

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2025

*"Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe."*

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

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

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Carol Kavanaugh

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Chris Jones & Monna

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Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

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Ministry at Extencicare

Mary Clancy

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Ben Krasna

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Sacramental Preparation

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

We gather to celebrate the resurrection, grateful for signs of new life and joy within ourselves and others. We give praise for all God's blessings, especially the gift of Divine Mercy.

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles who bear courageous witness to the Risen Lord.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

John is the faithful witness for Jesus Christ, the Living One who holds the keys of death.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus said to Thomas, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 28 April

5:15 p.m. Our Lady of Good Council

Tuesday, 29 April

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

Wednesday, 30 April

9:00 a.m. Pauline Massotti (1st Anniversary) – John & Marie Monte

Thursday, 1 May

9:00 a.m. Mario Castro – Judithe Castro

Friday, 2 May

5:15 p.m. Francesco Cimellaro – Stephen Ottenhof

Saturday, 3 May

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

Sunday, 4 May

9:00 a.m. Gabriele DiFederico – Carlo De Longhi

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Join our online Mass Sunday's at 11:00 a.m. visit www.stjosephskingston.ca.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Diane Sharpe, Lynne Rutherford, Lucia Murano; Morrie-Anne Mignault.

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; Bruce Johnson; Chuck Scott; Anna Walsh; Joan Bryan; Larry Rochefort; Diane Foley.

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.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY have finally arrived! If you were photographed or submitted a photo for our directory, pick up your free directory after Mass this weekend – pick up after the 5:15 p.m. Mass and 9:00 a.m. Mass will be in the Parish Hall, the 11:00 a.m. Mass will be at the Main entrance area. During the week visit the Parish office to pick up your copy. Thank you!

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Divine Mercy Sunday: Remembering Pope Francis, an Apostle of Mercy

Each year on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church opens wide her heart to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday—a day that radiates the boundless love and forgiveness of God revealed in the risen Christ. Instituted by Pope St. John Paul II and inspired by the visions of St. Faustina Kowalska, this feast reminds us that God's mercy is not an abstract idea, but a living reality that seeks us out, embraces our wounds, and restores our dignity.

In our modern times, few leaders have embodied that truth so deeply and so consistently as Pope Francis. From the very first moment of his papacy, when he bowed before the crowds in St. Peter's Square and humbly asked, "Pray for me," he positioned himself not above the flock, but among them—a fellow sinner in need of mercy. He spent his pontificate reminding us that the Church is a home for sinners, not a museum for saints, and that mercy must be the beating heart of our faith and our witness to the world.

Perhaps one of his most enduring contributions was the Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015–2016. During that year, the Church was called to throw open the "doors of mercy" both spiritually and physically. Pope Francis encouraged priests to extend the sacrament of reconciliation with gentleness and warmth, reminding the world that "the confessional is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better."

But mercy, as Pope Francis taught, is not only about what we receive—it is also what we must give. Like the rays flowing from the heart of Christ in the image of Divine Mercy, our experience of being forgiven must flow outward in forgiveness toward others.

In a world marked by division, coldness, and indifference, Pope Francis reminded us to be revolutionaries of tenderness, to bring Christ's love into the ordinary spaces of our lives—into our families, our workplaces, our parishes, our streets.

So today, as we gaze upon the image of Divine Mercy, and whisper from the depths of our hearts, "Jesus, I trust in You," let us hear once again the voice of Pope Francis, who now shares in the promise of the Lord's resurrection; echoing Christ's call: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

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 8th, 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

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.

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St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

April - Month of the Sacrament of Baptism

How well have we lived our baptismal calling?

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.

VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED We can use your help. We are looking for a volunteer to help with Social Media platforms. If you are tech savvy and are interested in helping with this, please speak with Father Cosmas. We are also looking for a volunteer to help with our Baptismal Preparation program. If you would like more information of what would be involved, please speak with Father Cosmas or contact the Parish Office.

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.

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.

STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISER St Joseph's Parish youth attending this year's Steubenville Youth Conference in June are selling raffle tickets this weekend for a draw to win a 32" tall Marian Garden statue. \$2/ticket cash or e-transfer



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS: The Executive meeting is on **Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Hall • Donations for *Birtheright* can be put in the donation bins at each church entrance until April 30th. Place monetary donations into an envelope marked *CWL Birtheright* and put in the Mass collection baskets or take to the office • **Reminder:** for those who have signed up to attend the 5:15 p.m. Mass for our Lady of Good Counsel on Monday, April 28, to meet afterwards by 6 p.m. at The Greek Islands on Bath Rd. for dinner. • The CWL 11th Annual Fancy Hat Tea Party is on Saturday, May 10th this year! The last **drop-off date** for like-new items and gift cards for the Silent Auction and Door prizes is Wednesday, April 30, 5-7pm. Bring your favourite chocolate bar to add to that basket! We could use more volunteers for the Saturday event, please. Tickets are now on sale

weekdays at the front office and before and after Masses April 26/27 and May 3/4. Tickets are \$20 each.

PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY - DISMAS INFORMATION EVENING Dismas Fellowship is a community of volunteers that provides a safe place once a month to provide hope, fellowship, and friendship for people returning from prison. The ministry is centered on a shared meal and hospitality. St. Joseph's Parish, with the support of Archdiocesan staff, are investigating whether Dismas is a viable ministry opportunity for our community. St. Joseph's will be hosting an information evening on May 27, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall. In the meantime, if this is something that you may be interested in exploring more, please contact Mary Jo by email: religioused@archkingston.ca or phone: 613-548-4461 ext 115. Training will be provided for this ministry. For more information on Dismas and the work they do go to: www.dismasfellowshipnetwork.com.

Schedule for the weekends of May 3-4, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 3 May 5:15pm	J. Saunders M. MacVicar	L.Bickerstaffe Sr.L.Kearney		Stacy & Tim
Sun. 4 May 9:00am	M. Castro M. Addai	M. Marcial C. Purcell		Youth Choir
Sun. 4 May 11:00am	V. Onwuliri B. Ows	B. McIver M. Muise		Choir
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: A. Lett				
Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) - No Junior Liturgy				



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