



## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,

MARY AND JOSEPH

### MASS SCHEDULE

December 27 – January 4, 2026

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

#### Saturday, December 27

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

5:00 p.m. For Margaret Spooner

#### Sunday, December 28

9:00 a.m. For Rob McAllister

11:00 a.m. For George & Rebecca Balanchandran  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Monday, December 29 – St John of Kenty

10:00 a.m. For Rudy Jalandoon

#### Tuesday, December 30

##### 10:00 – 10:30 am Confessions

11:00 a.m. For Deryk & Tulip Fernandes  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

##### 5:15 p.m. NO MASS

#### Wednesday, December 31- New Years Eve

5:00 p.m. For the People

#### 8:00 – 12:00 midnight Adoration

#### Thursday, January 1- Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

10:00 a.m. For Eileen Gallagher

#### Friday, January 2

10:00 a.m. For Gilles Maisonneuve

#### Saturday, January 3- Epiphany

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

5:00 p.m. For the People

#### Sunday, January 4

9:00 a.m. For Alfredo & Julie Toledo

11:00 a.m. For Agustina Quintana

*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, Fr. Stan Alanen  
*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

The Holy Family had to face many issues not unlike those of our own households. In those days, the men on pilgrimage walked with the men's group, and the women with the women. Only in the evening would the two groups come together. Mary assumed that Jesus was travelling with the men, and Joseph assumed that the boy was with his mother, a classic case of family misunderstanding! After a whole day's travel, Joseph and Mary discover that the boy has gone off on his own. Fortunately, the Gospel tells us something quite different about the childhood of Jesus, in a down-to-earth way. In this story of misunderstanding, we can feel quite close to the Holy Family of Nazareth. They are real people, after all, who had their ups and downs as a family, just like your family and mine. They had their problems, their struggles and their challenges, just like your family and mine. But they survived as a family, just like yours and mine. They survived, because there was enough love, acceptance and forgiveness between them, and enough trust in both God and one another. Indeed the Holy Family can be closer to our lives than we realise. Today we pray for their guidance in our own family life.



*January 1 is New Year's and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is also the Day of Prayer for Peace. As a Holy Day of Obligation, you are invited to seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin for peace in this needed time in our world. Our New Year's Eve and Day Masses will honour Mary and pray for Peace with a special Prayer of the Faithful. We will light a candle for peace before each petition. Eight (8) volunteers will be needed. If you would like to volunteer, please come earlier to Mass and speak to one of the priests.*

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#### VERSO L'ALTO

GRADES 1-4 Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
10:00 am – 12:00 p.m. Room E  
January 3

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>

## 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 200<sup>th</sup> 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.

## PRAAYER FOR FAMILIES AT NEW YEARS

As we step into this new year, we thank You for the gift of family — for the laughter, the lessons, and the love we share. Bless our home with peace that calms every storm, joy that brightens every day, and unity that keeps us strong through every challenge. Guide our steps in wisdom, protect us from harm, and help us to be patient, kind, and forgiving toward one another. May this year be filled with health, hope, and opportunities to grow closer to You and to each other. We place our plans, dreams, and hearts in Your hands, trusting that Your mercy will lead us through.



**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](mailto:religioused@archkingston.ca) | 613-548-4461 ext. 115 [www.dismasfellowshipnetwork.com](http://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](mailto:veronicasveil@stmaryscathedral.ca) Training and orientation will be provided.

## PRAAYER 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



A graphic for a FormedNow series. It features a background of a stained-glass window depicting the Holy Family. Overlaid text includes 'CHRISTMAS', 'The Holy Family' in large letters, 'Dr. John Sehorn' in smaller letters, and 'FORMEDNOW' at the bottom.

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