

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



First Sunday of Advent

*"Let your face shine on us and we
shall be saved."*

December 3, 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 Extendingcare
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Sacramental Preparation
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Parish Schools

St. Thomas More Catholic School
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Introduction

The coming of the Messiah to save the world, so longed for and anticipated by the prophets, has been fulfilled by the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

The Prophet cries out for God to tear the heavens open and come down to save us.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

St. Paul constantly thanks God for the graces his converts received in Corinth.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Jesus entrusts the Church, his followers, with our own special tasks as we live out our personal Christian vocations.

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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

Welcome to Advent: A time to be Spiritually Awake

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year, a time of anticipation and preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth and the anticipation of His second coming. It's a period of hope and expectation. This day calls us to reflect on hope, not just as a passive wish, but as an active and expectant trust in God's promises. It's an invitation to examine our hearts, to renew our faith, and to rekindle our hope in the midst of challenges and uncertainties. As we embark on this Advent journey, we're reminded of the longing of ancient Israel for the Messiah and our own longing for Christ's presence in our lives today.

This season prompts us to prepare ourselves spiritually, to create space for Christ in our hearts and minds, and to live in a way that reflects the hope and light that Christ brings to the world. It's a time of joyful expectation and an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God as we await the coming of Christ, not just in history but in our lives each day.

In today's Gospel taken from Mark 13:24-37, Jesus urges us to be watchful and prepared for His return. He emphasizes the importance of staying spiritually awake and alert, ensuring that we live faithfully, serving others, and remaining vigilant in our faith. Just as the master expects his servants to be watchful, Jesus urges us to be spiritually vigilant and ready for His second coming, which will arrive unexpectedly. This passage encourages us to live in a state of readiness, ensuring our hearts are aligned with God's will at all times.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 4 December

5:15 p.m. Raymond, John & Luella Novotny – Jane Watts

Tuesday, 5 December

9:00 a.m. Gloria McLaren – Robert & Fr. Fraser McLaren

Wednesday, 6 December

9:00 a.m. Richard Vallée – Nicole & Léandre Grenier

Thursday, 7 December

9:00 a.m. Gord & Mary Tompkins – Mary Ellen Tompkins

Friday, 8 December

5:15 p.m. Sam Cadamuro – Rika Blacksee

Saturday, 9 December

5:15 p.m. Victoria Rodriquez – Victoria Zegarra

Sunday, 10 December

9:00 a.m. Michael Sudak – Steve & Linda Reason

3:00 p.m. Nigerian Mass

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

2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are available at the main entrance. Please pick up your package before or after Mass. Once the New Year arrives, please do not use the previous year's envelopes as the number may be different. Thank you.

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.

At this weekend's 9:00 a.m. Mass the children from St. Thomas More and St. Paul's Schools will be handing out bags to take home. The students have decorated the bags in which will be used for our food hampers.

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 CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MASS On December 10th, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. join us as the Nigerian Catholic Community from around the Archdiocese gather to celebrate Advent with a Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Potluck to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

BUILDING FUND The monthly collection of the Building Fund will take place next weekend, 9-10 December 2023. Your support continues to make a difference. 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 this, 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. 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

Hi all, this weekend is our CWL Christmas Gift & Bake Sale! We're in the Parish Hall after each Mass to sell you delicious baked goods, homemade crafts and lovely gifts. And don't forget to check out our Themed Raffle Baskets! Tickets are 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10 this year. They make great gifts... Also a reminder that our CWL Potluck Dinner is this Monday, Dec. 4th, after the 5:15pm Mass.

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 – 9 – 10 December, 2023

| | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Ushers |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Saturday 9 Dec. 5:15 p.m. | P. Scott M. McLaughlin | D. Lomboy | I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance A. Kelly |
| Sunday 10 Dec. 9:00 a.m. | B. Murray C. Charbonneau | C. Purcell | I. Stewart M. Turkington M. Stevenson S. Fiorentino |
| Sunday 10 Dec. 11:00a.m. | R. McLaren F. Levesque | M. Muise | I. Stewart F. Asuncion J. Ferreira L. Garrett |
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