

Bulletin - December 17 , 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

Christian joy is something deeper and richer than the smile and laughter upon a happy face. It comes from an awareness that God is with us and produces a contentment and an inner peace that cannot be taken from us. –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

**Changes to sacramental preparation: please see letters at end of bulletin
Deadline for 2024 registration is December 31, 2023.**

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

FOR THE SALVATION OF THE SOUL OF MAXIME BISONETTE

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

Mass Intentions

3rd Sunday in Advent – December 17, 2023

Sat. Dec. 16 - 5:00 pm - for the people
Sun. Dec. 17- 9:30 am – Richard Wilson (Teresa Morrison)
11:00 am - Polish Mass

Tues. Dec. 19 – 9:00 am – No Intention
Wed. Dec. 20 – 9:00 am – Intentions of Linda Goldstein
Thurs. Dec. 21 – 9:00 am – No Intention
Fri. Dec. 22- 9:00 am – No Intention

4th Sunday in Advent – December 24, 2023

Sat. Dec. 23 - 5:00 pm - for the people
Sun. Dec. 24- 9:30 am – Mary Boyle (Jack)
11:00 am - Polish Mass

Christmas Eve Mass: December 24th - 4:30 pm (with children's Pageant)– for the people

**Christmas Day Mass: December 25th - 9:30 am – English – Richard William Walker
(Henderson and Walker families)**

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

Advent Confessions: Saturday December 16th from 4:00 pm until Mass at 5 pm and then again after Mass as needed.

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 3rd until December 24th.

Melos Light In The Dark Musical Light For Winter's Darkness

Sunday, December 17, 3:00 pm

St. John the Apostle Parish, 88 Patrick Street, Kingston

Members of Melos Choir & Period Instruments perform Advent and Christmas music with audience caroling. Free-will offering for St. Vincent de Paul Society. Everyone is welcome!



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Lenten Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings.

Following the practice from last year, Fr. Justin Pulikunnel, along with a dedicated committee of young lay Catholics, played a crucial role in guiding the recommendations for the distribution of the 2023 Lenten Collection. I am incredibly grateful to report that the total amount of funds collected in our parishes was \$95,478.55.

The committee, after several meetings, took the time to carefully assess the growing financial needs of the four deaneries in our Archdiocese. Through prayerful consideration, they submitted a list of charities that they believe passionately embody God's love, particularly in ministering to those facing challenging circumstances. These charities, though impactful, may not be receiving widespread financial support.

The commitment and thoughtfulness shown by the committee are truly commendable, reflecting a deep dedication to ensuring that the funds collected serve those in need effectively.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the compassionate and devoted work the organizations have done. Whether it involves feeding the poor, providing shelter for the homeless, caring for individuals facing end-of-life issues, supporting women with unexpected pregnancies or post-abortive needs, offering crisis intervention and referrals, providing respite for families, or delivering healthy and nutritional meals, their contributions enhance the well-being of their community.

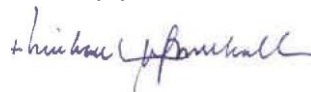
Also, I want to thank you for your unwavering loyalty in spreading God's kindness through your generous giving.

Please see the attached document for a list of recipients for the 2023 Lenten Collection.

As we approach the holy season of Advent, I extend my heartfelt wishes to you. May your heart be filled with joy, peace, and expectation during this sacred time.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+Michael Mulhall

Archdiocese of Kingston

Appendix A

Breakdown of Funds for 2023 Lenten Collection

Archdiocese of Kingston

Lenten Collection Total - \$95,478.55

Agency	Deanery	Donation
<p>Quinte Hospice, Belleville</p> <p>Provides individuals, their families and caregivers with compassionate end-of-life care, by attending to their physical, psychological and practical needs, and offering empathetic care to those who are grieving.</p>	Western	7,956.55
<p>Almost Home, Kingston</p> <p>Provides a place of comfort and respite for families whose children are receiving medical treatment in Kingston area hospitals. Daily accommodation for eleven families at Almost Home makes it easy for parents to maintain their bedside vigil. Children can frequently leave their hospital beds for a few hours to spend time with their families in a home-like setting. Children attending clinics have a place to go between appointments, or to stay overnight if necessary.</p>	Central	7,956.55
<p>Loaves & Fishes, Brockville</p> <p>Provides a nutritious healthy meal to people for a subsidized fee or a dollar. Operated by a volunteer board who work in food prep or on food service, delivering meals, salads, desserts and coffee to those who need a hot home cooked meal.</p>	Eastern	7,956.55
<p>Grace Inn, Belleville</p> <p>21-bed emergency shelter for adults in Belleville and surrounding areas, with a special focus on dignity, community and mentorship.</p>	Western	7,956.55
<p>St. Mary's Drop-In Center, Kingston</p> <p>Caring for the material, emotional, and spiritual needs of the homeless and those most in need in the city of Kingston.</p>	Central	7,956.55
<p>Anchor of Hope, Madoc</p> <p>Christian charitable organization offering assistance to anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy or challenges due to pregnancy or abortion.</p>	Western	7,956.55

<p>St. Vincent de Paul, Kingston, Brockville and Belleville</p> <p>Provide practical supports to our vulnerable population through a variety of programs, including clothing and furniture vouchers and emergency food programs.</p>	Central, Western and Eastern	7,956.55 (\$2,652.16 each)
<p>Project Rachel, Queensborough</p> <p>Offers confidential and non-judgemental post-abortion support for women and men who have experienced abortion.</p>	Western	7,956.55
<p>Holy Cross Knights, Kemptville</p> <p>Food bank that provides emergency grocery supports to anyone who requires assistance.</p>	Eastern	7,956.55
<p>Interval House, Leeds & Grenville/Lanark</p> <p>Centre for women survivors of intimate partner violence and their children which takes a holistic approach to helping women and children leave abuse behind and start new lives, free of violence.</p>	Eastern	7,956.55
<p>Victim Services, Leeds & Grenville/Lanark</p> <p>Community-based program that provides immediate, confidential, crisis intervention services, practical assistance, information, referrals and emotional support to persons affected by crime, tragedy and / or disaster, to help lessen the trauma of the experience and to help people cope with the longer-term impact of what has occurred.</p>	Eastern	\$7,956.55
<p>Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, Peru, Mexico and Dominican Republic</p> <p>Helping the affirmed with their medical needs. In spite of the limited facilities, the clinic in Dominican Republic can receive up to 200 out-patients a day. The Education Center teaches skills such as sewing, carpentry, and cooking to impoverished young people. They provide care for the elderly in St. Anthony's Home for the destitute aged.</p>	ABROAD	\$7,956.55 (\$2,653.16 each)

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 4th** 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 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.

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 31st to register for 2024.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Wes Chochinski

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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 31st to register for 2024.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Wes Choclinele