

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

**April 13, 2025**

*"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of  
Lord."*

### **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. – 4:00 p.m.;  
(closed 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.)  
Susan Lett, Parish Secretary

### **Parish Organizations**

Catholic Women's League

Kathi Colwell & Susan

Conway Williamson

Knights of Columbus, 11670

Patrick Greenwood

### **Parish Ministries**

Finance Committee

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

Parish Pastoral Council

Ben Krasna

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Carol Kavanaugh

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Carol Kavanaugh

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Chris Jones & Monna

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Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

Judy Saunders

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Ian Stewart

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Sheila Fowler

### **Parish Schools**

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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

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**Introduction**

Palm Sunday begins the final week of Lent, the most holy of all weeks. In our workshop today, we accompany our Saviour on his triumphal way towards the cross.

**First Reading: Luke 19:28-40**

Jesus receives the acclaim of his followers as he rides into Jerusalem on an unbroken colt.

**Mass First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

Ancient prophecy foretold the sufferings and insults he would endure.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

Though he humbled himself for our sake, God raised him to be Lord of all.

**Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56**

St. Luke recounts the story of Jesus' last Passover: how he was arrested, tried, tortured and crucified.

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**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 14 April**

5:15 p.m. Martin Elderhorst – RHSJ Kingston Associates

**Tuesday, 15 April**

9:00 a.m. CANCELLED (10:30 a.m. Mass of Christ at St. Mary's Cathedral)

**Wednesday, 16 April**

9:00 a.m. Wilma Kearns – Sharon Musgrave

**Holy Thursday, 17 April**

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, 18 April**

10:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday, 19 April**

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, 20 April**

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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 Barbara Arsenault.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna V.; 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.*

**BUILDING FUND** The monthly collection of the Building Fund will take place this weekend April 12-13, 2025. Thank you for your support.

**Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

**“From Hosanna to Crucify Him”**

Today, we begin the holiest week of our liturgical year — **Holy Week**. The Mass of Palm Sunday usually starts with the joyful **procession of palms**, echoing the cries of the people in Jerusalem: “*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*”

We raise our palm branches in celebration, just as the crowds did over 2,000 years ago. They welcomed Jesus like a king, hoping He would free them from Roman rule. But what a difference a few days make. The same crowd that shouted “*Hosanna*” would later cry “*Crucify Him!*”

Why this change? Because Jesus was not the kind of king they expected. They wanted power — He came in humility. They wanted a throne — He embraced the cross. They wanted vengeance — He offered mercy. Christ doesn't just die *for* us. He enters into our suffering. He knows what it means to be abandoned, misunderstood, betrayed, and wounded. When we feel like no one understands our pain, we remember: *He does.*

So as we hold our palms today — let them not just be souvenirs. Let them remind us of the choice we face: Will we follow Jesus only when He gives us what we want? Or will we follow Him all the way to the cross — trusting that resurrection lies beyond it?

This week, let us walk with Jesus. Not just as spectators of His Passion, but as disciples who take up our own cross with Him — in our families, in our struggles, in our daily sacrifices. May this Holy Week be a time of deep conversion — so that when Easter comes, we can rise with Him, renewed in heart and soul.

**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.

**ORDINATION OF REV. MR. JUDE THUSIAR** The Archdiocese of Kingston will celebrate the ordination to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood for Rev. Mr. Jude Thusiar on Saturday May 3, 2025 - 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please mark your calendars for May 3rd and continue to pray for Deacon Jude Thusiar as he prepares for his ordination.

**THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND** The collection taken up on Good Friday, March 29, 2024, is for the Holy Land. The Holy Land collection provide support to the Christian minority who live there and to pilgrims; the funds assist with the preservation of shrines, interventions during crisis situations. Thank you for your support of this collection.

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# St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

## April - Month of the Sacrament of Baptism

Reimagining our baptism means allowing this Jubilee to be a time of personal communal transformation.

**NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MASS** Join us on May 4, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. as the Nigerian Catholic Community from around the Archdiocese gather to celebrate Easter with Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Potluck to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**NEXT HOSPITALITY SUNDAY** will be May 4, 2025 following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses and will be hosted by St. Paul's School. Join us after Mass in the Parish Hall.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION** Join us at 3:00 p.m. (the hour of Mercy) **Sunday, April 27, 2025** (second Sunday of Easter) to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, there will also be opportunity to adore our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a special day when we reflect on God's mercy, love and forgiveness which he grants to all those who are willing to ask for it.



**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS:** The General meeting is on Monday, April 14 at 7pm in the Parish Hall • Donations for *Birthright* can be put in the donation bins at each church entrance until April

30th. Place monetary donations into an envelope marked *CWL Birthright* and put in the Mass collection baskets or take to the office • The CWL 11th Annual Fancy Hat Tea Party is on Saturday, May 10th this year! The **drop-off dates** for like-new items and gift cards for the Silent Auction and door prizes are Tuesday, April 22, 10am-1pm and Wednesday, April 30, 5-7pm. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be there and at the General meeting.

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA** A bus will leave St. Joseph's, Kingston at 7:00 a.m. for the National March for Life on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to arrive for Mass at St. Patrick's Basilica at 10 am. The cost is \$40.00 per person. Tickets are still available at St. Joseph's Parish Office Mon-Fri 8:30 am-12noon and 1:00 pm-4:30 pm OR by e-transfer at [kingstonmflbus@proton.me](mailto:kingstonmflbus@proton.me)

**STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISER** Please support our youth from St Joseph's parish attending this year's Steubenville Youth Conference in June. Tickets for our fundraiser will be on sale after all the Masses the weekend of April 25/26th for a draw to win a 32" tall Marian Garden statue. \$2/ticket cash or e-transfer.

### **COMMUNITY**

**EVENING OF WORSHIP AND HEALING** Join us on Friday, April 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, Kingston as we come together for an evening of Worship, Gospel presentation on healing, corporate prayers for physical healing and an opportunity for individual healing prayer by Encounter School of Ministry team, alumni and students. Free and open to the public.

**OPUS DEI RECOLLECTIONS** You are invited to join us for our reflections to deepen our union with Christ in ordinary life. Newcomers welcome. Come and go as you need. For Women: Tues., April 22 - St. Joseph's Church 7-9pm

For Men: Wed., April 23 - Holy Family Church 7-9pm  
Learn more at [opusdei.ca](http://opusdei.ca) and [stjosemaria.org](http://stjosemaria.org).

**FISH FRY (TAKE-OUT)** by Social Planning Council of Kingston - Friday, May 2; Pick-up times are 4:30-6:00 pm; and 6:00-7:30 pm at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. \$20 ticket buys you 2 pieces of fish, coleslaw, french fries, and a drink. For tickets, contact Mary-Jo at (613)484-4954 or Mary at (613)583-4190 Tickets will be on sale after all the masses on April 26-27. or during office hours at the Catholic Diocesan Centre on 390 Palace Road, or St. Joseph's Church.

### **Schedule for Holy Week April 17-20, 2025**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Thurs. 17 Apr. 7:30pm</b>	S. Ottenhof M. Addai J. Saunders	T. Donoghue A. MacKinnon C. Purcell	I. Stewart S. Harrigan B. Krasna K. Chabot	Choir
<b>Fri. 18 Apr. 3:00pm</b>	H. Couto M. MacVicar C. Jones J. Saunders	T. Donoghue B. Oliveira C. Kavanaugh B. McIver	I. Stewart S. Fiorentino F. Cuvelier B. Krasna R. Audet A. Kelly F. Levesque	Theresa
<b>Sat. 19 Apr. 8:00pm</b>	B. Ows C. Jones S. Ottenhof M. Tudin S. Krasna	A. MacKinnon M. Marcial B. McIver	I. Stewart S. Harrigan B. Krasna A. Kelly	Choir
<b>Sun. 20 Apr. 9:00am</b>	J. Watts N. Ehi-Ekome	C. Purcell A. MacKinnon M. Marcial	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet	Theresa & Annette
<b>Sun. 20 Apr. 11:00am</b>	V. Onwuliri S. Boisvert	T. Donoghue D. Lomboy C. Kavanaugh	I. Stewart F. Levesque F. Asuncion J. McLaren D. Fernandes	Choir

**Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: D. Stadig**

**Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) – NO JUNIOR LITURGY**



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** The "fraternal year" for the Knights of Columbus runs from July-June. As a result, each Council conducts annual Executive elections in preparation for the coming fraternal year. Our Council is no different, as we will call for nominations at the May meeting, so that elections may be conducted in June, so the new Executive is well positioned to lead and organize the Council effectively in the coming year. With all Executive positions open for nomination, now is the perfect time to join the Knights, in time for the "new year" and perhaps even vie for an Executive position to help your Parish and community. Don't delay - speak to any Knight in the Parish, and join today!



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