

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*"In so far as you did this to one of the
least of these...you did it to me."*

November 26, 2023



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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

Knights of Columbus, 11670
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Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)
Ministry at Extending Care
Ushers
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Culture of Life
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Sacramental Preparation
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Introduction

The abuse of power is evident in so many ways in our world, within the Church, among nations and by individuals. As Christians we are called to follow Christ's example of the power of service, shown supremely by his death on the cross.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

The Lord promises to look after the flock himself.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

All shall be brought to life in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The last judgement of the nations.

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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; Mary Jackson.

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.

Father Cosmas' Reflection

Jesus Christ, the King of our Lives

In a world where power often equates to dominance and control, the concept of Christ the King presents a paradigm shift. It's not about authority wielded through might, but rather a sovereignty manifested through love, compassion, and service. Christ's kingdom stands as an embodiment of grace and selflessness, challenging our conventional understanding of kingship.

The concept of Christ the King invites us to reassess our values. It beckons us to contemplate whether our pursuit of influence aligns with the compassionate and inclusive reign of Christ. It challenges us to ponder whether our actions echo the principles of love, justice, and mercy that defined his kingdom.

In a society often driven by self-interest, the Kingship of Christ calls us to introspection. It prompts us to evaluate our priorities, urging us to prioritize the wellbeing of others over personal gain. Christ's kingship doesn't demand submission through force but invites us to willingly embrace a life guided by empathy and benevolence.

As we contemplate the significance of Christ the King, may we find inspiration to emulate his example. Let us strive to be ambassadors of his kingdom, spreading love, kindness, and justice in a world that often hungers for such virtues.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 27 November

11:00 a.m. Mass for Retired Priest

5:15 p.m. Gloria McLaren – Robert & Fr. Fraser McLaren

Tuesday, 28 November

9:00 a.m. Alexander & Isabelle Potter & Family - Estate

Wednesday, 29 November

9:00 a.m. Ron Douglas – Mary Douglas

Thursday, 30 November

9:00 a.m. Trudi Potvin (3rd Anniversary) – Lawrence Potvin

Friday, 1 December

5:15 p.m. In Thanksgiving of Sr. Dorothy Fournier & Marietta Marcial

Saturday, 2 December

5:15 p.m. Manuel Medeiros - Lisetta Medeiros

Sunday, 3 December

9:00 a.m. Mario Castro (7th Anniversary) – Judite Castro

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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

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. Our next food drive will be 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.

ENROLLEMENT SUNDAY This Sunday, November 26 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we welcome the candidates receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion in the new year. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

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.

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.

MASS FOR RETIRED PRIEST On Monday, November 27th the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus have invited the retired priest of our Archdiocese to St. Joseph's Church for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Michael Mulhall. All are welcome to this special Mass.

2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES will be available at the main entrance next weekend, December 2-3, 2023. Please pick up your package before or after Mass. Thank you.

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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!

CHILDREN'S ADVENT MASS We welcome the students from St. Paul and St. Thomas More Schools on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students and our parishioners to celebrate our first Sunday of Advent together as a community. Thank you for joining us and participating in our Mass as we begin our Advent season.

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.



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!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Our Executive meeting is on Monday, Nov. 27 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. **Attention all Parishioners! Our Christmas Gift & Bake Sale** is the weekend of Dec. 2-3, after each Mass. We have 10 Themed Raffle Baskets this year – 1 ticket for \$5 and 3 for \$10 – plus our usual delicious baked goods, some crafts, gently-used gifts and a \$1.00 gift table for kids of all ages! We encourage you to bring your own bags and fill 'em up with awesome Christmas goodies. Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season!

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. A complete list of the shifts available can be found on the bulletin board (St. Joseph's main entrance). 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.

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION - CHORAL & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FOR THE SEASON Sunday, December 10, 3:00 p.m. at CFB Kingston Spiritual Fitness Centre (formerly Trinity Chapel) 33 Lundy's Lane, Kingston. Start your holiday season with familiar and charming sacred choral and vocal music from Canada, Germany, Ukraine, Renaissance Spain and Italy, and Baroque England, along with instrumental music for strings from Austria and Italy! Introducing: Trinitas Youth Singers; Jeffrey Moellman, director. With special guest Christine Helferty, soprano. This 1-hour concert is perfect for the whole family -- children are encouraged to attend! Free-will offering. Reception to follow. Facebook link to share with your family and friends: <https://fb.me/e/1haXH72ff>

MONTHLY MEETING FOR SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER First Thursday of the month 7:00 pm; Next meeting December 7) St. John the Apostle Parish Hall (88 Patrick Street, Kingston, ON) The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) is a branch of the worldwide Franciscan Family. We are single and married women and men. We work, worship, and play in the community where we live. Everyone is invited to join us to share Franciscan spirituality. Usually, we gather on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, please call JC Trottier at 613-531-2708 or Friar Ed at (613)546-6900 ext. 204.

NEXT WEEK – 2 – 3 December, 2023

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday 2 Dec. 5:15 p.m.	H. Couto Sr. L.Kearney	J. Kane M. Thomas	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance S. Harrigan
Sunday 3 Dec. 9:00 a.m.	Students from St. Paul & St. Thomas More School's	Staff of St. Paul & St. Thomas More School's	I. Stewart R. Audet F. Cuvelier M. Turkington
Sunday 3 Dec. 11:00a.m.	S.Broekhove n T. Asuncion	M-A. Wojcik C. Kavanaugh	J. McLaren F. Asuncion L. Garrett J. Ferreira
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