

Bulletin - Dec. 12, 2021

3rd Sunday in Advent

Happiness comes from doing good, being honourable and showing concern for those in need. The joy which stems from our faith means that whether playing or praying, laughing or weeping, walking or dancing, Christ shines forth from us. No one who has ever experienced this joy would exchange it for all the pleasures and comforts of this world. –Desmond Knowles-

The Parish Office is closed except by appointment.
Leave a message (613-546-0418) or email Christine at holynamekingston@gamil.com

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.
This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns*

FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION

If you wish to sponsor the sanctuary lamp for one week the stipend is \$10.00

Mass attendance will be limited to numbers that allow for social distancing.

Reservations are required! Please contact the office by email or phone.

You can now listen to Mass from the comfort of your car in the parking lot. Just tune in to 87.9 FM.

You can receive Holy Communion after Mass at the church entrance.

Virtual Masses and Prayer corners <https://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/prayer-corner>

Parishes will not be collecting vaccination status information from parishioners. Consequently, capacity restrictions and all safe worship protocols remain in effect. Vigilance for the safety and wellbeing of all parishioners is especially important now that we have entered the cold and flu season.

Christmas Mass times: Dec. 24th – 4:30 pm and 6 pm
Dec. 25th – 9:30 am and Polish Mass at 11 am
There is no Saturday evening Mass on Dec. 25th
Dec. 31st – 5 pm (New Years Eve)
Jan 1st – 9:30 am
There is no Saturday evening Mass on Jan 1st

Christine will begin taking reservations for Christmas Masses on Dec. 14th at 10 am.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO A CHRISTMAS MASS WITHOUT A RESERVATION. These Masses will fill up.

Confirmations and First Communions: Candidates who have registered and have not received the sacraments due to COVID restrictions should contact the Parish office by emailing holynamekingston@gmail.com.

Catholic Women's League: are now collecting dues for 2022. They remain \$25.00. You can drop them off at the parish office, in the collection at Mass, or mail them to Holy Name Of Jesus Parish :attention CWL.

Knights of Columbus News: Christmas Shopping Made Easy

If you want to take the stress out of shopping you may *download* the task by purchasing Gift Cards offered by the Knights of Columbus. For \$25, \$50 or \$100 you will receive a \$25, \$50 or \$100 card of your choosing. Contact us at 11886.kofc@gmail.com or call 613.817.5353 indicating the list of cards and their value *Or* ask Brother Pete Scott at the 9:30 AM mass or John Schell at the Saturday 5 PM mass. **pick up** a flyer in the vestibule of the two parishes.

Also you may purchase **E-cards** at <https://group.fundscrip.com/en/JQMHYU/all-activities> then click on **Support**. **Profits** from this activity are split 50/50 between the parishes and your local K of C Council.

Knights of Columbus - 11886's 50/50 Draw, each quarter of the year.

Knights of Columbus Ontario State 50/50 raffle takes place online at the end of each quarter (31 Dec, end of Mar, end of April, and end of Sep).

50 % of all ticket sale proceeds go to the winner, 25% to Ontario State who looks after all expenses and 25% to the councils in Ontario. Money raised thru the website below will go to our council's 11886 charities if you purchase thru the website listed or the QR code provided below. **The council's charities will be the Food Bank (St. Vincent de Paul Society), Wheelchair Foundation, Special Olympics (Curling and Track) and Clothes for Kids.**

Final Draw 31 Dec. As of 27 Nov, the draw is for **\$22,250 and goes up as tickets are bought till 30 Dec.**

The ticket sales costs are as follows: 15 tickets for \$10, 40 for \$20 and 100 for \$40.

To purchase your raffle tickets from K of C Holy Name of Jesus Council 11886 click on the link

<https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=11886>

Or scan the QR code. Money raised will be placed in the Knights of Columbus charities. Code **changes each quarter for each new draw.**



New Life Support Group Meetings

Are you, or someone you know, experiencing the trauma of a Separation and/or Divorce? We invite you to join our New Life Support Group Meetings, a Catholic Ministry for the Separated and Divorced. Every other Tuesday evening 7:30 – 9:00 pm, alternating between in-person and Zoom.

Due to pandemic restrictions, attendance at in-person meetings requires proof of vaccination. Pre-registration for in-person meetings is recommended to ensure there is enough room for social distancing. For more information, to register for in-person meetings, or obtain the Zoom link, email newlife@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca **The next upcoming meetings are:**

December 14th (In-person): Navigating the Holidays

January 11th (Zoom): 3 Secrets of Resilient People

Advent Reflections – Archdiocese of Kingston

This Advent, the Archdiocese of Kingston will offer weekly virtual reflections on Advent scripture readings on **Tuesdays**

Dec. 7th, 14th and 21st, 7:00- 8:15 pm. Each evening will include Advent music, scripture readings, reflections by people involved in different ministries and brief discussions in small groups. The recordings of the Advent reflections will be available after each session on the Archdiocesan website and social media. To access the Zoom link or for more information, please visit: www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/advent

SYNOD 2021 2023

Week 3 – Themes of the Synod

The three synod themes are communion, participation, and mission. These themes are profoundly connected.

Communion: God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith, through Christ who unites us with each in the Holy Spirit. Together we are inspired by listening to the Word of God, grounded in the faith that we share. We all have a role to play in the discerning and living out God's call for His people by listening to one another and "journeying together" in our faith.

Participation: The Synod calls all of us (laity, consecrated and ordained) to be engaged in this deep and respectful listening to one another. The free and rich diversity of its members called together to pray, to listen, to analyze, to dialogue, to discern, and to offer advice on making pastoral decisions which correspond as closely as possible to God's will - all the faithful are qualified. Genuine efforts must be made to ensure the inclusion of all - the poor, the marginalized, the vulnerable, and the excluded – and those who feel they don't belong.

Mission: The Church exists to evangelize. Our mission is to witness to the love of God amid the whole human family. The Synodal process is to enable the Church to better witness the Gospel to those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographic, and existential peripheries of our world.

Reflection question from Archbishop Mulhall drawn from this Sunday's Gospel : How do I decrease so that Christ might increase in my life? John the Baptist always points away from himself and toward Christ. How can we do the same?

Visit our synod website for more at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/synod -Next week we explain "How to participate in the Synod on Synodality"

The Way: Evening Series for Young Adults & ALCDSB Staff

First Wednesdays of the Month The Archdiocese of Kingston Youth Office is excited to partner with the ALCDSB to offer a virtual faith formation evening series: The Way: A Guide for the Journey. Featuring Catholic artist and music minister Josh Blakesley, alongside speaker and author Paul George, The Way is a unique series of 10 worship night style videos, promoting reflection and thoughtful prayer. Each episode highlights a specific theme — God's love, forgiveness, prayer and silence in life — further reflected upon through beautiful music and in-depth discussion. This monthly faith formation opportunity will be offered virtually on Microsoft Teams from 7 pm - 8 pm one Wednesday a month and will include the streaming of the 20-minute video and a small group breakout session with discussion questions. There is no cost. Participants will be given the flexibility to choose as many sessions as they would like to join as they are stand-alone sessions. For more information, a schedule of session dates and topics and to sign up to join us and receive the link please visit www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/young-adult

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