

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024



"There in their presence he was
transfigured."

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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.),

Susan Lett, Parish Secretary

Parish Organizations

Parish Finance Committee
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Introduction

"It is wonderful for us to be here!" These are the words of the disciples Peter, James, and John. In today's Mass we accompany them onto the Mount of "Transfiguration to deepen our relationship with God's Son, the Beloved.

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Abraham is willing to offer his only son to God, but God spares him.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Since God gave up his only Son for love of us, what else will he not do?

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Transfigured with heavenly light, Jesus reveals his divinity to the disciples.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 26 February

5:15 p.m. Jamila Stephens – Mary Tudin

Tuesday, 27 February

9:00 a.m. Audrey, Shirley, Elwood & Dell Potter

Wednesday, 28 February

9:00 a.m. Rosalyn Koen – Kathy & Stephen Tysick

Thursday, 29 February

9:00 a.m. Maria Fatima Cordeiro – Hermano & Rosemary Couto

Friday, 1 March

5:15 p.m. Lois Halligan – Andrew & Lisa Colins

Saturday, 2 March

5:15 p.m. Gus Coulter – Elaine Hamilton

Sunday, 3 March

9:00 a.m. Manuel Teves (2nd Anniversary) – Maria Teves

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Ossie Fisher; Manon Blanchard.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Marcus Hacault; Donna and Joe V.; Raymond Doyle; June Alley.

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

The Test of Faith

Reflecting on one of the most profound and challenging stories in the Bible found in today's First Reading (Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18)—the test of Abraham's faith by God, we read of God's command to Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac, as a burnt offering. This commandment, often referred to as the "Binding of Isaac," presents us with a moral and spiritual dilemma that has captivated believers for centuries.

Abraham, the father of faith, faced an unimaginable test—a test that demanded the ultimate sacrifice. How could a loving father reconcile the command to take the life of his own son with his devotion to God? This test challenges us to examine the depths of our faith and the nature of our relationship with God.

First and foremost, the story of Abraham and Isaac teaches us about obedience and trust in God's will. Despite the incomprehensibility of God's command, Abraham demonstrates unwavering faith and obedience. He does not question or doubt God's intentions but instead surrenders himself completely to the divine will. In doing so, Abraham exemplifies the essence of faith—a steadfast trust in God's wisdom and providence, even in the face of adversity.

Moreover, the test of Abraham reveals the profound nature of sacrifice. Abraham was willing to sacrifice the most precious thing in his life—his beloved son—as an act of obedience and devotion to God. This act of surrender underscores the sacrificial nature of faith and the willingness to give up worldly attachments for the sake of spiritual obedience. In our own lives, we are called to reflect on the sacrifices we are willing to make in our journey of faith—to relinquish our desires and comforts in pursuit of a deeper relationship with the divine.

However, the story of Abraham and Isaac is not merely about blind obedience or sacrifice; it is also about the mercy and providence of God. At the moment when Abraham is about to carry out the sacrifice, God intervenes and provides a ram caught in the thicket as a substitute for Isaac. This divine intervention underscores God's compassion and the value of human life. It reminds us that God does not desire senseless suffering or destruction but calls us to live lives of compassion, justice, and mercy.

As we contemplate the test of Abraham, let us reflect on the tests of faith that we encounter in our own lives. Like Abraham, we may face moments of doubt, uncertainty, and adversity that challenge our beliefs and convictions. Yet, it is in these moments of testing that our faith is strengthened, our character is refined, and our relationship with God is deepened.

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NEW PARISHIONER TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH If you are new to our parish (joined St. Joseph's in 2023-2024), please add your name to the list at the back of the Church and introduce yourselves to Father Cosmas. We would love the opportunity to welcome you to our Parish!

FLOCKNOTE This past week we started sending out our Parish Flocknote by email. If you have an email account with Cogeco, the Cogeco server is reading our emails as spam and blocking you from receiving them. I am working on finding a solution for this issue, your patience is appreciated. If you would like to be added to receive Flocknote, email the Parish office at stjoseph.kingston@archkingston.ca

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be each Friday during Lent following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. Next week on March 1, the students of St. Thomas More School will be joining us.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Food Bags will be collected this weekend February 24-25. Thank you for your continued support.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECION (ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION) If you did not have an opportunity to donate to the new building of St. Vincent de Paul, we will continue to accept donations up until March 14th before forwarding our contributions. Envelopes are available at all the entrances or mark on an envelopes 'St. Vincent de Paul Collection'.



MUSICAL AFTERNOON On Thursday, March 7, 2024, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., the Social Committee of St. Joseph's Pastoral Council will provide an afternoon of musical entertainment, featuring Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg, Noah St. Amand and Jess Wedden (of Turpin's Trail), for those who are Irish and for those who "wish they were." Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall. A free-will monetary offering would be appreciated, proceeds for Birthright Kingston.



CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY To help you prepare for our Parish Consecration to the Holy Family for the next 7 weeks, we will include in the bulletin a brief reflection.

Week 5: Consecration to Mary-Jesus gave us Mary as our mother. She will protect, love, and nurture us, if we ask and allow her. She is full of Grace and intercedes for us. Say a decade of the Rosary.

For a booklet outlining the 7-day Preparation for Family Consecration and to register contact the parish office.

LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION The Lenten Penance Celebration will be held on March 10, 2024 at 3:00 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS The Executive Meeting will be on March 5 at 7:00 p.m., with the General Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The Executive Meeting is this Monday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA A bus will leave Kingston for the National March for Life on Thursday, May 9th, 2024, from St. Joseph's parking lot at 392 Palace Road at 7:00 am to arrive on time for Mass at St. Patrick's Basilica, 220 Kent St. at 10 am. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For more information about the March, see www.campaignlifecoalition.com and click on March for Life. You can reserve your seat by registering in person with Susan at St. Joseph's Parish Office Monday-Friday 8:30 am-12noon and 1:00 pm-4:30 pm OR by e-transfer at kingstonmflbus@proton.me

COMMUNITY

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY DURING LENT: ST. RITA'S DROP-IN CENTRE St. Mary's Cathedral Outreach to the homeless and poor of the city. 1:00-4:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Providing safety, shelter, great food, showers and good Christian hospitality and dignity. Volunteers always needed and welcome. Contact: paty@stmaryscathedral.ca

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH (CCO) SUMMIT On Friday, March 22; 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Led by the missionaries of CCO and the students of Newman House chaplaincy at Queens, in St. Mary's Cathedral in the context of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayerful praise and worship music accompanied by inspiring testimonies. Confessions will be available.

Schedule for the week of March 2-3, 2024

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday 2 Mar. 5:15 p.m.	S. Ottenhof H. Couto	M. Thomas	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance P. Scott
Sunday 3 Mar. 9:00 a.m.	M. Addai C.Charbonneau	P. Croxford	I. Stewart M. Turkington M-L.Stevenson S. Fiorentino
Sunday 3 Mar. 11:00a.m.	T. Asuncion B. McIver	T. Donoghue	I. Stewart F. Asuncion J. Ferreira L. Garrett J. McLaren
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