

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

*"Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him."*

### 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  
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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent** **March 30, 2025**

### **Introduction**

Rejoice Jerusalem – and all who love her! Today we keep mid-Lent Sunday and are reminded that the purpose of all our devotion, our prayer and our Christian living can be summed up in the one word “rejoice!”. The gladness and joy and peace which is brought to us in Christ means that each and every day – as difficult as it may be – should be marked by a generosity of spirit.

### **First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12**

The Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land.

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

God reconciled himself to us through Christ.

### **Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

The prodigal son returns home to his loving father.

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## **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

### **Monday, 31 March**

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the McConville & Jordan Families – Pat McConville & Mike Jordan

### **Tuesday, 1 April**

9:00 a.m. Nigel Bogle – Alison Bogle

### **Wednesday, 2 April**

9:00 a.m. Ronald Young (16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Ress Young

### **Thursday, 3 April**

9:00 a.m. Moira Ottenhof – Stephen Ottenhof

### **Friday, 4 April**

5:15 p.m. Bob Holmes – Holmes Family

### **Saturday, 5 April**

5:15 p.m. Herminio Medeiros – Rosemary Couto

### **Sunday, 6 April**

9:00 a.m. Maria Carquez – Cecilia Melo

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 Paul Dowling.

## **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.*

## **Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

### **The Merciful Love of the Father**

We have reached Laetare Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing, which reminds us that Lent is a journey toward the joy of Easter. The readings today reveal a God who calls us back to Him, offering mercy and reconciliation.

The parable of the Prodigal Son in today's Gospel is one of the most profound teachings of Jesus. It presents three main characters:

The younger son represents the sinner who seeks happiness away from the Father. His journey into a distant country reflects how sin distances us from God. But when he realizes his misery, he returns in humility, hoping for mere survival—but receives full restoration as a son.

The father symbolizes God's boundless mercy. He does not wait passively but runs to embrace the repentant son. This is the heart of our faith: no matter how far we stray, God is always ready to forgive.

The elder son represents those who struggle with forgiveness. He remained physically with the father but was spiritually distant, filled with resentment rather than love.

As people of faith, we are not just recipients of God's mercy but are called to share it. The Church, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, offers us the opportunity to experience the Father's embrace. Let us not be afraid to return to Him.

We must also extend this mercy to those around us—within our families, communities, and even to those who have wronged us. True joy comes when we participate in God's work of reconciliation.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us reflect on the merciful love of the Father. May we have the humility of the prodigal son to return, the compassion of the father to forgive, and the wisdom to avoid the bitterness of the elder son. Then, we will truly rejoice in the feast of Easter.

**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.

**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. Come and experience the joy of His mercy.

**MASS OF CHRISM** You are invited to attend the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Mulhall will preside and blesses the Oils for sacramental life of the Church.

**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** Food bags will be collected this weekend, March 29-30, 2025 for Partners in Mission Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS:** The General Meeting is Monday, April 14 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Alice Gazely will be our Speaker, with an Intro to Synodality. She asks those attending to please read/review the document "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission" beforehand. Paper copies are available as well as the online version, which was sent out last week to the membership. Contact Sue Conway Williamson at [conwills59@yahoo.ca](mailto:conwills59@yahoo.ca) if you need a copy. • **ALL PARISHIONERS:** March is our collection month for St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kingston. The most needed items include: Toothbrushes and toothpaste; Shampoo and conditioner; Body soap (bars or liquid); Razors; Lotion; Deodorant; Women's hygiene products – tampons especially; Adult Depends – large and extra-large; and finally, 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

**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.

### VERONICA'S VEIL OVERNIGHT WINTER SHELTER FOR HOMELESS MEN

Veronica's Veil is a winter overnight winter shelter that is a ministry of St. Mary's Cathedral but open to all men of the city. Veronica's Veil is running **now until April 30, 2025**. If you would like to volunteer as a substitute for any of the shifts please contact Ann Lyng at 613-546-5521 Ext 5 or [ann@stmaryscathedral.ca](mailto:ann@stmaryscathedral.ca)

### Schedule for the weekends of April 5-6, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
<b>Sat. 5 Apr. 5:15pm</b>	J. Saunders S. Ottenhof	L.Bickerstaffe M. Thomas	I. Stewart P. Scott R.Lachance K. Chabot	Stacy & Tim
<b>Sun. 6 Apr. 9:00am</b>	N.Ehi-Ekome M. Castro	D. Balemba S. Balemba	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M.Turkington	Megan
<b>Sun. 6 Apr. 11:00am</b>	R. McLaren V. Onwuliri	F. Levesque C.Kavanaugh	J. McLaren I. Stewart I.MacKenzie F. Levesque B. Krasna	Choir
<b>Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: R. McDonald</b>				
<b>Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) TBD</b>				



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