

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Epiphany of the Lord

7 January 2024



*"We saw his star as it rose and
have come to do him homage."*

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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
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Culture of Life
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The Epiphany of the Lord – January 7, 2024

Introduction

The Magi have been following the star, the mysterious sign in the skies, and now bow down humbly before the Christ Child offering prayer and gifts. We thank God for his graciousness and giftedness to each one of us.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

All people share in the promise and salvation of God.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

“And falling to their knees, they did him homage.”

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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, 8 January

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Freundorfer Family – Jocelyne and Gerhard Freundorfer

Tuesday, 9 January

9:00 a.m. Ken Lillis (9th Anniversary) – Sharon, Scott & Andrea

Wednesday, 10 January

4:00 p.m. Manuel Carquez – Cecilia Melo

Thursday, 11 January

9:00 a.m. Intentions of the Sisters and Associates of the Congregation of Notre Dame

Friday, 12 January

5:15 p.m. William Murphy (11th Anniversary) – Brenda Murphy

Saturday, 13 January

5:15 p.m. Crisalia Couto – Liseta Medeiros

Sunday, 14 January

9:00 a.m. Nunziata DeGiacomo – 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.

Father Cosmas' Reflection

Led by the Star

The Epiphany of the Lord marks a pivotal moment in the Christian faith, commemorating the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. It's a celebration of divine revelation, encapsulated in the story of the Magi who followed a guiding star to pay homage to the newborn King.

This event holds profound significance as it transcends cultural and geographical boundaries. The Magi, wise men from the East, exemplify the universal search for truth and the quest for spiritual fulfillment. Their journey signifies the openness of God's message to all, irrespective of background or status. It's a reminder that the light of Christ shines for everyone, beckoning all to encounter His grace and truth.

The guiding star that led the Magi symbolizes divine guidance—a light that illuminates our spiritual paths. It prompts us to discern the signs of God's presence amidst the complexities of life. This celestial beacon invites us to seek and recognize moments of divine revelation in our daily existence.

Moreover, the gifts the Magi brought—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—carry profound symbolism. Gold symbolizes Christ's kingship, acknowledging His sovereignty in our lives. Frankincense represents His divinity, inviting us to worship and adore Him. Myrrh foreshadows His sacrifice, underscoring the ultimate redemption and hope His life brings to humanity.

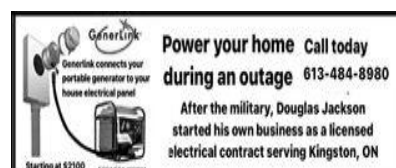
The Epiphany challenges us to reflect on our own spiritual journeys. Are we open to encountering the divine in unexpected places? Are we willing to follow the guiding light of Christ, even if it leads us beyond the familiar and comfortable?

As we commemorate the Epiphany of the Lord, let us embrace the message of inclusivity, divine guidance, and spiritual transformation. Let us seek the light of Christ, offering our own gifts of love, compassion, and service to reflect His illuminating presence in our world today.

OUR PARISH

THANK YOU TO OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On behalf of the Parishioners of St. Joseph's we would like to thank the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670 for the very kind donation of the new Christmas trees which adorned the altar area during Christmas and certainly added to the beauty of the church during this joyous season. We remain appreciative of the Knights and their work in supporting the parish.



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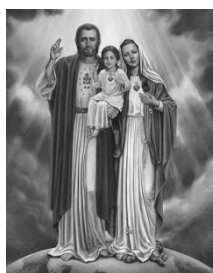
FATHER COSMAS AJAWARA'S VACATION Father Cosmas will be away from December 26, 2023 to January 26, 2024. He will be going home to celebrate his parents 60th Wedding Anniversary. Please keep Father and his family in your prayers.

THANK YOU! The decorations in the church this year were spectacular. Thank you to Tom, Joan, and our Italian ladies of the parish for your dedication and hard work each year.

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.

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 for all CWL members is Monday, January 8 at 7pm and the next Executive meeting will occur on Monday, January 22 at 7pm. Our CWL Membership Drive is the 6th and 7th, 13th and 14th of January. We invite all women over 16 to join and help make a difference, and for our existing members to renew and continue doing so! The fee is \$35 and CWL members will be at each door of the church to sign you up. We have a whole new year to continue "Creating Hope Through Action!"



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.

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

AUTOMATIC DEBIT Automatic Debit is available for those St. Joseph's parishioners wishing to have their Sunday Offering and/or Building Fund Collection debited directly from their bank account on a monthly basis. Those who wish to begin Automatic Debit, are asked to visit the parish office to complete the necessary paperwork.

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

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.

JUNIOR LITURGY Junior Liturgy will resume next Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

OUR COMMUNITY

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

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 13-14, 2024

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday 13 Jan. 5:15 p.m.	TBD	TBD	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance S. Harrigan
Sunday 14 Jan. 9:00 a.m.	TBD	TBD	I. Stewart R. Audet F. Cuvelier M. Turkington
Sunday 14 Jan. 11:00 a.m.	TBD	TBD	J. McLaren F. Asuncion L. Garrett J. Ferreira
Junior Liturgy: Heather			

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