

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## The Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024

*“Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.”*

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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 Extencicare  
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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St. Paul's Catholic School  
Chantal Courneyea, Acting Principal  
266 McMahan Ave., Kingston, ON K7M 3H2  
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Judy Saunders  
Mary Clancy  
Ian Stewart  
Fran Price  
Ben Krasna  
Stephen Ottenhof  
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Sandra Fragoso  
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Adora Jackson

Theresa Whalen-Witjes

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**Introduction**

Christ's Ascension is not a postscript to the Resurrection or a warm-up act for Pentecost. It is a moment of unique grace within a process beginning with the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus through which the followers of Jesus come to understand and experience the full meaning of the unfolding of the kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven".

**First Reading: Acts 1:1-11**

Conversion is the work of a lifetime. Even after Jesus has taught his disciples in his risen body for forty days, they still miss the point, modeling their expectations of the kingdom on the values and patterns of worldly power and prestige.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13**

Growing to spiritual maturity and into the body of Christ is not about spectacular signs and wonders. Day by day, by responding to God's grace in the quiet and steady practice of virtues, we develop the gifts needed for the building of God's kingdom.

**Gospel: Mark 16:15-20**

Mark's Gospel ends with listing miraculous signs and wonders that will identify the followers of Christ. But the true wonder is that as sinful human beings we can nevertheless be heralds of God's kingdom, producing in our lives and witness the fruits of God's Holy Spirit.

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**OUR PARISH**

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased.

**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; Joanne Koster; Mary Jackson; Marie Ubdegrove; Paul Dowling.

*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.*

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

**Living as People of Mission**

The pivotal moment of the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven marks the culmination of his earthly ministry and the beginning of a new chapter in the story of redemption. It is a moment of triumph, as Jesus, the Son of God, returns to the Father in glory, seated at His right hand.

The ascension of Jesus reaffirms his divinity and sovereignty over all creation. It signifies the completion of his earthly mission, which was to reconcile humanity with God through his sacrificial love. As Jesus ascends, he leaves behind a promise – a promise of his continued presence with us through the Holy Spirit and a promise of his eventual return in glory.

But what does the ascension mean for us, the followers of Christ, two thousand years later? It calls us to reflect on our own journey of faith and discipleship. Just as Jesus entrusted his apostles with the mission of spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth, so too are we called to be witnesses to his love and truth in our time and place.

The ascension challenges us to lift our eyes beyond the concerns of this world and to fix them on the things that are above. It invites us to transcend our earthly attachments and desires and to seek first the kingdom of God. It reminds us that our ultimate citizenship is in heaven, and our true home is with God.

The ascension challenges us to live as people of mission. Just as Jesus commissioned his disciples to go forth and make disciples of all nations, so too are we called to share the good news of salvation with others. We are called to be instruments of God's grace and mercy, bringing healing and reconciliation to a broken world.

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 13 May**

5:15 p.m. Grace Neddow – Sharon Lillis

**Tuesday, 14 May**

9:00 a.m. Patricia Brennan – RHSJ Associates

**Wednesday, 15 May**

9:00 a.m. Saccon & Zanette Families – Sandra Skebo

**Thursday, 16 May**

9:00 a.m. Dec'd Members of the Lachapelle Family

**Friday, 17 May**

5:15 p.m. Luigi Grossutti (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) – Lida Viscardiso & Family

**Saturday, 18 May**

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

**Sunday, 19 May**

9:00 a.m. Anne Garrett – Leon Garrett

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).*

**CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION** on June 2, 2024 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph's Church will have a Eucharistic Procession to kick off the year of events to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of our Church and the year of Parish Eucharistic Revival. Join our procession at the front entrance of our church. The procession will take place on the grounds of St. Joseph's.

**BIRTHRIGHT** is celebrating Mother's and Father's Day again this year by distributing baby bottles on Mother's Day weekend. If you want to make a difference in this CHANGE FOR LIFE campaign, please take a bottle, fill it with coins. With the limited number of bottles, and if you would prefer making a donation by cash or cheques, envelopes are also available at each entrance. Return your baby bottle or donation on Father's Day weekend. If you made a donation to the recent campaign by our CWL do not feel obligated to donate again, your kindness and generosity is appreciated. The money we raise will enable us to offer positive assistance and aid to pregnant women and girls who find themselves facing a difficult or unplanned pregnancy. Thank you for your support. "The Essence of Birthright is Love; and where love is, miracles happen."

**ARCHBISHOP MULHALL'S SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL** Wednesdays, May-August; 7:00 pm His Grace plans to continue his Wednesday evening spiritual conferences in the cathedral throughout May, June, July and August when he is not booked for the Sacrament of Confirmation or otherwise unable to come. Please plan to join our Chief Shepherd for these very informative teachings of our Faith. In May, His Grace will be here Wednesday, May 15 and Wednesday, May 29, and all the Wednesdays of June. Please join us.



**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!

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**  
The General Meeting is Monday, May 13 at 7pm – We are pleased to have as our guest Don Amos, Councillor for Portsmouth District. Councillor Amos 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. All parishioners and friends are invited. • The Executive Meeting is Monday, May 27 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. • The CWL Service Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make the CWL 10th Annual Fancy Hat Tea Party a success this weekend! It's a great social event that promotes *Hope Through Action* by helping to fund our Faith, Service and Social & Ecological Justice efforts for the coming year. Thank you to all who attended and made it such a special time for everyone and their Mothers. Happy Mother's Day weekend!

**"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.

**LAST WEEKEND CCO VISIT TO OUR PARISH** You heard this wonderful presentation on the weekend. We encourage you to prayerfully consider financially supporting the two missionaries who addressed us: Sean Brownrigg & Abha-Marie Parmar. Imagine what life could look like if all 30,000 students at Queen's University left with a relationship with Jesus! Through the work that CCO does and with your support, we can have great hope for the future of our Church. As Pope St. John Paul II said, "The more ready you are to give yourselves to God and to others, the more you will discover the authentic meaning of life." *Message of His Holiness Pope John Paul II for the XXXIII World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

**COMMUNITY TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION OF MR. JUDE THUSIAR** Saturday, May 18, 2024; 10:30 am St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Belleville The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kingston will gather in joy and thanksgiving for the Ordination of Mr. Jude Thusiar to the Transitional Diaconate by The Most Rev. Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston. All are welcome to join the celebration. Please keep Mr. Thusiar and his family in your prayers.

**FR. HIBBARD'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION** Sunday, June 2; 3:30 pm St. Paul the Apostle Parish For his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Fr. John Hibbard wishes to have a parish-based celebration open to all. You are all invited to join us for the celebrations which will begin at 3:30 pm with Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers, an outdoor Eucharistic Procession, and Benediction. The celebration will continue afterward with our Annual Parish Cultural Foods Potluck in the parish hall and outdoors on the grounds. We would appreciate an RSVP to ensure we have enough food for all. **You can RSVP directly to [fr.michel.quenneville@gmail.com](mailto:fr.michel.quenneville@gmail.com).**

**Schedule for the week of May 18-19, 2024**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
<b>Saturday 18 May 5:15 p.m</b>	S. Ottenhof C. Jones	P. Scott Sr. L. Kearney	I. Stewart S. Harrigan R. Lachance P. Scott
<b>Sunday 19 May 9:00 a.m.</b>	C.Charbonneau P. Croxford	M. Marcial A. MacKinnon	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet S. Eves
<b>Sunday 19 May 11:00a.m</b>	R. McLaren F. Levesque	M. Foley S. Broekhoven	B. Krasna F. Asuncion F. Levesque Arpit Parmar I. MacKenzie

Junior Liturgy: No Junior Liturgy May 19, 2024

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