

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

*"I am the Way, the Truth and the 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

Sandra Fragoso, Principal

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613-542-1575

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266 McMahon Ave., Kingston, ON K7M 3H2

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#### **Introduction**

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. As we gather as his little flock, the Lord greets us with the incredible news that he has not only died for us: he has also risen in glory in order to bind us to himself for ever. He also invites us to join all those throughout the world who are making this Sunday a day of prayer for vocations.

#### **First Reading: Acts 4:8-12**

Peter publicly and courageously proclaims that it is only in the name of Jesus that anyone can be saved.

#### **Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2**

John promises that although God has already lavished incredible love upon us by transforming us into children of God, the best is yet to come.

#### **Gospel: John 10:11-18**

Jesus calls himself a “good” shepherd because he freely lays down his life for his sheep, because he “knows” his sheep in the rich scriptural sense of living in intimate union with them and because he shares his life with them, as the Son shares life with the Father.

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### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, 22 April**

5:15 p.m. Our Lady of Good Council

#### **Tuesday, 23 April**

9:00 a.m. Fred Pangilinan – Rowena & Michael Strong

#### **Wednesday, 24 April**

9:00 a.m. Rose McCluskey – Mary Clancy & Colleen Purcell

#### **Thursday, 25 April**

9:00 a.m. Anne Garrett – Leon Garrett

#### **Friday, 26 April**

5:15 p.m. Peter O'Malley – Alison Bogle

#### **Saturday, 27 April**

5:15 p.m. Lionel & Norma Beaudoin – Pauline Scott & Family

#### **Sunday, 28 April**

9:00 a.m. Mario Castro – Judite Castro

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 Marcel Cadeau.

#### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Please remember in your prayers the following: Marcus Hacault; Donna and Joe V.; Raymond Doyle; June Alley; Peter McEnery; Teresita Mekarski; George Balla.

*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.*

### **Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

#### **Jesus our Good Shepherd**

In likening himself to a shepherd, Jesus reveals the intimate relationship he desires to have with his followers. One of the most striking aspects of the Good Shepherd is his willingness to lay down his life for the sheep. Jesus, the Son of God, willingly sacrificed himself on the cross out of love for humanity. His death was not a defeat, but the ultimate victory over sin and death. Through his resurrection, Jesus leads us into new life, offering us the promise of eternal salvation.

As we reflect on the Good Shepherd, we are called to consider what it means to be his sheep. Just as sheep depend on their shepherd for guidance and protection, so too are we called to trust in Jesus and follow his lead. In a world filled with uncertainty and turmoil, Jesus offers us the security and peace that can only be found in him.

Moreover, the Good Shepherd knows each one of us intimately. He knows our joys and sorrows, our triumphs and struggles. He calls us by name and invites us into deeper communion with him. In the hustle and bustle of life, it can be easy to lose sight of this profound truth. Yet, Jesus is always there, patiently waiting for us to turn to him and listen to his voice.

As followers of the Good Shepherd, we are called to emulate his example of selfless love. We are called to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable among us. We are called to seek out those who are lost or marginalized and bring them into the loving embrace of the Church. In doing so, we become instruments of God's mercy and compassion in the world.

**HEARING IMPAIRED DEVICES** After the sound system upgrades, our hearing impaired system has not been in use due to the static noise that is amplified. We have tried a number of adjustments to fix this issue with no success. Before a new hearing impaired system is purchased, we are interested in receiving some feedback from our parishioners who had used the system in the past or who are interested in using this system. Please contact our parish office, we would appreciate your feedback.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** If someone you know would like to start altar serving, please join us for a training session on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Interested servers need to have received First Communion.

**VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED** We are looking for a few volunteers to help us with streaming our 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you are computer savvy, available one Sunday a month, we could use your help. Or if you are a high school student in need of volunteer hours this would be perfect for you. If you are interested, contact the Parish office.



**FLORES DE MAYO** The Filipino Canadian Community welcomes the return of Flores de Mayo, in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary, Sunday, May 19, 2024, here at St. Joseph's, beginning with the Rosary at 2:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 2:30 p.m. Reception to follow in the parish hall. All are welcome!

**PARTNERS IN MISSION FOOD COLLECTION** The Partners in Mission Food collection bags will be distributed this weekend, April 20-21 for return on the weekend of April 27-28. Thank you for your continued support for those in need.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS** Donations for *Birthright* are being accepted at the office and in the donation bins at each church entrance until April 30. Lists are on the bins, but items most needed include fitted crib sheets, receiving blankets and bath towels. Monetary donations can be put into an envelope marked *CWL Birthright* and put into the Mass collection baskets or at the office • The CWL 10th Annual Fancy Hat Tea Party is on Saturday, May 11 this year! Members can contact Denise Irvine ([demci42@mail.com](mailto:demci42@mail.com) or 613-546-1927) to sign up to help on Friday, May 10 and on Saturday, May 11. More details will be sent online and through our Chat Group. Items in excellent condition needed for the Silent Auction and door prizes. The drop-off day is Tuesday, May 7 from 12-2pm in the Parish Hall • The dinner for Our Lady of Good Counsel is Monday, April 22 after we attend the 5:15pm Mass. We will meet for 6pm at The Greek Islands Restaurant on Bath Rd. Please let Mary Clancy know if you will be attending ([mclancy4190@gmail.com](mailto:mclancy4190@gmail.com) or 613-544-4190). This is a pay for your own meal event.

**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)



**ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL FISH FRY** Save the date! Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in support of the Morgan Foundation. Tickets are \$20.00 and will be sold at St. Joseph's, before and after all the masses on this weekend April 20-21.

## **COMMUNITY**

**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)

**FR. RICHARD WHALEN 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ORDINATION INVITATION** It is with great pride that we announce the following celebrations to mark the occasion of the 50th year since the ordination of Father Richard Whalen. We have been blessed to have him as our spiritual guide and want to make this blessed occasion worthy of his service. Due to scheduling and availability, we will have two opportunities to celebrate this milestone. The first will be a potluck-style Social on Sunday, April 28, at 11:00 am; St. Michael Catholic School in Belleville. The second will be a formal Gala Dinner on 12 May, at 3:00 pm; National Canadian Air Force Museum. For tickets to the Gala Dinner contact Bryn McDonnell at [bryn.mcdonnell@torontomu.ca](mailto:bryn.mcdonnell@torontomu.ca) or at 613-970-2953.

**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS TALK** on Sunday, May 5; 9:30 am and 1:30 pm 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.

**SAVE THE DATE: ST. BARNABY'S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** Sunday, June 9; 2:00 pm St. Barnaby Parish, (5307 Hwy #15, Seeley's Bay) will be celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 9, 2024. Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm. Following Mass, a celebration dinner will take place with music. Please tell your family members, former parishioners and friends to save the date! Further information will be coming in the months to come. Note: No Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated on that day.

## **Schedule for the week of April 27-28, 2024**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Saturday 27 April 5:15 p.m.</b>	M. MacVicar H. Couto	Sr.L.Kearney J. Saunders	S. Harrigan D. Mazzolin R. Lachance K. Chabot
<b>Sunday 28 April 9:00 a.m.</b>	C. Purcell P. Evaristo	P. Croxford L. Orellano	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier M-L.Stevenson M. Turkington
<b>Sunday 28 April 11:00a.m.</b>	R. McLaren F. Levesque	M. Muise R. McLaren	J. McLaren F. Asuncion L. Garrett I. MacKenzie
Junior Liturgy: J. Goudreau			

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