

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



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## **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.*

## **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 Extending Care  
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  
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Stephen Ottenhof  
Dorothy Stanley  
Sandra Fragoso  
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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  
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# November 12, 2023

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Stay awake, because you do not know  
either the day or the hour."*

### Introduction

The changing season reminds us of death and dying. As the liturgical year draws to a close, we are encouraged to think about death and dying in the context of our faith. What are we looking forward to?

### First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom, God's loving purpose for us, is waiting for us to find her.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul gives us reasons to hope. If we die in Jesus, God will bring us with him to stay with him forever.

### Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus warns us to stay awake, ready for the bridegroom to come, ready for the wedding feast of heaven.

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### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Daniel Whalen; Sr. Mary Byrne, CSM; Rev. Liam Tallon.

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Marcus Hacault; Brenda Camp; Joanne Senlon; Donna and Joe V.

*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.

**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.

### MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday, 13 November

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League – St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League

#### Tuesday, 14 November

9:00 a.m. Intention of Anne Marie Marcial – Marietta & Amado Marcial

#### Wednesday, 15 November

9:00 a.m. Joe Melo – Cecilia Melo

#### Thursday, 16 November

9:00 a.m. Intention of Jason Addai – Maame Addai

#### Friday, 17 November

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus – St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus

#### Saturday, 18 November

5:15 p.m. Catherine Ircha – The Family

#### Sunday, 19 November

9:00 a.m. Sherry Pattenden – Jerry Pattenden  
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*To join our online Mass each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. visit [www.stjosephskingston.ca](http://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.**

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

**FOOD BAGS** will be distributed this weekend 11-12 November for drop-off next weekend. Food from this collection will go towards the Christmas food hampers that volunteers from St. Joseph's put together over 50 families in need.



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## **Father Cosmas' Reflection**

### **On Spiritual Readiness**

The parable of the ten bridesmaids in today's Gospel is a story that carries profound lessons about preparedness, vigilance, and the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Here, the parable teaches us the importance of readiness and foresight in our spiritual journey. The lamps symbolize our faith and the light within us, a metaphor for our preparedness for the coming of the Lord. The wise bridesmaids, with ample oil, exemplify those who are vigilant and anticipate the divine encounter with readiness. In contrast, the foolish ones, lacking foresight, find themselves unprepared when the moment arrives.

As we reflect on this parable, it prompts us to consider the state of our spiritual lamps. Are we nurturing the flame of faith within us, or do we risk finding ourselves unprepared when the divine encounter beckons? It encourages us to assess the quality of our relationship with God, urging us to be vigilant, intentional, and persistent in our pursuit of spiritual growth.

This Gospel from Matthew 25:1-13 challenges us to be like the wise bridesmaids, prepared and vigilant in our faith journey. It prompts us to take responsibility for our spiritual readiness, recognizing that our encounter with the divine is a profound and transformative moment. May we be inspired by this parable to live lives of constant preparedness, keeping our lamps burning brightly with the light of faith, and embracing the uncertainties of life with unwavering trust in the promises of the Kingdom of Heaven.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY** Join us after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, November 12, 2023 in the Parish Hall for Hospitality Sunday. This month's Hospitality Sunday is sponsored by our Parish Lector's and Eucharistic Ministers.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We are looking for volunteers to help with the following important ministries in our Parish: Flocknote Parish Newsletter Editor; Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator; Adult Faith Formation Coordinator; Baptismal Preparation Team; Altar Server Coordinator. If you are interested and would like to help with one of these ministries, please speak with Father Cosmas.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

Hi all! The last General Meeting before Christmas is on **Monday, November 13th**. It begins at the 5:15pm Mass for Deceased Members, then a brown bag dinner afterwards, **then our meeting at 6:15pm**. There will be a presentation from the Social and Ecological Committee about the *Red Dress Project*: "Remembering our Indigenous Sisters." A red dress honours the memory of missing and murdered Indigenous Women and Girls across Canada. Open to all ladies 16+, so consider asking friends and relatives to come along... as we are all sisters under God. **Our CWL Christmas Craft & Bake Sale is on December 2-3 weekend after each Mass**. Sign-up sheets will be at the General Meeting for those attending and our Telephone Tree will be calling to ask others

how they want to help out: donating baked goods, craft items, setting-up and clean-up, etc. Remember we have a \$1.00 gift table, so you can donate little treasures too. Come help out and have some fun!

### **OUR COMMUNITY**

**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).

**RND CHRISTMAS MARKET** – Join us for the RND Christmas Market at Regiopolis-Notre Dame CHS at 130 Russell Street (enter via Cowdy St.) on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Explore over 60 unique vendors offering homemade and hand-curated items. Kids can enjoy exciting activities, and pictures with the one and only Panther-Santa! For entry, we ask you to bring a monetary donation or a non-perishable food item for St. Vincent de Paul Society. We also have partnered with Corus entertainment as a donation center for their "Clothes for Kids" drive.

### **NEXT WEEK – 18 – 19 November, 2023**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Saturday 18 Nov. 5:15 p.m.</b>	Sr. Kearney J. Saunders	M. McLaughlin	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance S. Harrigan
<b>Sunday 19 Nov. 9:00 a.m.</b>	P. Croxford M. Addai	M. Marcial	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet S. Eves
<b>Sunday 19 Nov. 11:00a.m.</b>	R. McLaren F. Levesque	T. Donoghue	B. Krasna J. Ferreira L. Garrett I. MacKenzie
<b>Junior Liturgy – 9:00 a.m. Mass – M. Farrell</b>			



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