

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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## Epiphany of the Lord



*We have come to Homage Him.*

**Message for the Jubilee Year 2025**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall,

The year 2025 will be a special time for our Church, a Jubilee Year during which we are called to be “Pilgrims of Hope.” The Jubilee is a moment of grace, an invitation to renew our faith and walk together toward a brighter future. It is an opportunity for all of us to respond to God’s call to be witnesses of hope in this world.

In addition to the activities organized by our diocese, I encourage you to take the initiative within your parishes and deaneries to plan events that reflect the needs of your local community. This could be as simple as a shared daily prayer, moments of spiritual reflection, engaging with the homeless or prisoners, or participating in a pilgrimage to a holy site. What matters most is to live this year with vitality and commitment, responding to God’s calls and the realities and needs around us. I also encourage you to explore the resources provided by the CCCB at The Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 – Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. You will also find the link to the Dicastery for Evangelization from the Vatican and all its proposed activities for the Jubilee.

To be pilgrims of hope means to be bearers of light and a source of healing in a world often overshadowed by tribulations. Each of us has a role to play—together, let us make this year a powerful moment that strengthens our faith and deepens our bonds with one another.

May this Jubilee Year be for each of us a true source of spiritual renewal, a path of reconciliation, and a time of profound joy.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ,

**+Marcel Damphousse**  
Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall

**Father Emeka Away**

Fr. Emeka will be on vacation from December 28<sup>th</sup> to February 7<sup>th</sup>. During this time there will be NO weekday or First Saturday 9:00am masses. Weekday masses will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 11th at 9:00am. **Weekend masses will proceed as regularly scheduled**, with Saturday confessions at 4:00pm. Fr. Patrick Chongo will be presiding at all weekend masses.

**Dates to Remember**

- January 12<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Liturgy resumes**
- January 24<sup>th</sup> – KofC Lasagna Dinner**
- February 7<sup>th</sup> - Visiting Students Dinner**
- February 13<sup>th</sup> – Parish Memorial Mass**



**LASAGNA DINNER  
SATURDAY  
JANUARY 25TH**

*The Knights of Columbus* are holding their annual Lasagna Dinner on **Saturday January 25th**. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are limited to 90 dine-in guests but no limit to take-out (if purchased in advance) and will be available after all masses this weekend and the next two weekends Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will also be made available from the Parish office the week of January 6<sup>th</sup> or by contacting Scott Cornell at [cornell926@hotmail.com](mailto:cornell926@hotmail.com) or 613-601-9350. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 5-12 years of age.

For parishioners preferring to dine at home, we are offering a take-out option as well!

**Parish Memorial Mass**

*The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women’s League* are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass for **Thursday, February 13th**, at 7:00 pm. This Mass is dedicated to all the deceased members from our parish who passed away **in 2024**, as well as parishioner family members who died during this past year. If you lost a family member in 2024 and would like them remembered at this special Mass, please contact the office, 613-829-1760, with the name of the deceased **and** the representative who will attend the Memorial Mass in their honour.



## SUNDAY SMILE

Noah was a very brave man sailing on a wooden boat with two termites.

**The Ottawa Cursillo Movement** is holding a Men's Weekend from January 30 to February 2 and a Women's Weekend from April 24 to 27 at Centre de L'Amour in Plantagenet. The weekend is called a Cursillo. Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "little" or "short" course. The Cursillo begins Thursday evening with a short introduction and orientation, then the retreat phase begins. The weekend also includes a daily celebration of the Mass and prayer times. A good part of each day is spent listening to talks, followed by group discussion. There are three meals provided each day. The weekend ends late Sunday afternoon. No one is too well-informed or too spiritual to make a Cursillo. Cursillo could be for you. The Cursillo Movement is a powerful instrument of renewal in the Catholic Church. It aims to concentrate closely on the Person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The Cursillo gives those who attend it a living understanding of fundamental Christian truths and the desire to serve the Church. To apply for the weekend, please use the following link:  
<https://form.jotform.com/243008372660048>

### DINNER FOR VISITING STUDENTS

The Parish intends to once again host a dinner for visiting students on **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm**, in the Main hall. Parishioners are asked to volunteer to be hosts and/or to contribute to the meal by cooking a dish for the event.

We are looking to host students from outside Ottawa who are attending the post-secondary institutions in the city – Algonquin College, Carleton University, and Ottawa University. ***The aim of this dinner is to give those students, particularly first year students, a chance to meet and converse with Ottawans and give them a chance to connect with new friends and relieve themselves of any feelings of loneliness.***

A sign-up sheet will be available in the coming weeks to indicate what dish you can contribute. The more varied dishes, the better!

**Last years dinner was a huge success and we need your help again, not only with preparing a dish, but also be in attendance, if possible, to act as hosts and participate in conversations.**

### Mass Intentions

**Sat. Jan. 4th – 5:00pm**

†Adele White by Peter White

**Sun. Jan. 5th – 8:00am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

**Sun. Jan. 5th – 10:30am**

For the good health of Bridget Heston and Elizabeth Wetscher by Mary and Willi Wetscher

**Sat. Jan. 11th – 5:00pm**

†Denise Marie Nanke by Marcella Meehan

†Maria Harrison by Ralph and Kathleen Watzenboeck

**Sun. Jan. 12th – 8:00am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

**Sun. Jan. 12th – 10:30am**

†Rita Malboeuf by Claudette Levair

**Sat. Jan. 18th – 5:00pm**

†Adele White by Peter White

**Sun. Jan. 19th – 8:00am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

**Sun. Jan. 19th – 10:30am**

†Vern Timm by the family

† indicates deceased

### *Intentions of the Holy Father – January*

*For the right to an education – Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.*

### **Going away for the Winter?**

You can continue your monthly donations while you are away by registering for PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit). The parish is pleased to offer this opportunity for making your contributions on a regular basis. Forms are available at both entrances; from the Parish Office, or on our website.

Please note this is a combined bulletin for Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> and Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. The next bulletin will be Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for submission will be Tues. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> at noon.



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