

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



*"The child's mother and father stood there
wondering at the things that were
being said about him."*

31 December 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 Seniors (Cards)
Ministry at Extendingcare
Ushers
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Culture of Life
Social Justice & Outreach
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Sacramental Preparation
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St. Thomas More Catholic School
Sandra Fragoso, Principal
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**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph –
December 31, 2023**

Introduction

Today's feast offers us the image of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to help us in our own family lives. The choice of date for its celebration is no doubt intended to coincide with the time of the year when we are most likely to be coming together in our own family units...for better or worse!

First Reading: Genesis 25:1-6, 21:1-3

The Lord promises Abraham and Sarah a son.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:18, 11-12, 17-19

It is through faith that Abraham receives the gift of his family.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

The child Jesus is presented to the Lord in the Temple and blessed by Simeon and Anna.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Nathan Freeburn; Dr. Richard James, Sr.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

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.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 1 January

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, 2 January

9:00 a.m. Sharon Cuvelier – Frank Cuvelier

Wednesday, 3 January

9:00 a.m. Grace Neddow – Robert McLaren

Thursday, 4 January

9:00 a.m. Vincent Murphy – Pat McConville

Friday, 5 January

5:15 p.m. Elsie Nelson – Alison Bogle

Saturday, 6 January

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

Sunday, 7 January

9:00 a.m. Arthur Griffin & Graciano Lacson – Grazielle Lacson

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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

MASS SCHEDULE IN JANUARY On January 10, 17, 18, 24, 25 the time of Mass for these days will be at 4:00 p.m. instead of 9:00 a.m.

Father Cosmas' Reflection

Living like the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we come together to reflect on the profound love, dedication, and harmony within the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Their lives teach us valuable lessons about the essence of family life.

Joseph, a man of faith and compassion, was a loving father figure to Jesus. His willingness to protect and provide for his family, despite the challenges they faced, teaches us the importance of selflessness and commitment in family relationships.

Mary, the epitome of strength and devotion, exemplifies unconditional love and unwavering faith. Her role as a nurturing mother reminds us of the power of patience, understanding, and the vital role of mothers in shaping the lives of their children.

Jesus, the Son of God, grew in wisdom and stature within this family unit, honoring and obeying his parents. His example teaches us the importance of respect, obedience, and mutual support within our families.

In our own families, we are called to emulate these virtues – to love unconditionally, support one another through life's trials, and create a home filled with respect, understanding, and faith. Let us strive to nurture our families with love, forgiveness, and prayer, following the model set by the Holy Family. As we celebrate this feast, may we seek their intercession to guide and bless our families in their journey of faith and love.

OUR PARISH

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL! Round-out your celebrations of the Christmas season by singing your favourite sacred carols! Enjoy an **Epiphany Christmas Carol-Sing** led by the Trinitas Singers and Youth Singers under the direction of Jeffrey Moellman. **Saturday, January 6, 2:00-3:30pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 392 Palace Road, Kingston.** Monetary and non-perishable/canned food donations will be collected in support of a local charitable organization, and **a festive reception will follow.** www.stjosephskingston.ca, 613.547.5004.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING The next Executive meeting will be held at the Parish Hall on January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the General Meeting.

FATHER COSMAS AJAWARA'S VACATION Father Cosmas will be away from December 26, 2023 to January 26, 2024. He will be going home to celebrate his parents 60th Wedding Anniversary. Please keep Father and his family in your prayers.



This week's bulletin is sponsored by:

JUNIOR LITURGY will not be held on December 31, and January 7. Junior Liturgy will resume on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION will begin the week of January 7th, 2024. Registration is now closed. Classes are held in our Parish Hall. If you did not receive an email verifying your child's registration and class day, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN JOURNEY NEWSLETTER The December issue is now available online. To view this issue visit <https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/journey>.

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS Our General meeting is Monday, January 8 at 7pm and the Executive meeting is Monday, January 22 at 7pm. Our CWL Membership Drive is the 6th and 7th, 13th and the 14th of January. We invite all ladies over 16 to join up and help make a difference, and our existing members to rejoin and continue doing so! The fee is \$35 and CWL ladies will be at each door of the church to sign you up. Continuing our theme of "Creating Hope Through Action", we'd like to thank all the caring and generous folks who helped the "Feed the People" program provide a Christmas Eve hot lunch down at the Integrated Care Hub on Montreal Street. This meal was possible due to the donations we gathered from CWL members and some parishioners in November. Whether you cooked or served, picked up or delivered, donated money or goods, you were so greatly appreciated. Around 120 hungry people feasted together and were given gift bags with handmade Christmas cards from the students at St. Thomas More School. What a wonderful way to celebrate the spirit of Christmas and the miraculous birth of our Saviour who gave hope to so many! God bless you.

2023 DONATIONS St. Joseph's Parish Year-End occurs on 31 December; therefore, we ask that all 2023 donations to the parish be received by the parish office by 31 December 2023. Donations received after this date will be recorded in 2024. If you wish to have a donation appear on your 2023 Tax Receipt, please ensure that the office has received it prior to 1 January. All extra envelope donations have been remitted to the Archdiocese to be forwarded to the various organizations.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY Booklets outlining the 7-day Preparation for Family Consecration are available this weekend at the main entrance for those who have registered. If you would like to register contact the parish office for your booklet.



BUILDING FUND The monthly collection of the Building Fund will take place January 13-14, 2024. Thank you for your continued support.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CARD PLAYING will resume on Wednesday, 10 January 2024.

OUR COMMUNITY

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. Without the volunteers signed up for our December opening, the difficult decision was made to postpone the opening of Veronica's Veil until January. Volunteers are needed! 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. Training will be provided. Please contact Ann Lyng at veronicasveil@stmaryscathedral.ca to sign up or for more

ALPHA IS COMING! (PRESENTED BY HOLY FAMILY PARISH) Mondays, starting February 5 - April 8, 2024; 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall (588 Division Street, Kingston) This is a FREE course and dinner will be served. ALPHA is a series of 10 videos, about 30 minutes long, that explore the big issues around the Christian Faith, with a Catholic view and allow us to deepen our relationship with Jesus. These are followed by group discussions, to share thoughts and ideas on the topic. Everyone's welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. Registration is required. Please contact Holy Family at 613-548-8587 or holyfamily@archkingston.ca. For more information check out alphacanada.org.

Schedule for the week of January 6-7, 2024

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday 6 Jan. 5:15 p.m.	H. Couto M. MacVicar	D. Lomboy	I. Stewart S. Harrigan P. Scott A. Kelly
Sunday 7 Jan. 9:00 a.m.	P. Croxford A. MacKinnon	C. Purcell	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier M-L. Stevenson S. Fiorentino
Sunday 7 Jan. 11:00 a.m.	R. McLaren B. McIver	F. Levesque	B. Krasna L. Garrett I. McKenzie

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