

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## *The Ascension of The Lord*

**June 1, 2025**

*"...you will be my witnesses."*

### **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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Conway Williamson  
Patrick Greenwood

### **Parish Ministries**

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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

## **The Ascension of The Lord**

### **June 1, 2025**

#### **Introduction**

Today we celebrate The Ascension of The Lord. As he was lifted to heaven, Jesus blessed his disciples, preparing them to continue his mission throughout the world. We, too, are his witnesses, heirs to the promise to the Holy Spirit's strengthening power.

#### **First Reading: Acts 1:1-11**

For forty days the risen Jesus continued to keep company with his disciples until the time came for him to be lifted to heaven.

#### **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23**

St. Paul prays that the Spirit will open the minds of all believers to grasp the sheer wonder of the inheritance which awaits them there.

#### **Gospel: Luke 24:46-53**

The disciples had been instructed by Jesus. Now they were promised a share of his Spirit. They were to take his life-giving message to every corner of the globe.

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#### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

##### **Monday, 2 June**

5:15 p.m. Maggie Cuvelier (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) – Frank Cuvelier

##### **Tuesday, 3 June**

9:00 a.m. Rev. Francis O'Connor – Roger & Susan Audet

##### **Wednesday, 4 June**

9:00 a.m. Ted Stanley (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – John & Maria Veenendal

##### **Thursday, 5 June**

9:00 a.m. Audrey & Jack Lacey

##### **Friday, 6 June**

5:15 p.m. Antonio Almeida – The Family

##### **Saturday, 7 June**

5:15 p.m. Eileen Murphy (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Janice & Paul Walsh

##### **Sunday, 8 June**

9:00 a.m. Peter Goudreau

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 Michael Amorim.

#### **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; Margaret Kennedy.

*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.*

**NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT** From May 30 – June 7, 2025 join together for 9 days in prayer as we prepare for Pentecost. The novena pamphlet can be found at our entrances.

## **Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

### **The Glory of Ascension**

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a moment of glory, a turning point in the story of salvation, and a powerful invitation to hope and mission. The Ascension of the Lord is a moment of glory and mystery. It marks the day when, forty days after the Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven in the sight of His disciples. But it is more than a farewell—it is a bold proclamation of faith, mission, and hope.

Jesus, who suffered, died, and rose again, is now exalted to the right hand of the Father. His Ascension is not His absence—it is His glorification. He did not leave us behind; rather, He went ahead to prepare a place for us. As St. Paul writes in the second reading, Christ has been raised above every power and dominion, and God has put all things under His feet. He is the head of the Church, and we, His body share in His Victory.

The Ascension reminds us that our faith is not passive. We are not simply waiting for Jesus to return—we are called to live, witness, and serve until He comes.

And we do not do this alone. In the days after the Ascension, the apostles waited in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. So too must we live with hearts open to the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to speak truth, show mercy, and carry out the mission Jesus began.

Let us live with our eyes fixed on heaven, but with hands ready to serve on earth. Until He comes again, may we bring others to know His love, His mercy, and His salvation.

May our faith be active, joyful, and focused on the One who has ascended—not to leave us, but to lead us home.

#### **CAPTURING MOMENTS OF IMPORTANCE AT ST.**

**JOSEPH'S PARISH** Do you have a camera and take great photos? Bring your camera to our Multi-Cultural Sunday Celebration. **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:** *we will be taking photographs or video recorded during our Multi-Cultural Sunday celebrations. Please note there is a chance you will be photographed, and that we will be posting photos or/and videos on our website or brochures. If you do not wish to have your photograph taken or used, please let the photographer know or email the parish office. Any children in camera view, consent forms signed by parent or guardian will be required before pictures are posted. Consent forms are available at the main entrance or the parish office.*

#### **SEPTEMBER – MONTH OF SACRAMENT OF**

**MARRIAGE** As part of our Jubilee Program for 2025, September is our month to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. We would like to celebrate 25 years, 50 years and 60 years of marriage with our parishioners. If you are a parishioner or your family member is a parishioner and they are celebrating one of these milestones in 2025, please let us know by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet at the main entrance if you would like to request a papal blessing.

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## St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

### June – Month of the Holy Eucharist and Parish Community Life

*The Jubilee Year is a time of grace, renewal, and deeper communion with God. It provides a unique opportunity for Catholics to rediscover the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life.*

**CONFIRMATION** We welcome Archbishop Michael Mulhall as well as friends and families of our candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at our 11:00 a.m. Mass today. Continue to pray for our candidates during their journey of faith.

**PARISH MULTI-CULTURAL SUNDAY AND PICNIC** will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Together in Christ, United in Diversity! Don't forget to let us know where you are from, what will you be bringing, and if you can help. Sign up at the main entrance. This is an opportunity to gather together and celebrate each other and have some fun!

**CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION** on June 22, 2025 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph's Parish will have a Eucharistic Procession to close off the year of Parish Eucharistic Revival. Join our procession at the front entrance of our church. The procession will take place on the grounds of St. Joseph's.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS:** On Monday, June 9, in lieu of a General Meeting, we will be attending the 5:15 p.m. Mass, with the Service Pins Ceremony afterwards, followed by our Potluck Supper in the Parish Hall around 6 p.m. Don't remember what you signed up to bring or do? Contact Sue Conway Williamson. • Our last Executive meeting before Summer break is on Monday, June 23 at 7pm in the Parish Hall • We ask that everyone please view the CWL poster boards at the main entrance to the church that reflect the monthly themes depicted in the Jubilee Year 2025 Program. This month they contain lots of interesting facts about the life of Mary and all her roles, besides being Our Lady of Good Counsel.

**INFORMATION MEETING FOR JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY** Are you looking for more information on this wonderful opportunity to help you make a decision on whether you should hop on a plan to Rome, join us on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m in the Parish Hall. Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy is under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Cosmas Ajawara from November 6-14, 2025. Flyers are available at the entrances of the Church.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT REFLECTIONS FROM ARCHBISHOP MULHALL** All are welcome to join our Wednesday 7:00 p.m. spiritual reflections in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Cathedral. We will reflect on the Beatitudes from St. Matthew's Gospel (Chapter 5) and select Psalms from the Old Testament, which we pray at Mass daily.

**SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA**, founder of Opus Dei, all are warmly welcome on Tuesday, June 17 at 7p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Kingston. Confessions begin at 6 p.m. A reception to follow. Learn more about this Saint of the Ordinary at [stjosemaria.org](http://stjosemaria.org).

**PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND** St. Mary Cathedral parish is organizing a pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs Shrine in Midland for July 24 – 25, 2025. Pilgrims will participate in a special evening program at St. Marie Among the Hurons on Thursday evening then spend the day at the Martyrs Shrine where Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. For further information contact Ann Lyng at [ann@stmaryscathedral.ca](mailto:ann@stmaryscathedral.ca).

**MEDJUGORJE YOUTH FESTIVAL August 2 – August 11, 2025** This Jubilee Year of Hope pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Bosnia Herzegovina will allow pilgrims (aged 18 + or younger accompanied by a legal guardian) to participate in the annual Youth Festival, August 4 to 8, with young adults and the young at heart including the celebration of Holy Mass at dawn on the top of Cross Mountain. Pilgrims can pass through the Holy Door at St. James Church and spend time in prayer on Apparition Hill and other sites within the parish of Medjugorje. Led by Karen Shannon, Holy Name of Mary Parish, Marysville  
Contact Karen at 613-848-5833  
Email: [Karen.Shannon@queensu.ca](mailto:Karen.Shannon@queensu.ca)

### Schedule for the weekends of June 7- 8, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
<b>Sat. 7 June 5:15pm</b>	Sr. L.Kearney Sr. N. Hurren	J. Saunders L.Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart P. Scott R. Lachance K. Chabot	Stacy & Tim
<b>Sun. 8 June 9:00am</b>	D. Balemba S. Balemba	C. Purcell M. Marcial	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier P. Oliquano M.Turkington	Theresa & Annette
<b>Sun. 8 June 11:00am</b>	S. Boisvert B. McIver	M. Muise K. Colwell	B. Krasna D. Fernandes J. Akhtar F. Levesque	Choir

**Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: S. Fragozo**

**Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) – H. Gencarelli**



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** The question has been posed to our Council more than once: How does the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council manage to donate over \$35,000+ per year to the Church and the charitable organizations they support? It's actually a rather simple equation – equal parts desire, volunteerism and a firm commitment to our community, and those needing help. Our 'revenue' comes to us in a few ways, but primarily by Knights volunteering at Play Gaming & Entertainment, which sees the Council receive funds in return, which must be used charitably, and in the City - a rather simple but lucrative method of raising funds, as long as you have highly dedicated individuals involved. Further, the very bulletin you're reading provides revenue as well. The Knights took over the bulletin last year, and after selling all the advertising you see each year, paying expenses such as paper, ink, etc., the Council retains the net, which is in turn disbursed. In both revenue streams, we establish an annual budget and determine which charities we will support each year.

If you're a Catholic man with a desire to help your Parish and community financially, join us!



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