

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
MASS SCHEDULE**

December 28 – January 5, 2024

Saturday, December 28

4:00 – 4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 p.m. For the People

**Sunday, December 29 – The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

9:00 a.m. For Gerald Kenyon

11:00 a.m. For Bernardito Espinoza

Monday, December 30

10:00 a.m. For Nathan Freeburn

Tuesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

5:00 p.m. For Joyce O'Connor

Wednesday, January 1- Solemnity of Mary, the

Holy Mother of God (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

10:00 a.m. For Eileen Gallagher

Thursday, January 2 – St Basil the Great and

St. Gregory Nazianzen

10:00 a.m. For Alice Cassesola

Friday, January 3 – Holy Name

10:00 a.m. For Mike Butler

Saturday, January 4

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, January 5 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. For Docotea Isidro

11:00 a.m. For the People

*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:

**Daniela Iliescu, Lee Demederios, Keith Dove,
Martin Elderhorst**

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, Linda MacKechnie, Mateo Miguel, Claudette
Winchester, Sean Sayle, Debra Milette, Elwood Hodgins,
Pal Soni

*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 ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN GATHERING
SPACE**

Please do not use your new envelopes until 2025. If you do not
have envelopes and wish them, please fill out the information
on the clip board provided.

**PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON YOUR
ENVELOPES FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF WEEKS,
SO WE CAN CONFIRM WE HAVE CORRECT
INFORMATION IN OUR DATA BASE.**

The Office will be open for regular business on January 2.

Gospel Reflection

Like every family, the Holy Family had their share of problems and difficulties. Just as each follower of Jesus has a cross to carry, so also the Holy Family had to experience the cross in their shared life. We can imagine how misunderstood both Mary and Joseph must have been about the conception of Jesus before they came to live together. The birthplace of Jesus was an animal shelter, since no better lodgings could be found. The family had to flee as refugees to Egypt because of King Herod. In the Temple when he was an infant, Simeon predicted that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's soul. Later, when Jesus was twelve, they were shocked to lose him for three days. After the death of Joseph, the public life of Jesus must have taken its toll on Mary. What sustained the family of Nazareth through all of these trials and crosses? It is love and trust that sustain families. Let us highly prize love. Love and trust are only cultivated when families spend enough time together and pray together. The danger today is families are so busy that they have no time to talk to or be with or pray together.



NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

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

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The year 2025 is a special or Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church, which occurs every 25 years. This follows a Biblical tradition found in the Book of Leviticus, which was an opportunity for new beginnings by forgiving debts, restoring lost property to their original owners, and renewing the Covenant with God. On Christmas Eve Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year of 2025, with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's. Today, December 29, the Feast of the Holy Family, Archbishop Mulhall opened the Jubilee for the Archdiocese of Kingston. One of the special projects for the Archdiocese is to emphasize the Sacrament of holy Matrimony. Recognizing, that due to COVID and other circumstances, many couples were not married in the Catholic Church, this Jubilee Year is an excellent opportunity to invite couples, whether living common law or married outside the Church, to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church in the presence of a priest or deacon and two witnesses.

This would be an excellent opportunity for those who wish to draw closer to Christ and deepen their religious practice of the Catholic Faith in their families.

**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.

CWL THANKS YOU

The CWL would like to thank all the parishioners who brought goodies for our bake sale. Your generosity makes it possible for us to support our parish and other charitable projects.

**TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARISH POTLUCK
JANUARY 26**

Please sign up for the parish potluck supper in the Mary Campeau Memorial Hall on Sunday, January 26. You can fill out a form in the gathering spaces, or on line using the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQEgy967NQk1X8iHMmzNdPwLDnXeCESkbsjvBQwdqRIMJLLO/viewform?usp=sharing> scanning the QR code below or by phoning the church at 613.389.8222.

On January 26, drop your food off at 4:30 pm. Grace will be said at 5:00 pm. To reduce dishwashing and waste please bring your own dinner plate and cutlery, also a container for leftovers, take dishes home to wash after the supper. Beverage cups and dessert plates will be provided. If you would like to assist as a greeter, receiving food, tending the buffet, doing dishes, or cleaning up, please sign up in the gathering space, or phone Shaun at 613.634.4229.



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

**O Come, All Ye Faithful! An Epiphany Carol Sing-Along
Saturday, January 4, 2:00 pm St. Joseph Catholic Church
(392 Palace Road, Kingston)** Round-out your celebrations of the Christmas season by singing your favourite carols, led by the Trinitas Singers, Trinitas Youth Singers, and guests! Monetary and non-perishable/canned food donations will be collected in support of the St. Vincent-de-Paul Society of Kingston, and a festive reception will follow

**Transformation Night (Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission)
Wednesday, January 29, 2025; 7:00 – 9:30 pm
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church**

Experience the “Transforming Power of the Steadfast Love of God”. Nancy Steele (www.nasteele.ca), author and recent keynote speaker at the 2024 Women’s Fall Retreat has a heart to help people grasp just how much God loves them. The evening will begin with Adoration and worship with song. After Nancy’s presentation there will be an opportunity for personal prayer ministry from the Encounter School of Ministry graduates. NO CHARGE. kingston@encounterschool.org

THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE SHOW
WITH DR. TIM GRAY

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS
WITH DR. SCOTT HEFELFINGER

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New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!

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