

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



November 19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

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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

Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass – Registration required, 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

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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.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

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

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS COLLECTION Each year, St. Joseph's provides for over fifty individuals and families in need with a Christmas hamper. If you are in a position to assist those who require extra help, please consider helping with this worthy cause. Food donations will be accepted this weekend and on the weekend of December 16-17. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please mark on an envelope 'Food Basket', include your name and envelope number. This will enable the parish to continue to help others in the spirit of this season. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SUNDAY MISSALS we will be switching to Living with Christ Sunday Missal instead of St. Joseph Sunday Missal in the pews. 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 (or until supplies last).

ENROLLEMENT SUNDAY Next Sunday, November 26 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass we welcome the candidates receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion this spring.

FOOD BAGS will be collected this weekend, November 18-19. Food from this collection will go towards the Christmas food hampers that volunteers from St. Joseph's put together over 50 families in need.

BUILDING FUND The monthly collection of the Building Fund will take place this weekend, November 18-19, 2023. Thank you for your support.

MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 20 November

5:15 p.m. Michelle Choquette – The Choquette Family

Tuesday, 21 November

9:00 a.m. Mary Sue Rankin & the Holohan Family –
Gayle Johnstone

Wednesday, 22 November

9:00 a.m. Lois & Bob Bulmer – Wendy Bulmer

Thursday, 23 November

9:00 a.m. John Overvelde – Nicole & Léandre Grenier

Friday, 24 November

5:15 p.m. Eileen Sutton – The Family

Saturday, 25 November

5:15 p.m. Teresinha Medeiros – Lisetta Medeiros

Sunday, 26 November

9:00 a.m. Nunziato Gencarelli – Angelo & Angela
Gencarelli
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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



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who do not already receive meeting minutes via email. If you have email and wish to receive the minutes electronically, send an email to 2kofc11670@gmail.com, stating your full name and we will add you to the list. If you do not have email, there is a binder in the Sacristy, adjacent to the mailboxes, and the meeting minutes will be printed and added each month. Please leave the binder in the Sacristy for others to use as well.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT - If your child is age 4 or older, and would like to participate in this year's Nativity pageant at the 5:15 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, please plan to attend December 3rd after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to sign up and practices on December 10 and December 17 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The pageant is narrated, and therefore the children do not have speaking roles; so even the shiest can participate. Older students are encouraged to take part, as we always need reader for the Narrator, Lector and Prayer of the Faithful. All are welcome!

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY MASS On December 10th, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Nigerian priests from Parishes around the Archdiocese will be celebrating Advent with Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Potluck to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

PENANCE CELEBRATION The Advent Penance Celebration for St. Joseph's will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Following a brief liturgy, all will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A number of visiting clergy will be present for this celebration. All are welcome to attend.

ANNUAL CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE & CRAFT SALE will be on the weekend of **December 2-3**, after each Mass in our Parish Hall.



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Father Cosmas' Reflection

Using my gifts to serve God

The parable of the talents as narrated in today's Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30) is a thought-provoking lesson on stewardship, responsibility, and the utilization of God-given gifts. It narrates the story of a master who entrusts varying amounts of talents (a form of currency) to three of his servants before embarking on a journey. Two of the servants invest and multiply their talents, while the third buries his out of fear. Upon the master's return, he commends the first two servants for their faithfulness and wise use of the talents, while the third servant's fear-driven inaction results in rebuke and loss.

At its core, this parable speaks to the nature of stewardship—how we manage and employ the resources, abilities, and opportunities bestowed upon us by God. The talents represent more than just monetary value; they symbolize the diverse gifts, skills, and potentials uniquely given to each individual.

The master's allocation of talents reflects God's generous distribution of blessings in our lives. He doesn't expect uniformity in the talents bestowed; rather, He desires that we utilize and multiply these gifts according to our abilities. The first two servants exhibit initiative, diligence, and risk-taking—qualities we're encouraged to emulate. They understand the responsibility entrusted to them and diligently work to grow what they've been given.

Conversely, the third servant's fear and complacency lead to his downfall. He views his talent through a lens of fear, choosing to bury it rather than risk losing it. His inaction signifies a lack of trust in the master and a failure to recognize the potential for growth and development.

This parable challenges us to examine our attitudes toward the gifts and opportunities we've received. It prompts reflection on how we invest our time, talents, and resources in service to God and others. It's a reminder that God doesn't expect us to possess equal talents or opportunities but desires faithful stewardship of what we've been given.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT You are invited to an afternoon of Christmas music, featuring the local talent of Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg, Noah St. Amand (of the band, Turpin's Trail) and Jess

Wedden in the Church on **Thursday, December 14, 2023**, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Enjoy two hours of music and fellowship. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall; a free-will offering would be gratefully appreciated, proceeds will be for Dawn House. A great way to get in the Christmas spirit!

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 The next Executive meeting is on Monday, Nov. 27 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Hi ladies. With our **CWL Christmas Craft & Bake Sale coming up on December 2-3 weekend**, our Telephone Tree people will be calling to ask if you'd like to donate anything: baked goods, craft & gift items, time, or perhaps a monetary donation. Please think on it and let them know. We'd also like to remind you

that our **Annual CWL Christmas Pot Luck Dinner** will occur **after the 5:15pm Mass on Monday, December 4th in the Parish Hall**. Bring your favourite dish to share with everyone! All CWL members are welcome to attend. A big thank you to Barb Quinn for her presentation of "*The Red Dress Project*." Don't forget to pray for your chosen person!

OUR COMMUNITY

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Friday, **December 8, 2023 at 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's Cathedral**. You are invited to join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the patron of the Archdiocese of Kingston. Confessions will be available at 9:30 a.m.

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 hopefully will **begin December 4th** and go to the end of April. Shifts run 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., 12:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. 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.

HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS SALE (HOLY FAMILY PARISH) Sunday, November 26; 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School Gymnasium (14 Wiley Street). Free admission. Come out and enjoy shopping an assortment of homemade treats, beautiful crafts and creations made by many talented local vendors, jewelry, Christmas décor, and more. Food will be available for purchase.

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 25th 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 – 25 – 26 November, 2023

| | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Ushers |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 25 Nov. 5:15 p.m. | M. MacVicar P. Scott | M. Thomas | I. Stewart S. Harrigan P. Scott A. Kelly |
| Sunday 26 Nov. 9:00 a.m. | S. Balemba D. Balemba | P. Croxford | I. Stewart F. Cuvelier M. Stephenson S. Fiorentino |
| Sunday 26 Nov. 11:00a.m. | C.Kavanaugh R. McLaren | F. Levesque | B. Krasna F. Levesque L. Garrett I. MacKenzie |
| Junior Liturgy – 9:00 a.m. Mass – H. Goudreau | | | |

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