



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday MASS SCHEDULE

December 13 – December 21, 2025

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

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

Monday, December 15

5:15 pm For the Intention of Rick de Vette

Tuesday, December 16

9:30- 9:50 am Confessions

10:00 a.m. Mass

5:15 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 17

10:00 a.m. For Jean Noel Gagnon

Thursday, December 18

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 19

10:00 a.m. Mass

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

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
Eddie Tang

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*

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

7:00 PM Thursday, December 18

Also Tuesday before 10:00 am Mass (9:30 – 9:50 am)

Thursdays before 5:15 pm Mass (4:30-4:50 pm):

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel brings together God's attributes of judgment and mercy. Is judgment incompatible with mercy? How can a merciful God judge? Some dismiss a judging God because they want a God who will condone their behaviour and not call them to change their behaviour. Others don't like the message of mercy because they think it lets wicked people off the hook. But the mercy is the companion of judgment because God will not let evil have the last say. Thus those who are blind to the truth about God and themselves, need to have their eyes opened; those who are not strong enough to walk in the way of his commandments are given the help of the Spirit's grace; those who are tainted with the disease of sin are restored to spiritual health; those who are deaf to the voice of conscience are made sensitive to right and wrong when they allow him to unstop their ears; those dead because of sin are raised to new life. In this way Jesus is defeating the powers of evil, not by violence, but by love and mercy. The coming of Jesus reveals to us a God who does hold us to high standards, and who will be our judge, but who beyond that judgment holds out to the faithful the promise of a new world where evil and iniquity are swept aside and only holiness and joy abound. In this spirit of rejoicing, let us continue our spiritual preparation for the coming of this God of mercy.

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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

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



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>

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The day takes its common name from the Latin word *Gaudete* ("Rejoice"), the first word of the introit of this day's Mass:

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione et obsecratione cum gratiarum actione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. Benedixisti Domine terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob.—Philippians

THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT

The third candle of Advent is lit during the third week of Advent, which is often referred to as Gaudete Sunday. This week emphasizes the joy that the shepherds felt upon receiving the good news of Jesus' arrival, as described in Luke 2: 8-20. The shepherds were the first to hear the announcement of Christ's birth from the angels, which brought them great joy.

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.



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

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-earlymusic.org

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

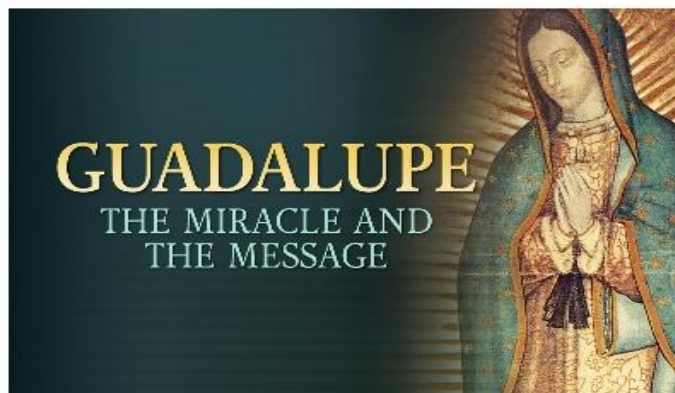
Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, especially those who have lost a loved one in the past year.

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.



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