

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

*"Take all this out of here
and stop turning my Father's house
into a market."*

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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

There are many distractions in our world today and we can easily lose sight of what is really important. We gather today to remind ourselves of where true value and wisdom lie and commit ourselves to treating all people with fairness and respect.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

The Law is given to the people through Moses, teaching them how to live their lives and how to treat one another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The Risen Christ reveals the wisdom of God, a wisdom that is beyond anything we can imagine.

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus drives the money-changers out of the Temple and proclaims that he will make all things new.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 4 March

5:15 p.m. Mariette Choquette – The Choquette Family

Tuesday, 5 March

9:00 a.m. Clair Kearns (15th Anniversary) – Wilma Kearns

Wednesday, 6 March

9:00 a.m. Mary Appiah (4th Anniversary) – Maame Addai

Thursday, 7 March

9:00 a.m. Jose Quintana – Lolita Quintana & Family

Friday, 8 March

5:15 p.m. Eileen Garrah – Shirley Kelliher

Saturday, 9 March

5:15 p.m. Gloria McLaren – Robert McLaren

Sunday, 10 March

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Blancher – Frank Cuvelier

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 Rev. Peter Murphy; Betty Gunhouse; Isabel Alvarez.

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

My House shall be called a house of Prayer

The account of Jesus cleansing the temple in John 2:13-22 offers profound insights into his character, mission, and relationship with God. At its core, this event showcases Jesus' uncompromising commitment to purity, justice, and authentic worship.

Firstly, Jesus' actions in the temple reveal his righteous indignation towards practices that distorted the purpose of the house of God. The commercialization of religious rituals and the exploitation of worshippers angered Jesus, prompting him to overturn the tables of the money changers and drive out the merchants. His actions underscore the importance of reverence and sincerity in worship, emphasizing that God's presence cannot be commodified or manipulated for personal gain.

Jesus' identification of himself as the true temple points to a profound theological truth: that he is the embodiment of God's presence among humanity. Just as the temple was the focal point of Israel's worship, Jesus becomes the ultimate mediator between God and humanity, offering access to God's grace and forgiveness through his sacrificial death.

As followers of Jesus, the cleansing of the temple invites us to examine our own attitudes towards worship and the church. Are we cultivating an environment of reverence, authenticity, and justice in our worship communities? Are we guarding against practices or attitudes that prioritize material gain over spiritual growth? Ultimately, Jesus' cleansing of the temple challenges us to align our hearts with God's purposes and to strive for a deeper, more authentic relationship with him.

NEWS FROM OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #11670 During the month of February our Knights of Columbus St. Joseph's Council #11670 presented cheques to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society Building Fund for \$2000, Hospice Kingston for \$1000 and University Hospitals Kingston Foundation for \$1000. Knights in Action!

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.

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!

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

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:



FLOCKNOTE Parish Flocknote is up and running! We have fixed the issue with Cogeco email accounts not receiving Flocknote. If you would like to be added to receive Flocknote, email the Parish office at stjoseph.kingston@archkingston.ca

receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A number of visiting clergy will be present for this celebration. All are welcome!

COMMUNITY



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.

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.

JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX'S LITTLE WAY WITH THE 33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE (GROUP RETREAT) Saturdays, March 2-April 8; 11:00 am - Holy Name of Mary Parish Basement (7288 Old Hwy 2, Marysville ON). This 6-week parish retreat includes a workbook, group discussion, and talks on DVD by renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Concludes with a consecration to Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday. Our preparation meeting will take place at 11 am on Saturday, February 24 in the basement of Holy Name of Mary Church (attendance to the preparation meeting is not essential; interested attendees can still register for the retreat). **To register, contact the parish office: 613-396-2846; holynameofmary@archkingston.ca**

Schedule for the week of March 9-10, 2024

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday 9 Mar. 5:15 p.m.	M. MacVicar Sr. L. Kearney	P. Scott	I. Stewart K. Chabot S. Harrigan D. Mazzolin
Sunday 10 Mar. 9:00 a.m.	P. Croxford C. Charbonneau	S. Balemba D. Balemba	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet S. Eves
Sunday 10 Mar. 11:00a.m.	F. Levesque C. Kavanaugh	M. Foley K. Colwell	B. Krasna F. Asuncion L. Garrett I. MacKenzie
Junior Liturgy: No Junior Liturgy March 10 and March 17			



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 6: Consecration in union with St. Joseph – St. Joseph was the earthy father of Jesus, the true spouse of Mary and head of the Holy Family. He inspires us to devote our life to Jesus and Mary. He is our spiritual father and protector. Pray to the patron of our parish.

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

MEMBERS: A reminder to bring your donated items for St. Vincent de Paul to our General Meeting on Monday, March 11th at 7p.m. in the Parish Hall. Hygiene and non-perishable food items are most in need. • **ALL PARISHIONERS:** Our recycling efforts are going well, with the exception that bottle caps and prescription bottles *are not being cleaned properly* and the shipping fee of 10¢ a bottle is sporadic. All glue residue needs to be removed. Wrap the money in Saran Wrap so it doesn't contaminate and place it inside a bottle. Other than that, the recycling is going well. *Kudos to all who are participating!*

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

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

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