



Third Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE

December 14 - December 22, 2024

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say,

rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Saturday, December 14

4:00 – 4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 p.m. For Intentions 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

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

8:30 a.m. Intention of the Monte Family

9:00 – 9:20 a.m. Confessions

5:15 p.m. For Gerald, Genevieve & Paul Whalen

Wednesday, December 18

10:00 a.m. For John Finucan

Thursday, December 19

8:30 am Intention for Fr. John Brennan

5:15 p.m. For John Couto

6:45 p.m. Confessions

Friday, December 20

10:00 a.m. For Nathan Freeburn

Saturday, December 21

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions

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

Sunday, December 22

9:00 a.m. For the People

11:00 a.m. For the Repose of the Soul of Alfredo Toledo
And for the Family

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

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.

2025 ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN GATHERING SPACE

Gospel Reflection

Today is Gaudate Sunday. Thus St. Paul invites the
Philippians to rejoice. Why would they rejoice when
they are being persecuted? They rejoice because of
their relationship with the Lord and the gift of
salvation. This deep and abiding relationship with God
has the power to carry the believer through all sorts of
trials and tribulations. The opposite of rejoicing and
happiness is the deadness that manifests itself through
cynicism, meanness of spirit, and smallness of mind
and heart. Many of us know what this feels like: the
deadness and dissatisfaction induced by a consumer
culture that stimulates our senses and bombards us with
largely meaningless choices while leaving us starved
for some deeper purpose. Thus, the greatest danger to
joy is when unbridled selfishness becomes our way of
life. The way preached by John the Baptist was to form
a sharing, caring community. Instead of sharing
clothing or food, many see their neighbours as
competitors and try to outdo them in status, lifestyle,
travel, conspicuous spending and housing quality. Such
self-seeking can give surface satisfaction but not deep
and lasting joy. Materialism can easily make us forget
our spiritual identity. St Francis of Assisi, the most
joyful of saints, rightly said, “For it is in giving that
we receive.” Our best joy comes when we’re not
thinking about ourselves at all, but recognizing the
supreme blessing we have received in the gift of Jesus
as our Saviour and sharing this blessing in giving a
helping hand in his name.



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

JOYFUL SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word “*gaudete*” is derived from the Latin words “*gaudium*,” joy, and “*gaudeo*,” to rejoice or be glad. *Gaudete* Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy

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.

LASTING TRIBUTE

Please remember Saint Paul the Apostle in your will. At the death of a loved one you might name “Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Kingston for memorial donations.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

If you wish to register your child for Confirmation you must attend the Parent Information Session on Sunday, January 12 at 12:15 pm or Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, December 17 @ 6:30 pm
Thursday, December 19 @ 6:30 pm

ADVENT CONFESSIONS FOR PARISHIONERS

Thursday, December 19 @ 6:45 pm

SALE OF VELLA NATIVITIES COLLECTION, DECEMBER 14-15

Nativities from the Vella Collection will be on sale following all Masses December 14/15 in Room B of the Mary Campeau Memorial Hall; \$5-25. (The Vella Family are long-time Parishioners of St Paul’s Parish) Proceeds to replenish the Trust Fund established in Tony Vella’s name at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School to assist Students entering the trades.



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:

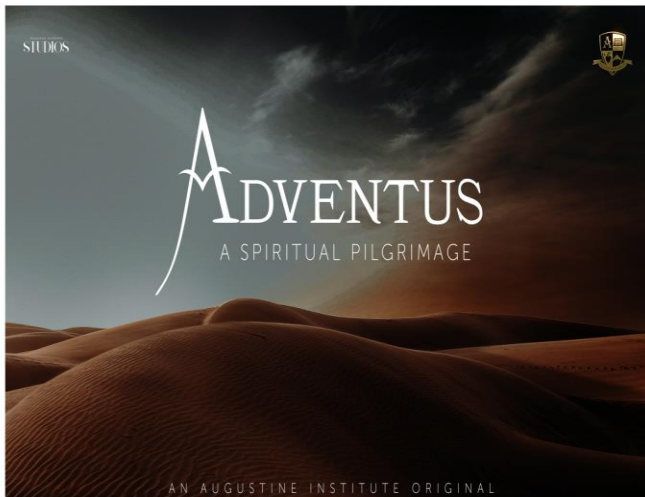
- Help prepare, cook, and serve school meals
- Support local lunch and breakfast programs
- Engage with students and staff to create a welcoming environment

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.

**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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Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ’s coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.

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