

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Mission Statement

Grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ through liturgy, Eucharistic worship and outreach, St. Joseph's Parish calls the faithful to an active involvement in parish life and responsible participation in extending Christ – like values to the wider community.

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor ~ Mr. Robert Wojcik, Deacon ~ In Residence: Rev. Charles Ogbuagu

Liturgy Schedule

Weekend

Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Weekday

Monday 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 5:15 p.m.

Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Prayers

Monday and Friday 4:00 p.m.

Sacraments

Baptism

Please contact the Parish.

Confession

Monday, Friday & Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Marriage

Six months' notice is required, as well as a Marriage Preparation Course. Please contact the Parish.

Anointing

Please contact the Parish.

**Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (closed 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)**

Parish Organizations

Parish Finance Committee
Parish Pastoral Council
Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus, 11670
Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers
Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)
Ministry at Extencicare
Ushers
Sacristans
Culture of Life
Social Justice & Outreach
Funeral Choir
Junior Liturgy
Sacramental Preparation
Altar Servers
Youth Group
Music Ministry

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara
Sandra Fragoso
Kathi Colwell & Susan
Conway Williamson
Patrick Greenwood
Carol Kavanaugh
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Chris Jones & Monna
Splinter
Judy Saunders
Mary Clancy
Ian Stewart
Fran Price
Ben Krasna
Stephen Ottenhof
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Alison Bogle
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Parish Schools

St. Thomas More Catholic School
Sandra Fragoso, Principal
234 Norman Rogers Dr., Kingston, ON K7M 2R4
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St. Paul's Catholic School
Louise Trudeau, Principal
266 McMahon Ave., Kingston, ON K7M 3H2
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November 5, 2023

Thirtieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The greatest among you must be our servant."

Introduction

God's kingdom is a living power among us. We experience it wherever we make peace, serve one another and respect all living things. Let us prepare to be touched and challenged by God's generosity and the work of the Holy Spirit.

First Reading: Malachi 1:14; 2:2, 8-10

Religious leaders are warned that they have caused many to "stray" and "stumble" because of their teaching and actions.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

God's message is a "living power" among communities of Christians.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

The failures of the scribes and Pharisees are identified, and Jesus suggests that his followers seek a path of humility and service.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Marcus Hacault; Brenda Camp.

If there are members of your family or friends who are ill or recently died, and for whom you wish prayers, please contact Susan at the parish office at 613-547-5004.

OUR PARISH

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" The Knights of Columbus will have Christmas cards for sale at all Masses November 4 & 5 and November 11 & 12 (main entrance and west side entrance). With only 31 boxes available please pickup yours ASAP. Each box contains 12 cards & envelopes – one design only. There are 6 different designs to choose from. The price of each box is \$15.00 (no tax). Sending personal Christmas greetings is a great way to keep in touch with family and friends.

CWL GENERAL MEETING The next General meeting is November 13, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall following the 5:15 p.m. Mass for Deceased Catholic Women's League Members.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER MEETING The next General Meeting will be held on November 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. This is a dinner meeting, all members are welcome.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 6 November

5:15 p.m. MASS CANCELLED

Tuesday, 7 November

9:00 a.m. MASS CANCELLED

Wednesday, 8 November

9:00 a.m. MASS CANCELLED

Thursday, 9 November

9:00 a.m. Doug Boufford – Sharon, Scott & Andrea Lillis

Friday, 10 November

5:15 p.m. Genevieve Vidal – Rose Griffin

Saturday, 11 November

5:15 p.m. Michael Walsh (23rd Anniversary) – Estelle Walsh & Family

Sunday, 12 November

9:00 a.m. Agostinelli Family – Maria Agostinelli

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

To join our online Mass each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. visit www.stjosephskingston.ca.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

If you have a child in grade 2 who wishes to receive these Sacraments, there will be a parents' meeting on **Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** until 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Parents are required to attend the meeting. **NOTE DATE CHANGE.**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION If you have a child in grade 8 who wishes to receive this Sacrament, there will be a parents' meeting on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** until 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Parents are required to attend the meeting.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING DATE ABOVE there will be a meeting for parents of candidates for BOTH Sacraments on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **NOTE DATE CHANGE.**

SUNDAY MISSALS we will be switching to Living with Christ Sunday Missal instead of St. Joseph Sunday Missal in the pews. You will notice that Living with Christ Missals are larger size. If you would like to purchase your own copy to use personally, they will be available at the main entrance for a cost of \$5.00, the weekend of November 18-19 and 25-26.

PRIESTS' CONVOCATION This year the priests' will be attending Convocation on November 6 until November 8. Masses are cancelled for November 6, 7, and 8.



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Father Cosmas' Reflection

Authentic Spiritual Life

In today's Gospel Reading taken from In Matthew 23:1-12, Jesus addresses the crowds and His disciples, offering essential teachings about humility, righteousness, and the dangers of hypocrisy.

After stating in last weekend's Gospel that the greatest of God's commandment are love of God and love of neighbor, today Jesus warns His followers about the religious leaders of the time, the scribes and Pharisees, who, although knowledgeable of the law, often failed to practice what they preached. They were guilty of hypocrisy, putting on a show of righteousness while neglecting matters of the heart.

The message in these verses is clear: humility and genuine righteousness are the keys to a meaningful and authentic relationship with God. Jesus emphasizes that we should not seek titles, honor, or public recognition for our faith. True greatness, in God's eyes, is not about exalting ourselves but in humbling ourselves to serve others.

Jesus sets a powerful example of humility, stating that "the greatest among you will be your servant." He calls on us to be servants of one another, emphasizing that the one who exalts themselves will be humbled, and the one who humbles themselves will be exalted.

This message challenges us to examine our own hearts and actions. Are we living our faith authentically, with a genuine desire to serve others, or are we more focused on recognition and status? These verses remind us that true spiritual greatness comes from a humble and selfless heart, living out our faith in service to others, and seeking to reflect the love and teachings of Christ in all that we do.

Let us strive to be true Disciples of Christ, embracing humility, righteousness, and a servant's heart in our journey of faith, knowing that in doing so, we find the path to a deeper, more meaningful relationship with God and with one another.

PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND supports the Archdiocesan program which provides elderly and infirm priests with the financial support they have earned after many years of service. The Fund currently provides monthly pensions and health benefits for our retired priests. We thank you the generosity you have shown in the past, and we hope that you will generously support this year's collection next weekend 11-12 November 2023.

ROSARY IN THE CEMETERY will take place this Sunday, 5 November 2023, at 2:00 p.m. We will carry on the tradition of saying the Rosary at St. Mary's Cemetery to remember the "Holy Souls." All members of the congregation, families and friends are invited to join us at the Statue of the Angel of Mercy (northwest corner of St. Mary's Cemetery) to reflect and pray for the deceased. Please use the north entrance.

OUR COMMUNITY

SPIRITUALITY OF ADVENT (TWO-PART SERIES)

Tuesday, November 14 & 21, 2023; 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Francis J. Spence Pastoral Centre (390 Palace Road, Kingston) Presented by Deacon Bill Gervais. This two-part series on Advent offers a time of reflection and prayer and an invitation to enter more deeply into the spirituality of the Advent Season so that our spirits might encounter more deeply the meaning of God's coming to us in Jesus. The theme will be guided by scripture, church traditions, guided imagery, and traditional forms of prayer suitable for the season. There is no charge but registration is required. Please register by Friday, November 10 by contacting Gorett at (613)548-4461 ext. 112, or by emailing pastoralservices@archkingston.ca.

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 18; 10:00 am-3:00 pm at St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall. You are invited to attend the Christmas Bazaar. Admission is free. There will be baked goods, homemade and crafted items, gently used accessories (i.e. purses, jewelry, scarves), hand-knitted items, a Christmas table with items made by CWL members, Christmas décor, and many more items available to purchase. There is a crafting room where children can craft while parents shop.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CWL SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR

Saturday, November 18; 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Amherstview. Something for everyone! Bake table, tea room, raffle, ready-to-bake pies, Christmas table, and children's activities (10am until noon). No admission fee.

ST. BARNABY CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sunday, November 19; 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon St. Barnaby Parish Hall, Seeley's Bay St. Barnaby's CWL is hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast, Craft & Bake Sale, and a Christmas store for the children (they can shop for their families and get their presents wrapped).

NEXT WEEK – 11 – 12 November, 2023

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday 11 Nov. 5:15 p.m.	S. Ottenhof C. Jones	M-A. Wojcik	I. Stewart A. Kelly R. Lachance D. Mazzolin
Sunday 12 Nov. 9:00 a.m.	C. Purcell M. Marcial	L. Orellano	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier M. Stevenson R. Audet
Sunday 12 Nov. 11:00a.m.	C. Kavanaugh S. Broekhoven	G. Goncalves	L. Garrett I. McKenzie J. Ferreira B. Krasna
Junior Liturgy – 9:00 a.m. Mass – T. Castro			

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