

## Bulletin - December 3, 2023

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

The real challenge of Advent is to prepare ourselves in body and soul to enter the kingdom of heaven, by letting God's presence and power get to work in our lives. Life is incomplete without God. If we have abandoned God, neglected prayer or broken the commandments, now is the time to make a fresh start at building a closer relationship with him. – Desmond Knowles-

Office Hours: The Parish Office is open Tuesday to Friday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin by email please email Christine at [HolyNameofJesus@archkingston.ca](mailto:HolyNameofJesus@archkingston.ca)

**Changes to sacramental preparation: please see letters at end of bulletin**

*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 Intentions

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent – December 3, 2023

Sat. Dec. 2 - 5:00 pm - for the people  
Sun. Dec. 3- 9:30 am – Mary Boyle (Jack)  
11:00 am - Polish Mass  
Tues. Dec. 5 – **9:30 am – St. Martha School Mass -at the church – Everyone welcome!**  
Wed. Dec. 6 – 9:00 am – No Intention  
Thurs. Dec. 7 – 9:00 am – No Intention  
Fri. Dec. 8- **10:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent – December 10, 2023

Sat. Dec. 9 - 5:00 pm - Diane Tien (Lloyd Tien)  
Sun. Dec. 10- 9:30 am – for the people  
11:00 am - Polish Mass

#### Christmas Mass Times:

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 pm  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am  
-11:00 am - Polish

#### New Years Mass Times: Solemnity of Mary

Dec. 31 – 5:00 pm  
Jan. 1 - 9:30 am  
-11:00 am – Polish

Regular Sunday Masses will also take place on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Friday, December 8; 10:30 am St. Mary's Cathedral (279 Johnson Street, Kingston)**

You are invited to join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the patron of the Archdiocese of Kingston. Confessions will be available at 9:30 am.



Receiving Christmas cards always brings joy to people. Buy some religious cards from our Knights of Columbus and make someone happy! Each box is \$12 and each box has 12 cards. There are six themes from which to choose. All cards are on display in the Church entrance.

### **Catholic Women's League News:**

-The Catholic Women's League will be collecting dues this month. Dues are \$40.

-The CWL will be hosting a **brunch for the ladies of the parish** in St. Joseph's Room after the 9:30 am Mass on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. All Ladies welcome! Please see the sign up list in the church entryway

**Underwear Drive:** The Catholic Women's League will be collecting men's and ladies undershirts, underwear and long johns for those in need; all sizes for ladies, for men, large and extra large are most needed. There will be a donation box in the entryway of the church starting Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> until December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Donations for Christmas Flowers** This year, you can once again make donations for Christmas flowers in memory of loved ones passed. There are envelopes available in the pews. Please print clearly. Donors and those remembered will be published in the online Christmas bulletin.

### **Monthly Meeting for Secular Franciscan Order First Thursday of the month 7:00 pm; Next meeting December 7) St. John the Apostle Parish Hall (88 Patrick Street, Kingston, ON)**

The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) is a branch of the worldwide Franciscan Family. We are single and married women and men. We work, worship, and play in the community where we live. Everyone is invited to join us to share Franciscan spirituality. Usually, we gather on the first Thursday of the month. For more info, call JC Trottier at 613-531-2708 or Friar Ed at (613)546-6900 ext. 204.

### **Family Advent Celebration - Choral & Instrumental Music for the Season**

**Sunday, December 10, 3:00 pm CFB Kingston Spiritual Fitness Centre (formerly Trinity Chapel) 33 Lundy's Lane, Kingston**

Start your holiday season with familiar and charming sacred choral and vocal music from Canada, Germany, Ukraine, Renaissance Spain and Italy, and Baroque England, along with instrumental music for strings from Austria and Italy!

Introducing: Trinitas Youth Singers; Jeffrey Moellman, director. With special guest Christine Helferty, soprano. This 1-hour concert is perfect for the whole family -- children are encouraged to attend!

Free-will offering. Reception to follow. Facebook link to share with your family and friends:

<https://fb.me/e/1haXH72ff>

### **Christmas Concert**

**Thursday, December 14; 1:00-3:00 pm**

**St. Joseph Parish (392 Palace Road, Kingston)**

You are invited to an afternoon of Christmas music, featuring the local talent of Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg, Noah St. Amand (of the band, Turpin's Trail) and Jess Wedden in the church on Thursday, 14 December 2023, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Join us, bring a friend, or two, and enjoy two hours of music and fellowship. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall; a free-will offering would be gratefully appreciated, and proceeds will be for Dawn House. A great way to get in the Christmas spirit!

**Veronica's Veil Overnight Shelter: Men, your help is needed.**

In order for The Veil to open for the winter we need men to sign up. We need your generosity. We hopefully will **begin December 4<sup>th</sup>** and go to the end of April. Shifts run 8:30 pm to 12:30 am, 12:30 am to 4:30 am and 4:30 am to 8:30 am seven days a week. If you could volunteer for one of these shifts one day each week it would be a great help. Training will be provided. Please contact Ann Lyng at [veronicasveil@stmaryscathedral.ca](mailto:veronicasveil@stmaryscathedral.ca) to sign up or for more information.

**Changes to Sacramental Preparation & Registration at Holy Name of Jesus Parish:**

Registration and preparation for the sacrament of **Confirmation** will now be done directly through the church.

Family involvement is key in preparing to receive the sacraments. Parents are the primary catechists and faith witnesses in a child's life. Our parish is here to support you so that your child can experience the sacraments in all their fullness.

Although the Catholic School will still play an essential and supportive role in parental and parish preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, there will now be preparation classes at the church, led by a catechist appointed by Fr. Wes.

Confirmation will be led by Paul Coulter.

There will be a series of weekends where the sacrament candidates will be required to attend 9:30 Mass on Sunday as well as a preparation class which will directly follow Mass. Snacks will be provided by our Catholic Women's League.

The dates for Confirmation preparation are as follows:

January 14, 2024

January 21, 2024

February there will be a series of videos that can be watched at home.

March 24, 2024

The classes will be approximately 2 hours long.

**There will be a short meeting for confirmation candidates and their families directly after 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> where you can meet Paul get a brief outline and ask any questions.**

If you have a child in Grade 8 who is ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Christine at the parish office by December 31<sup>st</sup> to register for 2024.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Wes Chochinski*

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Family involvement is key in preparing to receive the sacraments. Parents are the primary catechists and faith witnesses in a child's life. Our parish is here to support you so that your child can experience the sacraments in all their fullness.

Although the Catholic School will still play an essential and supportive role in parental and parish preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, there will now be preparation classes at the church, led by a catechist appointed by Fr. Wes.

First Reconciliation and Communion will be led by Claire Fjarlie.

There will be a series of weekends where the sacrament candidates will be required to attend 9:30 Mass on Sunday as well as a preparation class which will directly follow Mass. Snacks will be provided by our Catholic Women's League.

The dates for First Communion preparation are as follows:

January 7, 2024

January 28, 2024

February 4, 2024

February 11, 2024

March 3, 2024

April 7, 2024

The classes will be approximately an hour long.

If you have a child in Grade 2 who is ready to receive the Sacrament of First Communion, please contact Christine at the parish office by December 31<sup>st</sup> to register for 2024.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Wes Chochinski*