

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

*"As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you;
abide in my love."*

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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	Rev. Cosmas Ajawara
Parish Pastoral Council	Sandra Fragoso
Catholic Women's League	Kathi Colwell & Susan Conway Williamson
Knights of Columbus, 11670	Patrick Greenwood
Lectors	Carol Kavanaugh
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Kavanaugh
Ministry to Sick & Homebound	Chris Jones & Monna Splinter
Ministry to Seniors (Cards)	Judy Saunders
Ministry at Extencicare	Mary Clancy
Ushers	Ian Stewart
Sacristans	Fran Price
Culture of Life	Ben Krasna
Social Justice & Outreach	Stephen Ottenhof
Funeral Choir	Shirley Kelliher
Junior Liturgy	Sandra Fragoso
Sacramental Preparation	Alison Bogle
Altar Servers	Adora Jackson
Youth Group	
Music Ministry	Theresa Whalen-Witjes

Parish Schools

St. Thomas More Catholic School
Sandra Fragoso, Principal
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Introduction

It's easy to underestimate "the power of one". Without the power of one act of kindness, compassion, mercy or friendship, others wouldn't happen.

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

We are all invited, regardless of our background, to discover a life of love in God.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Everyone who loves knows God because God is love.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Our joy comes from knowing that we have been chosen, called, and sent.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 6 May

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

Tuesday, 7 May

9:00 a.m. Des Hensman – Yvon & Pauline Levesque & Family

Wednesday, 8 May

9:00 a.m. Rodney King – Herman & Mary Overvelde

10:30 a.m. Mass at Extendicare

Thursday, 9 May

9:00 a.m. Gerry Plunkett (8th Anniversary) – Maureen Plunkett

Friday, 10 May

10:30 a.m. School Mass

5:15 p.m. Thelma Murphy – Marietta & Amado Marcial

Saturday, 11 May

5:15 p.m. Teresinha Medeiros – Hermano & Rosemary Couto

Sunday, 12 May

9:00 a.m. Genevieve Vidal – Rose Griffin

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 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 McEnery; Teresita Mekarski; George Balla; Joanne Koster; Mary Jackson; Marie Ubdegrove.

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

Bearing the Fruit of Love

Last weekend, Jesus urged his disciples to abide in his love, echoing the image of branches remaining connected to the vine. This imagery underscores the vital necessity of remaining in close communion with Christ, for it is through this union that the fruits of love, joy, and peace flourish in our lives. Abiding in Christ's love involves not only experiencing it but also reciprocating it through obedience to his commandments. Love is not merely a sentiment but a transformative force that shapes our actions and attitudes toward others.

Central to Jesus' message is the command to love one another as he has loved us. His love serves as the standard by which our love for others is measured—a love characterized by selflessness, compassion, and sacrificial giving. Jesus exemplifies this love by laying down his life for his friends, demonstrating the depth of his commitment to their well-being. As recipients of his love, we are called to emulate his example, extending love and kindness to those around us, even to the point of laying down our lives for others.

Jesus reaffirms the calling of his disciples, appointing them to bear fruit that will last. This fruitfulness is not measured by worldly standards of success or achievement but by the extent to which our lives reflect the love and character of Christ. As branches connected to the vine, we draw our sustenance and vitality from Christ, enabling us to bear fruits that will glorify God and blesses others. As we meditate on this passage, may we be inspired to cultivate a deeper intimacy with Christ, to love one another sacrificially, and to bear witness to his love in a world that desperately needs it.

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.

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.

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

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.

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."



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, 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. • The Executive Meeting is May 27 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. • Tickets (\$20) are now on sale for the CWL 10th Annual Fancy Hat Tea Party on Saturday, May 11 from 2-4pm! Items and Gift Cards are still welcome for the Silent Auction and Doorprizes. The drop-off day is Tuesday, May 7 from 12-2pm in the Parish Hall, but can also be dropped off to the Parish Office, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

THIS WEEKEND - WELCOME SEAN AND ABHA-MARIE FROM CCO

Stick around after the Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mass and the 9 a.m. and 11a.m. Masses this Sunday to chat with Sean Brownrigg and Abha-Marie Parmar from Catholic Christian Outreach! Sean and Abha-Marie are full-time Catholic missionaries in our Archdiocese and they work at Queen's University; telling young people about Jesus and how transformative the faith is. They would love to get to know you and share more about their ministry and financial goals.

"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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 60TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC – June 23rd after the 11:00 a.m. Mass

– Plan to join friends and family at St. Joseph's Parish to celebrate the 60th 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.

SAVE THE DATE CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION on June 2, 2024 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. More details to follow in next week's bulletin.

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 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION Sunday, June 2; 3:30 pm St. Paul the Apostle Parish

For his 50th 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.**

ST. BARNABY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

St. Barnaby Parish will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary on June 9, 2024. Celtic music will begin at 1:00 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm by His Grace, Archbishop Mulhall. Following Mass - Roast beef and Pork Dinner with all the fixings. Advanced tickets for the meal are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 11 yrs., and free for children under 5. Tickets will be limited. If there are tickets available on the day of the celebration the cost will be \$15 at the event. Tickets can be purchased after Sunday Mass. **All the information for the 150th Anniversary is available on our website: stbarnabys.ca.** You can reserve tickets for the meal on the website.

Schedule for the week of May 11-12, 2024

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday 11 May 5:15 p.m.	H. Couto Sr. L. Kearney	P. Scott M. Thomas	I. Stewart K. Chabot S. Harrigan D. Mazzolin
Sunday 12 May 9:00 a.m.	M. Marcial A. MacKinnon	C. Purcell P. Croxford	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet S. Eves
Sunday 12 May 11:00a.m.	S. Broekhoven R. McLaren	K. Colwell B. McIver	B. Krasna F. Asuncion F. Levesque L. Garrett I. MacKenzie
Junior Liturgy: T. Castro			

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