St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 January 2024

"Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me."

- St. Ignatius of Loyola

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Parish Website: www.stjosephskingston.ca Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor ~ Rev. Mr. Robert Wojcik, Deacon ~ In Residence: Rev. Charles Ogbuagu

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

5:15 p.m. Saturday:

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Sunday:

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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Lectors **Eucharistic Ministers**

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Ministry to Seniors (Cards) Ministry at Extendicare

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Introduction

Jesus calls us each day to follow him and to seek the kingdom of God. Each day gives us a new opportunity to follow Christ.

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah calls the people of Nineveh to repentance. They hear his call and return to the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Life is short. Do not waste it on passing things.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him.

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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.; 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, 22 January

5:15 p.m. John McMichael – Alison McMichael

Tuesday, 23 January

9:00 a.m. Gemma Grenier Lessard – Nicole &

Leandre Grenier

Wednesday, 24 January

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Congregations of

Religious Sisters- Maame Addai

Thursday, 25 January

4:00 a.m. Kazia Widlarz – Toni Alexandrowicz

Friday, 26 January

5:15 p.m. Margaret Radley – Peter & Fran Radley

Saturday, 27 January

5:15 p.m. Charles Jefferies – Susan Jefferies

Sunday, 21 January

9:00 a.m. Fred Pangilinan – Mr. & Mrs. Belen

Acvarez & Family

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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

Father Cosmas' Reflection

Follow Me

In the Gospel of Mark, particularly in verses 14-20, we encounter a pivotal moment in the ministry of Jesus. It marks the beginning of His public proclamation of the Kingdom of God. Jesus emerges from the wilderness after facing temptation, and with a resolute spirit, He declares, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

In response to this cosmic announcement, Jesus encounters Simon and Andrew, James and John, casting their nets by the Sea of Galilee. In a moment that transcends the ordinary, Jesus issues a simple yet profound invitation, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." The immediacy of their response is striking—they leave their nets and follow Him.

This passage echoes through the corridors of time, speaking directly to each of us. Jesus' call is not confined to the shores of Galilee; it resonates in the depths of our hearts. The metaphor of fishing for men suggests a vocation of gathering people into the embrace of God's love. It challenges us to reflect on our own response to Christ's call, urging us to leave behind the nets that bind us—worldly attachments, fears, and doubts.

May the example of these first disciples inspire us to respond wholeheartedly to Jesus' call. Let us cast aside our nets of complacency and embark on the journey of discipleship with courage and conviction. In doing so, may we discover the profound joy of being fishers of men, actively engaged in God's work of love and reconciliation.

OUR PARISH

FATHER COSMAS AJAWARA'S VACATION Father Cosmas will be away from December 26, 2023 to January 26, 2024.

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

PARTNERS IN MISSION FOOD BANK This month's food collection will be held next weekend of January 27-28. We have a limited supply of bags that will be available for pick up this weekend. If you have reusable bags at home, please consider using them. Thank you!

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2023 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick-up in the Parish Office, Monday to Friday. On the weekend of February 3-4 and 10-11, income tax receipts will be available at the main entrance of the church for pick-up after Mass.

SCREENING COMMITTEE NEW COORDINATORS St. Joseph's Parish has new coordinators for our Screening Committee. Thank you to Colleen Purcell and Eric Bennett for volunteering to help us with this very important role in our Parish. Colleen and Eric are in the process of updating our volunteer files and in the coming months will be reaching out to our volunteers, your cooperation is appreciated.

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS everyone! Another successful CWL membership drive! If the weather kept you away last weekend, and you would like to join or renew your membership, place your envelope with your name and indicate 'CWL Membership' in the Parish collection basket this weekend or drop it off at the Parish Office. Membership fee is \$35 • The next Executive Meeting is on Monday, January 22 at 7pm. in the Parish Hall. • Our CWL Spring Bake Sale is on the February 10 & 11 weekend and we need bakers and helpers. The Telephone Tree is activated, so you will be receiving a call telling you all about it, including the fact that we will have 2 Raffle Baskets making a happy reappearance to give us another chance to win! Bake, set prices, man the tables or help clean up; it's up to you. • Just a note that our Earthub recycling is going well. Don't forget that if you have a surplus of reusable bags, we take those as well to give to charitable stores to pass along to their customers. Every bit helps...



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

OUR COMMUNITY

CHANTUARY: OPEN CHANT SESSIONS WEST AND EAST Saturday, January 27; 7:30-9:00 pm at St. John the Apostle Church Melos Choir hopes that you will join us in person for our Chantuary series on Saturday nights in January, open chant sessions, West & East. Suggested freewill cost per session: \$10. Join us as we explore traditional chants: Gregorian; Mozarabic; Byzantine and more. Sing,

as able; or simply enjoy listening. January 27: Persian or Sufi song; or Syriac chant, TBD.

VERONICA'S VEIL OVERNIGHT SHELTER: Men, your help is needed. The Veil to open for the winter. 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

HEALING SERVICE (OUR LADY OF DIVINE FIRE MISSION) Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall. Come and experience God's supernatural love! The evening will include Worship, a Gospel presentation on healing, corporate prayers for healing, and an opportunity for individual healing prayer by the Encounter School of Ministry team and students. Free and open to the public. For more information, email kingston@encounterschool.org.

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 613-548-8587 holyfamily@archkingston.ca. For more information check out alphacanada.org.

Schedule for the week of January 27-28, 2024

	Lectors	Eucharistic	Ushers
		Ministers	
Saturday	M. MacVicar	L.Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart
27 Jan.	S. Ottenhof	M. Thomas	D. Mazzolin
5:15 p.m.			R. Lachance
			P. Scott
Sunday	M. Castro	D. Balemba	I. Stewart
28 Jan.	M. Marcial	S. Balemba	M. Turkington
9:00 a.m.			ML. Stevenson
			S. Fiorentino
Sunday	C.Kavanaugh	T. Donoghue	I. Stewart
28 Jan.	B. McIver	K. Colwell	F. Asuncion
11:00a.m.			J. Ferreira
			L. Garrett
			J. McLaren
Junior Liturgy: M. Farrell			

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