



Second Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE

December 7 - December 15, 2024

Lord, help us prepare our hearts for Your coming. Guide us to remove obstacles that keep us from You. Strengthen our love and faith as we journey together.

Saturday, December 7

4:00 – 4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 p.m. For Rachel Hart

Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m. For the People

11:00 a.m. For Don & Mary Waller

Monday, December 9 – Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

NO MASS 10:30 St Mary’s Cathedral

Tuesday, December 10

8:30 a.m. For Deceased Members of the Wright and Van de Vrande Families

9:00 – 9:20 a.m. Confessions

5:15 p.m. For Alfonso Sandio

6:45 p.m. Confessions

Wednesday, December 11

10:00 a.m. For the Intention of Damasus Vinyl

Thursday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am For Dylan, Adam & Nathan Freeburn

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Confessions

5:15 p.m. For Vincent del Rosario Jr.

Friday, December 13 – St Lucy

10:00 a.m. For the Intention of Fr. Leo Byrne

Saturday, December 14

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. For the Intention of Juan & Eliana on their 20th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, December 15

9:00 a.m. For the People

11:00 a.m. For Tom and Mary Barrett

Join livestreamed Mass Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on our website St Paul the Apostle.com

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased:

SHEILA ALARIE

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Silvia Peter Mawalla, Aiden Bedard, Linda Viola, Michelle Matney, Samara Lively, GF Miller, Lynn Bales, Tony Waller, Matilda Sarzotti, Fr. Mac Burke, Linda MacKechnie, Mateo Miguel, Claudette Winchester, Cesar (Tet) Aguirre, Sean Sayle, Debra Milette, Elwood Hodgins

If there are members of your family or friends who are ill or recently died, and for whom you wish prayers, please contact the parish office at 613-389-8222.

2025 WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS \$20.00 EACH

Workbook for lectors limited number of copies available \$20.00 each in the sacristy.

Gospel Reflection

Saint Luke lists the political and religious leaders in his gospel into order to emphasize that the Word of God really entered into human time and history as pointed out by John the Baptist, who announced the presence of Jesus the Messiah. John fulfills our understanding of a prophet: one who pushes for change; who denounces the injustices of the system, who points his finger against power in all its forms – religious, economic, military – and dares to cry out in the face of the tyrant. But there is something else that John the Baptist does: He gives to the people "a knowledge of salvation, of the remission of their sins" (Luke 1:77). While the prophets of the past announced a future salvation, John the Baptist announces that salvation is now present in Christ. John the Baptist’s life can be summed up in the image of a finger pointing to the one who was coming: Jesus Christ. If we are to take on John’s role of preparing the way in today’s world, our lives also will become the pointing fingers of living witnesses who demonstrate that Jesus can be found and that he is near. Jesus is the fulfillment of our longing, our hoping and waiting. Jesus alone can transform the deserts of our lives into living gardens of beauty and nourishment for the world.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday, December 24:	Christmas Eve 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 25:	The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day 10:00 am

NEW YEAR’S MASS TIMES

Tuesday, December 31:	New Year’s Eve 5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1:	Mary, Holy Mother of God New Year’s Day 10:00 am

PREAUTHORIZED DEBIT FOR CHURCH COLLECTION

If you would like to participate in the pre-authorized debit for the 1st or 15th of the month, please pick up the Bank Authorization Form found in the Gathering Area (Atrium); complete and return to the Parish Office (with a void cheque). For more information, contact the Parish Office

NATIVITY EXHIBITION, DECEMBER 12-13

A variety of nativities depicting the birth of Christ, chosen from the Vella Collection, will be on display in the Mary Campeau Memorial Hall on December 12 and 13, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm daily (concurrent with visit of school children). **In addition, selected nativities from the Vella Collection will be on sale** in the hall following all Masses on December 14 and 15 (\$25 max each; cash, cheque or e-transfer accepted; proceeds to the St George Preca Scholarship Fund at Holy Cross CSS for students entering the trades). For further information, or to volunteer to assist with the supervision of the exhibition, call Shaun 613.634.4229.

CWL BAKE SALE – December 14/15 after all Masses

Calling all Parish Bakers! When you are doing your Christmas Baking, please do a little extra to donate your favorite squares, cookies, pies, tarts, fudge etc. (Christmas themed) to support our fundraising efforts.

To sign up to bake please contact Nancy Hayes nhayes22@cogeco.ca or sign up on poster board in the gathering space. **Please list all ingredients for those with food allergies.** All baking donations are to be dropped off at noon on Saturday December 14 in the Mary Campeau Hall.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, December 10 @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 12 @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 17 @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 19 @ 6:30 pm

ADVENT CONFESSIONS FOR PARISHIONERS

Tuesday, December 10 @ 6:45 pm

Thursday, December 19 @ 6:45 pm

2025 ENVELOPE BOXES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE

If you do not see your name and wish a box, please fill out the form on the clipboard and a box will be provided to you the next week. Forms for Pre-Authorized Debit will be provided also, if you wish to switch or start one.



Veronica's Veil Overnight Shelter for Men

Veronica's Veil Overnight Shelter for Men **will open for its third season on January 2, 2025 and go until the end of April.** Shifts run 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., 12:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., seven nights a week. Training will be provided. Volunteers work as a team on each shift, so you are never working alone. To sign up for a shift on either a weekly or a substitute basis or for more information, please contact Ann Lyng at veronicasveil@stmaryscathedral.ca

Food Sharing Project Volunteers Needed

There is a huge need for volunteers at several of the schools in Kingston. Food Sharing Project is seeking volunteers to:

- Help prepare, cook, and serve school meals
- Support local lunch and breakfast programs
- Engage with students and staff to create a welcoming environment

Please email volunteer@foodsharingproject.org to sign up, or call (613)530-3514.

Advent Reflections with Archbishop Mulhall

Wednesdays, beginning December 11; 7:00 pm

St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston

Archbishop Mulhall will be giving Advent Reflections beginning the second week of December at St. Mary's Cathedral. We hope you will join us.

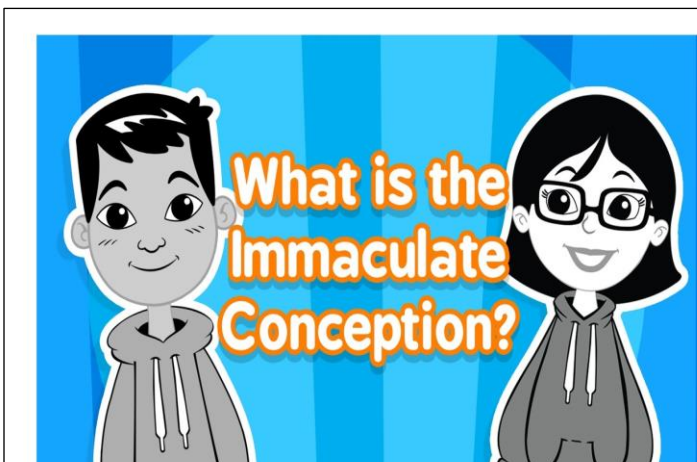
Christmas Concert Join us for an afternoon of Christmas music, featuring Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg, and Noah St. Amand (of Turpin's Trail) in the church on Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A free-will offering would be greatly appreciated with the proceeds donated to the Social Planning Council of Kingston.

Carol Sing at St. John the Apostle: Sunday, December 15;

3:00 pm St. John the Apostle Parish 88 Patrick Street,

Kingston Melos Choir will be performing Advent & Christmas music from England to Armenia, 6th to 19th centuries, interspersed with Carol singing with the audience.

Tickets are \$20 or free-will offering as able; at the door or online at: www.melos-earlymusic.org



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