

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

*For as yet they did not understand the scripture,  
that he must rise from the dead.*

### 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

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Patrick Greenwood

### Parish Ministries

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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 20, 2025

### **Introduction**

Happy Easter everyone! Today we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead and opening the way to heaven for us. As the Psalmist says, "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it."

### **First Reading: Acts 10:34, 34-43**

Peter tells us that he and the apostles are witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus and they are to proclaim it to the people.

### **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

Paul writes that we have all been brought back to true life with Christ.

### **Gospel: John 20:1-9**

The disciples find the burial cloths in the empty tomb and believe that Jesus has risen from the dead.

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### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, 21 April**

5:15 p.m. Potter & Lacey Families

#### **Tuesday, 22 April**

9:00 a.m. Rafael Manio – Amado & Marietta Marcial

#### **Wednesday, 23 April**

9:00 a.m. Ghislaine D'Aoust – Sandra Skebo

#### **Thursday, 24 April**

9:00 a.m. Gloria McLaren (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) – Francoise Levesque

#### **Friday, 25 April**

5:15 p.m. Anne Garrett – Leon Garrett

#### **Saturday, 26 April**

5:15 p.m. Lionel & Norma Beaudoin – Pauline Scott & Family

#### **Sunday, 27 April**

9:00 a.m. Jo-Ann Therrien – 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 Francis Overvelde.

### **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; Chuck Scott; Anna Walsh; Joan Bryan.

*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.*

**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.

**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.

**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.

**FIRST COMMUNION** This year First Communion will be on Sunday May 4, 2025 at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Congratulations to our candidates!

**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 Executive meeting is on **Tuesday, April 29** at 7pm in the Parish Hall • *Birthright* donations can be put in the bins at each church entrance until May 4th. 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! Ticket sales will begin April 22 from the office at \$20 each. They will also be sold before and after each Mass on April 26/27 and May 3/4. The final sale day is Wednesday, May 7th. • Silent Auction and Door prize donations of like-new items and gift cards can be dropped off at the Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 22, 10am-1pm (*It's also a meeting for any interested volunteers*) and Wednesday, April 30, 5-7pm. Anything CHOCOLATE can also be dropped off for a very popular Silent Auction item. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be there as well.

**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 26/27 for a draw to win a 32" tall Marian Garden statue. \$2/ticket cash or e-transfer.

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## Father Cosmas EASTER SUNDAY Reflection

*“The Tomb is Empty—Hope is Alive!”*



Dear brothers and sisters in the Risen Christ,

Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
He is truly risen! Alleluia!

Today the Church sings with joy. The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty. Death has been defeated. And in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we proclaim with renewed conviction: hope is not a wish—it is a Person. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.

We live in a world that often feels like Good Friday—marked by war, division, suffering, and spiritual fatigue. Many hearts are heavy. Many lives feel buried under stones of despair, addiction, failure, or grief. But Easter comes like a sunrise after a long night, and the Church declares: “He is not here. He has risen!” And with Him rises our hope.

Easter means our suffering is not the end.

Jesus bore the cross. He knew pain, betrayal, loneliness. But He rose—showing us that suffering is not the last word. The resurrection does not erase the cross, but it transforms it. Whatever wounds we carry, we can place them in the hands of the Risen One, whose own wounds shine with glory.

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to become pilgrims of hope. That begins with believing that even the darkest tombs in our lives can be opened by God's love.

Easter means we are not alone.

When the Risen Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene, the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and the apostles in the upper room, He came not with condemnation, but with peace: “Do not be afraid.” His resurrection is not just an event—it is a presence. He is with us. In our homes, our parish, our struggles.

Hope is not an escape from reality. It is the assurance that Jesus walks with us, breathes life into what seems dead, and leads us forward—even through locked doors.

Easter means our mission is not over.

The resurrection sends us out. The angel told the women, “Go and tell his disciples...” The risen Christ says to us today: Go and bring hope to others. The world is hungry for signs of life, for reasons to believe, for witnesses of joy. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church must shine with the light of the resurrection—not just in word, but in love, in service, in mercy.

So what does Easter ask of us?

To open our hearts to the Risen Christ. To roll away the stones that keep us in fear. To live as people of hope in our homes, our parish, our communities. To proclaim by our lives: “Christ is alive—and He changes everything.”

Dear friends, Easter is not a fairytale. It is the deepest truth of our faith: the tomb is empty—and hope is alive. Let us walk as children of the resurrection. Let us become living signs of hope in a weary world.

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
He is truly risen! Alleluia!

Amen.



**St. Joseph's Parish**  
**Jubilee Year 2025**

**April – Month of the Sacrament of Baptism**

*“Behold, I make all things new” (Revelations 21:5).*

May this Jubilee truly be a time of renewal in  
our lives and in the Church.



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** The Grand Knight, Executive and all Knights from your St. Joseph's Council 11670 offer our most sincere wishes for a blessed and peaceful Easter to all of our fellow parishioners. Easter provides yet another opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the needs of others, and reminding ourselves of Jesus' response when he was asked “And who is my neighbour?”

If you're a Catholic man, and you want to help those in our Parish and City, now is the time. Speak to any Knight, and join us today!



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