

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

*"It may bear fruit next year."*

### 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 noon – 1:00 p.m.)  
Susan Lett, Parish Secretary

### Parish Organizations

Parish Finance Committee  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus, 11670  
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Eucharistic Ministers  
Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)  
Ministry at Extencicare  
Ushers  
Sacristans  
Culture of Life  
Parish Engagement  
Social Justice & Outreach Liaison  
Funeral Choir  
Junior Liturgy  
Sacramental Preparation  
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Youth Choir

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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

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### **Introduction**

As we continue this season of Lent, we gather today as a community of those who believe, giving thanks for all the many blessings we have received and committing ourselves to living out the Gospel in our daily actions.

### **First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**

God reveals himself to Moses in the Burning Bush saying, "I Am who I Am".

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

Paul reminds us not to be complacent; if we think we are safe we must be careful not to fall.

### **Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

Christ invites us to repent and to bear fruit.

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### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, 24 March**

5:15 p.m. Ventura & Angelica Dos Santos – Henry Santos

#### **Tuesday, 25 March**

9:00 a.m. Peter Goudreau

#### **Wednesday, 26 March**

9:00 a.m. Richard & Maria Hahn – Christina Bieber

#### **Thursday, 27 March**

9:00 a.m. Tom Alexandrowicz – Ron & Fran Price

#### **Friday, 28 March**

5:15 p.m. Gus Coulter – Coulter Family

#### **Saturday, 29 March**

5:15 p.m. Venancio Dos-Santos – Fernanda Santos

#### **Sunday, 30 March**

9:00 a.m. Sheila Alarie – Roger & Susan Audet

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*Join our online Mass Sunday's at 11:00 a.m. visit [www.stjosephskingston.ca](http://www.stjosephskingston.ca).*

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Andrea Filauri, Joan Hickey.

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

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna V.; Paul Dowling; Rob Hearst; Sophie Wolfe; Barbara Anne Caron; Doreen Saunders; Brian Begbie; John Devette; Richard Devette; Kent Hawley; Susan Johnson.

*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.*

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## **Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

### **A Call to Repentance and Renewal**

As we journey through this holy season of Lent, today's readings remind us of God's patience, mercy, and call to conversion. Lent is a time of renewal—a time to turn away from sin and return to the Lord with sincere hearts. Through today's Scripture, God speaks to us about His desire to save, His justice, and His call to repentance.

In the Gospel, Jesus responds to those questioning why some people suffer more than others. Instead of explaining why tragedies happen, He shifts the focus to what truly matters—conversion. He warns, "Unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." (Luke 13:3)

Jesus then tells the parable of the barren fig tree. The owner wants to cut it down because it has not borne fruit, but the gardener asks for more time to cultivate and nourish it. This parable reveals both God's justice and His mercy. He expects us to bear fruit in our lives—fruits of faith, love, and good works. But He also gives us time and opportunities to change. Lent is our "extra time" to bear fruit. God is patient with us, but He also calls us to act. How can we respond to this call?

Examine our hearts: What are the areas in our lives where we need repentance and renewal?

Through prayer, the Sacraments, and reading Scripture, we can strengthen our relationship with God. By acts of charity, forgiveness, and service to others, we can bear good fruit.

God is merciful, but He also expects us to respond to His grace. He does not want us to delay our conversion. Let us not waste the time given to us. Like the fig tree, let us allow God to cultivate our hearts so that we may bear the fruits of holiness.

May this Lenten season be a time of true renewal, so that when we stand before God, we will not be found barren but full of the fruits of faith and love.

Amen.

**LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION** The Lenten Penance Celebration for St. Joseph's will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Following a brief liturgy, all will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A number of visiting clergy will be present for this celebration, and all in the parish, and indeed from outside the parish, are most welcome to attend.

*"With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church."*

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY** under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Cosmas Ajawara, a pilgrimage is planned for November 6-14, 2025 to Italy. The pilgrimage will take you to Assisi, Cascia, San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto, Pompei & Rome. Further information is at the church entrances.

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# St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

## March - Month of the Sacrament of Penance

God's mercy is greater than any sin.

No matter what you have done, He longs to forgive you.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** During the weeks of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be said on Friday evenings, following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. All are warmly invited to this beautiful prayer of the Church.

**PARTNERS IN MISSION FOOD COLLECTION** Bags will be handed out this weekend, March 22-23 for return on March 29-30, 2025 for Partners in Mission Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS:** The Executive Meeting is Monday, March 24 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. • A reminder that the **Kingston Diocesan Convention Silent Auction is online for Saturday March 22nd from 8am to 8pm.** We encourage all members to participate in the auction itself. To view items for the auction, visit: [www.32auctions.com/2025conventionfundraiser](http://www.32auctions.com/2025conventionfundraiser) • This year's Diocesan Retreat is on Saturday March 29 in Enterprise, Ontario. Those wishing to sign up should contact Sue Conway Williamson at 613-449-6912 or [conwills59@yahoo.ca](mailto:conwills59@yahoo.ca) • **ALL PARISHIONERS:** March is our collection month for St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kingston. The most needed items include: Toothbrushes/toothpaste; Shampoo/conditioner; Body soap; Razors; Lotion; Deodorant; Women's hygiene products – tampons especially; Adult Depends – large and extra-large; and Children's diapers and wipes. The full list will be on the collection boxes near each of the church entrances. Thank you for supporting this vital community resource.

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA** A bus will leave Kingston for the National March for Life on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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 \$40.00 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)

### COMMUNITY

**CANADIAN MARTYRS SHRINE, MIDLAND (by St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston) July 24-25, 2025** St. Mary Cathedral parish is organizing a pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs Shrine in Midland for July 24 – 25, 2025. Pilgrims will participate in a special evening program at St. Marie Among the Hurons on Thursday evening then spend the day at the Martyrs Shrine where Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. For further information contact Ann Lyng at [ann@stmaryscathedral.ca](mailto:ann@stmaryscathedral.ca).

**TENEBRÆ (with Trinitas Youth Singers) Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 pm Holy Name of Jesus Church, Kingston Mills** This solemn, ecumenical service of darkness reflects upon the condescension of Christ through chanted Scripture and motets appropriate to the sobriety of Holy Week. Sung by the Trinitas Singers and Trinitas Youth Singers directed by Jeffrey Moellman. Free-will offering.

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS WITH ARCHBISHOP MULHALL Wednesdays; 7:00 pm St. Mary's Cathedral** We will be reflecting on the Beatitudes of St. Matthew's Gospel Chapter 5 as well as a series of Psalms of the Old Testament which we pray each day at Mass. As usual, we will also give time to the liturgical celebrations of Lent/Easter as we pass through the year. All these reflections I pray will be beneficial for us during our spiritual pilgrimage.

### Schedule for the weekends of March 29-30, 2025

|   | Lectors                  | Eucharistic Ministers     | Ushers | Music                    |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| <b>Sat. 29 Mar. 5:15pm</b>                        | Sr.N. Hurren<br>H. Couto | Sr.L.Kearney<br>D. Lomboy | TBD    | Stacy & Tim              |
| <b>Sun. 30 Mar. 9:00am</b>                        | M. Tudin<br>A.MacKinnon  | M. Tudin<br>G. Lesperance | TBD    | Sheila & the Youth Choir |
| <b>Sun. 30 Mar. 11:00am</b>                       | B. McIver<br>B. Ows      | M. Muise<br>R. McLaren    | TBD    | Choir                    |
| <b>Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: R. McDonald</b>  |                          |                           |        |                          |
| <b>Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) K. Canning</b> |                          |                           |        |                          |



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** Our Council generates charitable funds two ways: through consistently providing volunteers to Play Gaming & Entertainment Charity Bingo which sees us receive a percentage, and from advertising revenue the Council sells for the weekly bulletin. We take that money and in turn orient it to these wonderful organizations. But, for every \$500 a KofC Council donates to a pregnancy resource centre, our Supreme HQ will donate \$100. Therefore, because we'd already made our annual donation to Birthright Kingston, we approached Supreme and received an additional \$400 from them, which was recently presented to the Executive Director of Birthright by our Council. This is truly "a gift that keeps on giving" and serves only to motivate our Knights to keep assisting where and whenever we can. If you're a Catholic man and ensuring financial help gets to those who need it, then join us! Follow us on Facebook at St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670, Kingston, Ontario.

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