

# The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 29, 2023



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### St. John

Saturday, January 28

5:00 p.m. - † Vicente Ramales

Sunday, January 29

10:30 a.m. - † Merle & Vincent Keyes

### St. Philomena

Sunday, January 29

8:30 a.m. - For the People

## WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN

Weekday Masses will resume the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St. John

Saturday, February 4

5:00 p.m. - † Father Edward Keyes

Sunday, February 5

10:30 a.m. - † Catherine Harper

### St. Philomena

Sunday, February 5

8:30 a.m. - For the People

## READINGS for next week: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 58.6 - 10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112.4-5, 6-7, 8a-9 (R.4)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16

**IN YOUR PRAYERS:** May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually and fortitude to their caregivers. We pray for Jean Mulvihill, Fr. Don Cummings, Brenda Wing, Mary Mitchell, Carole Weir, Yvon Ouellet and Ellen Mangan.

**PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:** Please remember Mrs. June Dailey and those who have entered into eternal life.

## Catholic Women's League Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the sacristy at St. John Parish.

Everyone is welcome!



## How much does it cost to have a Mass said?

- 1) An announced Mass intention is a donation of \$20; an unannounced Mass is \$10.
- 2) Request an intention well ahead of time if you want a specific date.
- 3) Intentions do not have to be for the deceased; you can also ask that a Mass be offered up in thanksgiving, for a birthday or other worthy causes. Envelopes located at the entrance of Church may be placed in the Offertory basket.

## *Thank you Dear Priests:*

Thank you Father Louis DiRicco for travelling to St. John Church and St. Philomena Church every weekend to celebrate our Masses.

Thank you also to Archbishop Mulhall, Father Dale Wright and to Father Charles Ogbuagu for your travels to Gananoque to celebrate the funerals of Father Edward Keyes, Catherine Harper and June Dailey. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

	Weekly Contributions	
	Jan. 22/23, 2023	
Thank you!	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering:	\$780.00	\$140.00
Initial Offering	\$20.00	
Solemnity Of Mary		
Loose	\$81.00	
Fuel	\$20.00	\$50.00

## Ministry Schedules:

<u>St. John</u>	<u>February 4</u>	<u>February 5</u>
Rosary:	Mary Haesler	
Greeters/Ushers:	June Nalon	Gerry Brosso
Lector:	Marlene Sirosky	Budgie Mabee
Holy Communion:	Marlene Sirosky	Budgie Mabee
<u>St. Philomena</u>	<u>February 5</u>	
Lector:	Marg McReynolds	

**Missals:** When using a Missal while the readings are being proclaimed, it can be a great help to focus one's mind and heart on the Holy Mass. Please consider donating \$5 for your very own Missal. It is yours to take home, to leave in the pew for your next visit (you may write your name), or for the enjoyment of other parishioners. Thank you for your donation.



***Hello Dear Parishioners:***

It feels wonderful to be asked to give a helping hand while Anne Marie is away. It is fun to see familiar faces and to recognize that our parish has new parishioners. Welcome! Wishing you a great week full of smiles and pleasing adventures.

Lise Emmerson (parish secretary 2006-2019)

**Next Weekend's Special Collection:**

**Catholic Missions in Canada** exists to advance and sustain the Catholic Faith in remote and poor mission communities across Canada.

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**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Thank you for bringing your envelopes home.

- 1) Please write your name and address for a few more weeks to confirm your data on the system.
- 2) Please destroy your 2022 envelopes to eliminate confusion.
- 3) Tired of envelopes? Request an Electronic Fund Transfer. Applications found on the table at the entrance of the Church.
- 4) Parishioners using Electronic Fund Transfers: Your Offertory Box is important for the Special Collections. Or, you may request that your Special Collections be divided each month automatically.

**Advantages of Offertory Envelopes:**

- They help the church connect cash contributions to individual donors thereby issuing receipts for income tax purposes.
- They promote privacy in the collecting of contributions.
- They give parishioners the opportunity to designate specific programs or projects.
- They provide members with a weekly reminder of the need to make contributions for the upkeep of their parish.

**Thank you for your constant support!**



**FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**January 28 to February 3**  
**Thankfulness for Blessings Received**



**The Pope's Intention for February – For parishes**

“We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.”

**First Reading** - There will be a people who remain sheltered from God's anger.



**Responsorial Psalm** -

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Second Reading** - God chooses the weak to show his power.

**Gospel Reading** - Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls “blessed” and “happy” are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

“Blessed” is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favoured. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

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