

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

*"It is to the glory of my  
Father that you should bear  
much fruit, and then you will  
be my disciples."*

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor Rev. Mr. Robert Wojcik, Deacon

### **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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Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)  
Ministry at Extencicare  
Ushers

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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  
234 Norman Rogers Dr., Kingston, ON K7M 2R4  
613-542-1575

St. Paul's Catholic School  
Chantal Courneyea, Acting Principal  
266 McMahan Ave., Kingston, ON K7M 3H2  
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Theresa Whalen-Witjes

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
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**Introduction**

It is only through our union with Christ in the Eucharist that we are empowered to bear the fruits of his love in our lives. Jesus uses the image of the vine and its life stages to deepen our appreciation of this truth.

**First Reading: Acts 9:26-31**

Saul preaches fearlessly in the name of the Lord on his return to Jerusalem.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24**

Whoever keeps Christ's commandments lives in God and God lives in them.

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

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**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 29 April**

5:15 p.m. Pierina & Giovanni Toffolo – Toffolo Family

**Tuesday, 30 April**

9:00 a.m. Anastacio Lopez – Maricel & Romeo  
Candido

**Wednesday, 1 May**

9:00 a.m. Paul Kromer – Sandra Skebo

**Thursday, 2 May**

9:00 a.m. Ossie Fisher – Pauline & Yvon Levesque &  
Family

**Friday, 3 May**

5:15 p.m. Arthur Archer – Stephen Ottenhof

**Saturday, 4 May**

5:15 p.m. Patricia McNichols – Noreen Mallen &  
Family

**Sunday, 5 May**

9:00 a.m. Walter Nuvoloni – Patrick & Renee Murphy  
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 Pauline Masotti.

**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; Teresita Mekarski; George Balla; Joanne Koster.

*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.*

**PARTNERS IN MISSION FOOD COLLECTION** Bags will be collected this weekend, April 27-28, 2024. Thank you for your support.

**Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

**We are the branches of Christ, the Vine**

The metaphor "I am the vine, you are the branches" from John 15:5 offers a profound reflection on our relationship with God and our interconnectedness as believers. Just as branches draw their sustenance and life from the vine, we derive our spiritual nourishment and vitality from our connection to Christ.

As branches, we are called to remain in Christ, to abide in his love, and to bear fruit that reflects his character and purposes. This requires a deepening of our relationship with God through prayer, worship, and obedience to his Word. It also entails surrendering our will to his and allowing his life-giving Spirit to flow through us, producing fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Moreover, the imagery of the vine and branches reminds us of our interconnectedness within the body of Christ. Just as branches are united to the vine, so too are we united to one another as members of the same spiritual family. Our individual flourishing is inseparable from the health and vitality of the entire community of believers. Thus, we are called to support, encourage, and bear one another's burdens in love.

Ultimately, the metaphor of the vine and branches invites us into a deeper communion with Christ and with one another. It calls us to abide in his love, to bear fruit that glorifies him, and to live in unity and harmony as members of his body. In doing so, we experience the abundant life that Christ offers and become channels of his grace and truth to the world around us.

**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!

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PICNIC** – **June 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 11:00 a.m. Mass** – Plan to join friends and family at St. Joseph's Parish to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of our Church on Palace Road with a pot luck picnic. Bring a dish to share plus your own drinks, and chair or blanket. Coffee, tea and cake will be provided, as well as games and activities for the kids.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

**Tickets for our 10th Annual Fancy Hat Tea Party go on sale in the Parish Office on Monday, April 29 and are \$20 each.** Weekday hours are 9-12 and 1-4. Tickets will also be sold before and after Masses on the May 4-5 weekend. Posters are up at each entrance with more details. A reminder that the drop-off date for Silent Auction items, Doorprizes and chocolate bar donations is Tuesday, May 7 from 12-2pm in the Parish Hall. Any earlier can be dropped off at the parish office. • Our General Meeting is on Monday, May 13 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. We are pleased to have as our guest Don Amos, Portsmouth District Councillor. He will speak to us at 8pm on the efforts of City Council to meet the needs of Kingston's unhoused population. Preferential option for the poor is a Gospel Imperative and *Creating Hope Through Action* our impetus. Everyone 16+ years, male or female, are welcome to join us.

**"HE WHO SINGS, PRAYS TWICE."** St. Joseph's is currently recruiting all singers and musicians. Whether you sing or play an instrument, guitar, piano, organ, flute etc. we would be excited to welcome you to the music ministry. We are looking to add to our existing programs and based on interest, we are excited to form a Folk Group in our parish. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Theresa at 613-540-3945.

**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)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS** The Executive meeting will be on May 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the General meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**PRIESTS' RETREAT** On May 20 to May 24, 2024, all Masses will be cancelled from Monday to Friday. Regular Mass schedule will resume on Saturday, May 25, 2024.

**POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION** A special Diocesan collection will be taken up next weekend May 4-5, 2024.

**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)

**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 May 4-5, 2024**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
<b>Saturday 4 May 5:15 p.m.</b>	J. Saunders S. Ottenhof	M. Thomas D. Lomboy	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance P. Scott
<b>Sunday 5 May 9:00 a.m.</b>	N. Ehi-Ekome D. Balemba	S. Balemba	I. Stewart M. Turkington M-L.Stevenson S. Fiorentino
<b>Sunday 5 May 11:00a.m.</b>	B. McIver T. Asuncion	M-A. Wojcik	I. Stewart F. Asuncion J. Ferreira L. Garrett J. McLaren
Junior Liturgy: S. Conway Williamson			

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