

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

*"For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in  
him may not perish  
but may have eternal life."*

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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  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus, 11670  
Lectors  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)  
Ministry at Extendingcare  
Ushers  
Sacristans  
Culture of Life  
Social Justice & Outreach  
Funeral Choir  
Junior Liturgy  
Sacramental Preparation  
Altar Servers  
Youth Group  
Music Ministry

#### **Parish Schools**

St. Thomas More Catholic School

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**Introduction**

On this Laetare Sunday, we rejoice in the light that has come into the world through the Son of God, and in the grace through which we have been saved.

**First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

God's persistent love and mercy in the face of rejection are revealed.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10**

Through grace, not by our own efforts, we have been saved, so that we may live the good life God has always meant us to live.

**Gospel: John 3:14-21**

Christ is the light of the world, come not to condemn but to save, and those who live by the truth come into that light.

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**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 11 March**

5:15 p.m. George Cotnam (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) –  
Maureen Plunkett

**Tuesday, 12 March**

9:00 a.m. Genevieve Vidal – Rose Griffin

**Wednesday, 13 March**

9:00 a.m. Patrick McKeown – Joanne & Charlie  
Horrigan

10:30 a.m. Extendicare

**Thursday, 14 March**

9:00 a.m. Special Intention – Yeshi Redda

**Friday, 15 March**

5:15 p.m. Charles Kelliher – Shirley Kelliher

**Saturday, 16 March**

5:15 p.m. Cathy Joyce – Carol Kavanaugh

**Sunday, 17 March**

9:00 a.m. Grace Neddow – Chris Dundon

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*To join our online Mass each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. visit [www.stjosephskingston.ca](http://www.stjosephskingston.ca).*

**OUR PARISH**

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Grace Eves; Marian Meagher; Tom Keogh; Paul Clancy.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

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

*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**

**On Spiritual Vision**

In today's Gospel Reading taken from John 9:1-41, we encounter the story of Jesus healing a man who was born blind. This passage is rich with symbolism and teachings that are relevant to our lives today.

Firstly, the blind man represents all of us in our spiritual blindness. Just as he was physically unable to see, we too can be spiritually blind to the truth of God's love and presence in our lives.

Jesus, by healing the blind man, demonstrates his power to bring light into our darkness, both physically and spiritually. He opens our eyes to see the truth and to recognize him as the Son of God.

However, the reaction of the religious leaders to the healing reveals the hardness of their hearts. Instead of rejoicing in the miracle, they question Jesus' authority and even cast out the healed man. This serves as a warning against the dangers of spiritual pride and arrogance, which can blind us to the work of God in our midst.

Ultimately, the story culminates in the blind man's confession of faith in Jesus as the Son of Man. Despite facing rejection and persecution, he boldly proclaims his belief in Jesus, showing us the transformative power of encountering Christ.

As we reflect on this passage, let us examine our own lives and ask ourselves: Are we spiritually blind? Do we recognize Jesus as the light of the world? And are we willing to boldly confess our faith in him, even in the face of opposition? May we open our hearts to receive the light of Christ and allow it to illuminate our lives and guide our paths. Amen.

**FLOCKNOTE** Parish Flocknote is up and running! If you would like to be added to receive Flocknote, email the Parish office at [stjoseph.kingston@archkingston.ca](mailto:stjoseph.kingston@archkingston.ca)

**BUILDING FUND** The monthly collection of the Building Fund will take place this weekend, March 9-10 2024. Your support continues to make a difference. Thank you.

**MASS OF CHRISM** will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. Most Reverend Michael Mulhull, Archbishop of Kingston will preside and bless the Oils for the sacramental life of the Church. Our 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Church will be cancelled on March 26, 2024. All parishioners are invited to attend this special Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.

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**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 7: The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families. We can live ordinary but virtuous lives in our family by modeling the Holy Family. Choose to fully live your Baptismal consecration to the Holy Family.*

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

**CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY** Next Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, our parish community, parish families and individuals will be consecrated to the Holy Family. Those who have participated in our 7 week Consecration to the Holy Family are asked to come to the 11:00 a.m. Mass for a special blessing. In your booklet there was the lovely picture of the Holy Family, a suggestion would be to bring your picture with you (framed or not) to have them blessed during this time.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be each Friday during Lent following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS** Hi all! Our General Meeting is on Monday, March 11, at 7p.m. in the Parish Hall where our Speaker Series welcomes Judy Fyfe, the Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul Society. March is our collection month for that charity and we ask that you bring your items to the meeting if possible. Toiletries and other hygiene products are most in demand, along with non-perishable foods. Oh, and can openers! Donations will be accepted by Susan Lett in the office until March 31, 2024. •• A reminder that the Diocesan Council Virtual Silent Auction begins online Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 8a.m. to 8p.m., if you wish to participate! To view all the wonderful donations up for auction and to bid on auction day, visit: <https://www.32auctions.com/KingstonCWLauktion2024>. Our council has donated gift cards as an item.

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA** A bus will leave Kingston for the National March for Life on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto:kingstonmflbus@proton.me)

**LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION** The Lenten Penance Celebration will be held **this Sunday**, 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!

## **COMMUNITY**

**TENEBRAE**, a meditative, candlelit service of chanted Scripture and motets, will be sung by the 30 voices of the Trinitas Singers and Trinitas Youth Singers under the direction of Jeffrey Moellman. Join us on Wednesday, March 27, at 7:00pm in Holy Name of Jesus Church, Kingston Mills. Free-will offering.

**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](mailto: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.

**GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR FAMILIES** on Friday, March 29; 10:30 am at Holy Family Chapel, CFB Kingston (35 Lundy's Lane) Organized by the Kingston Catholic Girls Club with reflections appropriate for all ages. Outdoors (weather permitting). All are welcome.

**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS TALK** on Sunday, May 5; 9:30 am at St François d'Assise Parish (512 Frontenac St, Kingston) Louise Normandeau will talk about Carlo Acutis followed by Mass at 11:00 am. The talk will be in French but we will make every effort to assist with translation if needed. For more information please contact the parish at (613) 542-2377. No registration is required. Goodwill donations and/or food bank donations will be accepted.

## **Schedule for the week of March 16-17, 2024**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
<b>Saturday 16 Mar. 5:15 p.m.</b>	H. Couto M. Sivilotti	Sr.L.Kearney	I. Stewart S. Harrigan R. Lachance P. Scott
<b>Sunday 17 Mar. 9:00 a.m.</b>	J. Watts M. Addai	M. Tudin	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet S. Eves
<b>Sunday 17 Mar. 11:00a.m.</b>	K. Colwell R. McLaren	M-A. Wojcik	B. Krasna F. Asuncion L. Garrett I. MacKenzie
Junior Liturgy: No Junior Liturgy on March 10 and March 17			



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