Canada, World Mission Sunday and Priests Retirement Fund Envelopes.

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

7:00 pm Thursday, December 11 7:00 pm Thursday, December 18 Also Tuesdays before 10:00 am mass 9:30 – 9:50 am Thursdays before 5:15 pm mass 5:30 4:50 pm

SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

The second candle of Advent is traditionally known as the "Peace Candle." Its theme centers around the peace that Christ brings to the world and the inner peace that believers seek in their relationship with God. It serves as a reminder of the message of peace that was proclaimed by the angels on the night of Christ's birth: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14).

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our next general meeting is on Saturday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a potluck dish and gift (Max \$10) for our White Elephant exchange. All women of the parish 16 years and older are welcome to attend. A big thank you to all parishioners who baked and/or donated items for our bazaar.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES – DECEMBER 12

All are invited by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way through prayer and acts of solidary, on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



<u>Prison Ministry Opportunity</u> – St Joseph Parish is exploring the potential for Dismas Information Evenings, offering fellowship, monthly gatherings that provide hope and community for those returning from prison. For more info: contact Mary Jo: religioused@archkingston.ca | 613-548-4461 ext. 115 www.dismasfellowshipnetwork.com

Christmas Concert - St Joseph Parish, Kingston

An afternoon of Christmas music, featuring Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg, and Noah St. Amand (of Turpin's Trail) in the church on Thursday, December 11, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.. A free-will offering would be greatly appreciated with the proceeds to our Parish Hall expansion

Melos Choir Journey to Bethlehem

One Hour Concert followed by optional Carol Sing, Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. at St. John the Apostle Parish, Reflective Advent chants, joyful Christmas carols, music for the Persian Festival of Yalda. Tickets are \$25; at the door, or in advance at Novel Idea; or online at: 222.melos-early music.org

<u>Holy Mass for those who are Bereaved – St James Chapel of St. Mary's Cathedral</u>

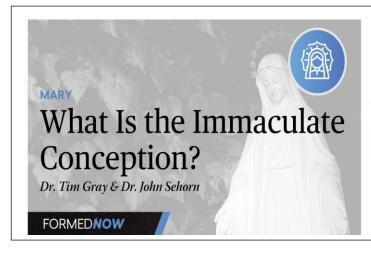
Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, especially those who have lost a loved one in the past year.

Advent Transformation Night

Join us for a prayerful evening of Eucharistic adoration, liturgical beauty, transformation and personal reflection, as we ponder the ancient O Antiphons of the Church, led by Fr. Jude on Friday, December 19, 2025 6:30-9:30 pm. Hosted by Encounter School of Ministry. No Charge. All Welcome

Gentlemen, We Need Your Help!

Veronica's Veil Overnight Winter Shelter for Homeless Men is preparing to open — but we cannot do it without more volunteers. Coverage needed: January 1st – April 30. Just four hours once a week Shifts: 8 pm–12 am 12 am–4 am, 4 am–8 am, please contact Ann Lyng at veronicasveil@stmaryscathedral.ca Training and orientation will be provided.





What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

