

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024



"Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?"

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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

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Introduction

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. As we get closer to Holy Week our readings reflect the dark clouds which are gathering over Jesus and his concern about what will happen to him when he enters Jerusalem.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah tells us of God's continuing patience with us even when we are most stubborn.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

It is through Jesus' obedient suffering that we can be saved.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

St. John reveals to us Jesus' thoughts and apprehension about his coming suffering.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 18 March

5:15 p.m. Audrey Lacey

Tuesday, 19 March

9:00 a.m. Terry Orr – William & Shelley Metcalfe

Wednesday, 20 March

9:00 a.m. James Kenney – Raymond Doyle

Thursday, 21 March

9:00 a.m. Rejean Lalonde – Nicole & Leandre Grenier

Friday, 22 March

10:00 p.m. Kingsdale Chateau

5:15 p.m. Grazia Gencarelli & Nuziata DeGiacomo –
Angelo Gencarelli & Family

Saturday, 23 March

5:15 p.m. Kevin Mulrooney – Helen McCambridge

Sunday, 24 March

9:00 a.m. George Teves (18th 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 Richard Walsh; Patricia Brennan.

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

Becoming New Creations

The response to today's Responsorial Psalm is taken from Psalm 51:10. It is a profound plea for spiritual transformation, a cry from the depths of the soul for renewal and cleansing. It reads, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

In this verse, King David, the author of the psalm, acknowledges his need for inner purification. He recognizes that his heart, the seat of his emotions, thoughts, and intentions, is tainted by sin and in need of God's intervention. David doesn't just ask for a surface-level cleaning but for a complete transformation—a new heart created by God himself.

The imagery of creation used here is significant. Just as God created the world out of nothing, David appeals to God's creative power to fashion within him a heart that is pure and pleasing to Him. This plea reflects David's humility, recognizing that true purity of heart cannot be achieved through his own efforts alone but requires divine intervention.

David also desires a renewal of spirit—a restoration of right relationship with God. Sin not only corrupts the heart but also disrupts one's communion with God. Therefore, David seeks not only forgiveness but also restoration of fellowship with his Creator.

As we reflect on Psalm 51:10, especially during these remaining days of lent, we are invited to examine our own hearts before God. Do we, like David, recognize our need for inner cleansing? Are we willing to humbly acknowledge our shortcomings and sins before God, trusting in His mercy and grace to transform us from the inside out? The prayer of Psalm 51:10 challenges us to surrender ourselves fully to God's transformative power, allowing Him to create within us clean hearts and renew steadfast spirits, so that we may walk in righteousness and intimacy with Him. The Lenten season is a time to walk humbly with God in order to be transformed into new creations with clean hearts.

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

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS Thank you to Judy Fyfe, the Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul Society for being our guest speaker at last Monday's General Meeting. Don't forget March is our collection month for St. Vincent de Paul. 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, our council has donated gift cards as an item. visit: <https://www.32auctions.com/KingstonCWLauktion2024>.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION Please join us at 3:00 p.m. (the hour of Mercy) on April 7, 2024 (second Sunday of Easter) to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, there will also be opportunity to adore our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a special day when we reflect on God's mercy, love and forgiveness which he grants to all those who are willing to ask for it.



FIRST COMMUNION On April 14, 2024 we welcome the children receiving First Communion to our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MASS Join us April 14, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. as the Nigerian Catholic Community from around the Archdiocese gather to celebrate Easter with a Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Potluck to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

NEWS FROM OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #11670 During this past week our Knights of Columbus St. Joseph's Council #11670 presented a cheque for \$2000 to the Partners In Mission Food Bank. Knights in Action!



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

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 and 130 p.m. 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 23-24, 2024

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday 23 Mar. 5:15 p.m.	C. Jones J. Saunders	M-A. Wojcik	S. Harrigan D. Mazzolin R. Lachance K. Chabot
Sunday 24 Mar. 9:00 a.m.	M. Marcial D. Balemba	C. Purcell	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier M-L Stevenson M. Turkington
Sunday 24 Mar. 11:00a.m.	B. McIver T. Asuncion	M. Muise	J. McLaren F. Asuncion L. Garrett I. MacKenzie
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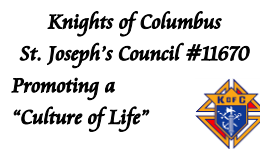
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