

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on, sin no more."

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
Lectors
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
Altar Servers
Youth Group

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Youth Choir

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

Jesus fills us with hope as we see his compassionate understanding towards the people he met.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God's promise is one of hope: of paths through the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

St. Paul writes that he counts "everything as loss" compared with the importance of knowing Jesus.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus refuses to condemn the woman who was caught in the act of adultery.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 7 April

5:15 p.m. Eugene Dwyer – Colleen Purcell & Family

Tuesday, 8 April

9:00 a.m. Adele Saccon – Sandra Skebo

Wednesday, 9 April

9:00 a.m. Ron Smith (2nd Anniversary) – Mary, Lesley, Scott, Brayden & Bayleigh Smith

11:00 a.m. Funeral of Maria Longo

Thursday, 10 April

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Hani Afur

Friday, 11 April

10:30 a.m. School Mass

1:00 p.m. Funeral of Joan Hickey

5:15 p.m. Joanne Ellieff – Christina Kennedy

Saturday, 12 April

5:15 p.m. Raffaele Murano (20th Anniversary) – The Family

Sunday, 13 April

9:00 a.m. Venancio Dos-Santos – Helena Dos-Santos & Family

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 James Hsu, Maria Longo.

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.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Mercy that Transforms

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus reveals the heart of the Father—a heart full of mercy, love, and the desire to restore sinners. The parable of the Prodigal son that we saw last Sunday and the powerful story of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11) from this Sunday reveal the heart of Jesus—His mercy, His justice, and His power to transform sinners.

Christ's encounter with this woman confronts us with an important question: How do we treat others who have fallen into sin?

How often are we like the Pharisees? Quick to judge others while ignoring our own sins? This Gospel reminds us that before we condemn others, we must first examine our own hearts.

Jesus does not excuse her sin, but He offers her something greater—mercy and a new beginning. This is the essence of God's love. He does not desire the death of a sinner but that we turn back to Him and live (Ezekiel 18:23).

Are we merciful like Jesus, or do we hold on to judgment and self-righteousness? We must learn to see others with the eyes of Christ, offering them love instead of condemnation.

Do we accept God's mercy and allow it to transform us? Jesus' mercy is not a license to continue in sin but an invitation to a new life. We must strive to leave behind our old ways and walk in His grace.

As we reflect on this Gospel, let us ask ourselves: Do we truly believe in the transforming power of God's mercy? Are we ready to forgive others as we have been forgiven?

May we, like the woman, leave our sins behind and embrace the new life Jesus offers. And may we, like Christ, extend mercy and compassion to all who seek His love.

As we approach Holy Week, let us embrace God's mercy, not only for ourselves but for others. Amen.

LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION The Lenten Penance Celebration for St. Joseph's will be held **this** 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

April – Month of the Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is not just a ritual but a profound transformation. It is the beginning of our journey as Christians, where we are washed clean of sin and given new life in Christ.

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 bless the Oils for sacramental life of the Church.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025 – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18, 2025 – Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m. & Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025 – Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS: The General Meeting is Monday, April 14, at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Alice Gazeley 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. Contact Sue Conway Williamson at conwills59@yahoo.ca if you need a printed copy. • ALL PARISHIONERS: April is our collection month for Birthright Kingston. Items needed: baby onesies & sleepers (newborn to 12 months), diapers, diaper bags, toiletries. Full list will be on the collection boxes near each of the church entrances. Thank you for your support. • The CWL Fancy Hat Tea Party preparations are beginning! If you are interested in helping with this fun event, join the Service Committee this Tuesday, April 8, at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Can't make that? Email demci42@mail.com for a pdf explaining the details. Sign-up sheets will be there and at the April CWL meetings.

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. For more information about the March, see www.campaignlifecoalition.com. Register in person 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

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

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 and 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 this weekend and the weekend of April 26-27. Tickets will also be available during office hours at the Catholic Diocesan Centre on 390 Palace Road, or St. Joseph's Church.

To learn more about the Social Planning Council of Kingston, visit <https://www.spckingstonanddistrict.org/>

Schedule for the weekends of April 12-13, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 12 Apr. 5:15pm	C. Jones Sr.L.Kearney	D. Lomboy J. Saunders	I. Stewart S. Harrigan R.Lachance A. Kelly	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 13 Apr. 9:00am	M. Marcial P. Evaristo	L. Orellano J. Kane	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M.Turkington	Megan
Sun. 13 Apr. 11:00am	S. Boisvert F. Levesque	B. McIver B. Oliveira	D.Fernandes J. Akhtar J. Ferreira F. Asuncion	Choir

Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: D. Eardley

Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) J. Goudreau



KNIGHTS CORNER: With the Knights of Columbus, and certainly in St. Joseph's Council 11670, while we dedicate a lot of time to charitable donations, deeds, and helping out in our Parish and City, there is also time set aside for another pillar of the Order: Fraternity, which highlights the strong bonds of brotherhood and mutual support among Knights. In fact the creation of the Knights emphasized the care of Knights' families through an insurance program which still exists to this day, and we always step up to help our Brothers and their families when they need it, as evidenced recently in our Parish. Another example is the twice annual Potluck Dinner Meeting our Council holds, the most recent having just taken place. Knights gather, open the meeting, share some delicious and diverse food, and then carry on with the business of the Knights. These have become our most popular meetings, and we also find out which Knights (or their wives perhaps?) are great cooks! *"When we break bread, and give it to each other, fear vanishes and God becomes very close."* Henri Nouwen. Looking to join a charity with a real difference? Look no further, become a Knight today!



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