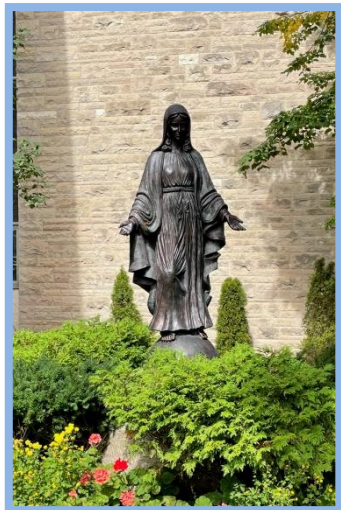


# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



***Happy Mother's Day!***

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

***May 11, 2025***

*"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,  
and they follow me."*

### ***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***

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Carol Kavanaugh

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Chris Jones & Monna

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Judy Saunders

Ministry at Extencicare

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Sacristans

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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter** **May 11, 2025**

### **Introduction**

Today, we have the role model of Jesus as a shepherd who deeply loves and cares for his sheep. On Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations to the priesthood and to religious life. And each of us can reflect on our own vocation in life and how we are living it out.

### **First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52**

Rejected and abused by Jews who have assembled to hear them in Antioch, Paul and Barnabas begin preaching to the pagans who “thanked the Lord for his message”.

### **Second Reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17**

People from every nation, race, tribe and language stand before the Lamb of God who is their shepherd and who promises to “wipe away all tears from their eyes”.

### **Gospel: John 10:27-30**

Jesus reveals his divinity and promises eternal life “to the sheep that belong to me.”

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### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, 12 May**

5:15 p.m. Francesco Cimellaro – Toni Alexandrowicz

#### **Tuesday, 13 May**

9:00 a.m. Tom Alexandrowicz – Ben & Colleen Krasna

#### **Wednesday, 14 May**

9:00 a.m. Special Intentions – Bindu Augustine

#### **Thursday, 15 May**

9:00 a.m. Grace Neddow – The Family

#### **Friday, 16 May**

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Villeneuve Family – Alison Bogle

#### **Saturday, 17 May**

5:15 p.m. Teresinha Medeiros – Rosemary Couto

#### **Sunday, 18 May**

9:00 a.m. Arthur Burke – Burke & Holmes Families

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 Jim Millan.

### **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.*

**VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED** We are looking for volunteers for our RCIA program and sponsor couples for our Marriage Preparation program. If you are interested in volunteering or would like further information please speak with Father Cosmas or contact the Parish Office.

## **Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

### **Hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd**

Today, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church draws our hearts and minds to one of the most comforting images in Scripture—Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In a world of noise, confusion, and insecurity, Jesus offers us the calm, steady voice of a shepherd who knows us, calls us by name, and leads us to eternal life.

In the Gospel from John 10, Jesus says: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.” This simple but profound statement reveals two core truths:

1. **Jesus Knows Us Personally:** Not just as part of a crowd or congregation—but intimately. He knows our struggles, our fears, our joys, our names. In a society that often leaves people feeling unknown and unseen, Jesus stands as the Shepherd who never forgets His sheep.
2. **We Are Called to Listen and Follow:** To hear His voice requires quieting the noise of the world—the distractions of wealth, power, social media, and pride. Do we make time to listen to Jesus in prayer, in Scripture, in the silence of our hearts? Do we follow His path of humility, mercy, and service?

In this Easter season, we celebrate not only the resurrection of Christ but also the resurrection of our identity—as beloved sheep of the Good Shepherd. And on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are invited to pray for more shepherds in the Church—priests, deacons, religious men and women—who will guide God's people faithfully.

Let us also be reminded: every one of us, in baptism, shares in the shepherding mission of Christ. Parents guiding their children, teachers forming young minds, catechists leading the faithful, and even simple acts of charity—each is a way we reflect the Good Shepherd to others.

**PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY** If you were photographed or submitted a photo for our directory, pick up your free directory at the Parish office, Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed during the lunch hour). Thank you!

**BUILDING FUND** The monthly collection of the Building Fund will take place this weekend May 10-11, 2025. Building Fund envelopes are now available in the pews, please include your name and address (if you do not have an envelope number). Thank you for your continued support.

**PRIEST RETREAT** The annual Archdiocesan Priests' Retreat will be held May 19 to May 23, 2025. Masses will be cancelled Tuesday, May 20 to Friday, May 23, 2025, resuming on Saturday May 24.

**CLERGY APPOINTMENTS** Archbishop Mulhall announced on May 5 the following appointments: Rev. Michel Quenneville is released for studies toward an STL in Moral Theology at the Pontifical University of Holy Cross in Rome. Rev. Jude Thusiar is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Kingston.

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# St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

## May - Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Pilgrimage of faith: As Mary did, we too are called to go on a spiritual journey, trusting that God will guide us to the hope found in Christ.*

**FLORES DE MAYO** The Filipino Canadian Community invites you to celebrate Flores de Mayo, in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary, Sunday, May 18, 2025, here at St. Joseph's, beginning with the Rosary at 2:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 3:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!



**FOCUS ON PALLIATIVE CARE** Parishioners, are welcome to join CWL members at 7:50pm on **Monday May 12th** in the Parish Hall for an informative "End of Life Care" presentation, with Speaker Alyssa LaFleur, a Clinical Educator at Providence Care Hospital, with a passion for Palliative Care.

**Thursday May 15th** is our Palliative Care 12 Hour Day of Prayer. It begins at 8:00am with the rosary-8:15am, celebration of mass- 9:00am, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (9:40am-7:45pm) Adoration-9:50am-7:45pm), ending with Benediction-7:45pm. Goal: to have Parishioners/CWL members present each hour, so that the Blessed Sacrament is never alone. Sign-up sheets-each church door until May 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be Prayer Booklets at the doors that should be returned when your prayer is finished.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS:** The General meeting is on Monday, May 12 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Our Guest Speaker will be Alysa Lafleur, the Clinical Instructor of Palliative Care at Providence Care • Thursday, May 15 is our CWL Palliative Care Day of Prayer, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please contact Sue Conway Williamson to sign up to pray. We'd like to be able to fill the day with no gaps, if possible • Many thanks to all supporters/contributors to April Birthright collection. Your generosity will be appreciated by many.

**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. 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. For further information, please contact Mary Jo by email: [religioused@archkingston.ca](mailto: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](http://www.dismasfellowshipnetwork.com).

**ST. THOMAS MORE ANNUAL MIKE MUNDELL FISH FRY** on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. St. Thomas More will be hosting their annual fish fry in school gym, eat in or take out. Tickets: \$20 for 2 pieces of fish, a side and a drink. For tickets contact St. Thomas More School at 613-542-1575. Pay it Forward: A fundraiser by 7/8 students in support of the Morgan Foundation [morganfoundation.ca/sttm/](http://morganfoundation.ca/sttm/)

**BLESSED SACRAMENT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GARAGE SALE & CWL BAKE SALE** Please join us for our

annual Garage & Bake Sale on Saturday, May 31st from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Address: 3 Briscoe Street, Amherstview. Cash sales only

**BIRTHRIGHT** Baby bottles will be distributed this Mother's Day weekend. If you want to make a difference in this **CHANGE FOR LIFE** campaign, please take a bottle, fill it with coins, paper money or cheques and return it on Father's Day weekend. The money we raise will enable us to offer positive assistance and aid to pregnant women and girls who find themselves facing a difficult or un planned pregnancy. Bottles will be available at the entrance for those who wish to participate, please record your name, phone number and the bottle number you take home on the sign-up sheets provided. Thank you for your support.

**FREEDOM TRANSFORMATION RETREAT (OUR LADY OF DIVINE FIRE MISSION)** Friday, May 23, 2025 6:15 pm - 9:30 pm; Saturday May 24, 2025 8:15 am - 4:00 pm St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall. Be transformed by power of the Gospel through the Five Keys of Unbound and come home to the heart of the Father where you are loved unconditionally. \$30 individual / \$50 couple / \$20 young adult. Registration required details at: <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/2025-freedom-transformation-retreat>.

### Schedule for the weekends of May 17-18, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
<b>Sat. 17 May 5:15pm</b>	H. Couto C. Jones	P. Rosales	I. Stewart P. Scott R. Lachance D. Mazzolin	Stacy & Tim
<b>Sun. 18 May 9:00am</b>	C. Purcell A. MacKinnon	J. Kane G. Lesperance	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M. Turkington	Theresa & Annette
<b>Sun. 18 May 11:00am</b>	C. Kavanaugh V. Onwuliri	T. Donoghue S. Boisvert	I. Stewart B. Krasna A. Parmar I. McKenzie	Choir

Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: C. Jones

Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) – Susan Conway Williamson



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** This Mother's Day weekend, our Knights take pause to recognize our mothers. Simply put, none of us would exist were not for our mothers and the choices they made. The care, nurturing and love that mothers provide help us become who we are. May is also the month of Mary, our spiritual mother and we are always mindful of her constant and unyielding presence in Jesus' life on earth. Your Council Knights are dedicating their rosary prayers in May for all mothers everywhere, including those no longer with us and those about to take on the most important role, ever. Follow us on Facebook at St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670, Kingston, Ontario.

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