



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

December 20 – December 28, 2025

The virgin shall be with child and bear a

son; and they shall name him Emmanuel: God is with us.

Saturday, December 20

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

5:00 p.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, December 21

9:00 a.m. For Agustina Quintana

11:00 a.m. For the People

Monday, December 22 – St John of Kanty

10:00 a.m. For John Couto

Tuesday, December 23

9:30- 9:50 am Confessions

10:00 a.m. For Nathan Freeburn

5:15 p.m. NO MASS



Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. For Cynthia Ferreira

7:00 p.m. For the Hamilton Family

Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. For the People

Friday, December 26 – St Stephen

10:00 a.m. For Nguyen Thi Thieu

Saturday, December 27

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

5:00 p.m. For Margaret Spooner

Sunday, December 28 Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary and Joseph

9:00 a.m. For Rob McAllister

11:00 a.m. For George & Rebecca Balanchandran
50th Anniversary

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

DAVID HARTWICK

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, Phillip Luckovich

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 starts us on the road to Bethlehem by recounting the beginning of the disruption to St Joseph's life. This comes through the angel of the Lord in a dream. Joseph from this moment encounters a God who will not let him be; his life is disrupted and now focuses on this child. Joseph's concern to care for this child and his protection of him will take him on a journey beyond his imagination, guided by grace, guided by his fidelity to this child. As we continue our journey through advent, we are aware that we are preparing for the celebration of the coming of the child in the manger. It is part of our task of preparation that we come to see that the Christ child is worthy of our full and undivided attention. But is also part of that preparation to understand that this will necessarily change and disrupt our lives in ways that we might not expect. Will we welcome that disruption?

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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

10:00 a.m. ONLY (NOTE CORRECTION)



VERSO L'ALTO

GRADES 1-4 Every 2nd Saturday

10:00 am – 12:00 p.m. Room E

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>

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST CEREMONY, DECEMBER 20

Everyone is invited to the lighting of the parish outdoor nativity scene on Saturday, December 20, immediately following the 5 pm Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent. The short service of hymns, Gospel reading of the birth of Jesus, and a special Blessing will begin in the gathering space of the church and then move outdoors, weather permitting, for the lighting of the nativity scene.

ENVELOPE PACKAGES

for 2026 will be available for pickup in the gathering space this weekend. If you notice that your address is wrong or missing, or you do not have a package, please fill out your information on the sheet on the clipboard. Please put your name and address on envelopes for the first month in 2026. Do not use old envelopes if you have been assigned a new number. We have deleted numbers due to many are using the PAD Method of Donating.

PARISH POTLUCK LUNCH, JANUARY 25

In celebration of the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, a parish potluck lunch will be held on Sunday, January 25, in the Mary Campeau Memorial Hall, immediately following the 11 am Mass. Plan to bring your favourite main course, sandwiches, salad or dessert. More details will be available early in January, including how to register to bring food and to volunteer to assist. For more information, call Shaun, 613.634.4229.



SERVICE OF ANOINTING THE SICK **January 27, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.**

You are cordially invited to a service of Prayer and Anointing of the Sick to mark the beginning of the Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Creation of the diocese

of Kingston. The Sacrament of the Sick is intended for those facing serious distress due to illness or old age. There will also be prayer teams for those seeking intercession for lesser concerns or family members or problems after the service. Family members and friends are also invited to accompany and support their ill friends and family members.



Prison Ministry Opportunity – 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

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.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS

Father, in this season of light and love, we thank You for the gift of family — for the laughter, the memories, and the bonds that hold us together. Bless our home with peace that calms every worry, joy that warms every heart, and love that grows stronger each day. May we carry the spirit of Christmas beyond this day, showing kindness, patience, and generosity to one another and to all we meet. Keep us safe, united, and mindful of the true meaning of this season — the hope and grace we find in You, Lord



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Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

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