

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

*"Do you love 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

Knights of Columbus, 11670

Conway Williamson  
Patrick Greenwood

### **Parish Ministries**

Finance Committee

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

Parish Pastoral Council

Ben Krasna

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Carol Kavanaugh

Eucharistic Ministers

Carol Kavanaugh

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Chris Jones & Monna

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Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

Judy Saunders

Ministry at Extending Care

Mary Clancy

Ushers

Ian Stewart

Sacristans

Fran Price

Culture of Life

Ben Krasna

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### **Parish Schools**

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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

### **May 4, 2025**

#### **Introduction**

As we gather to worship today, we consider what it means to be a witness and are encouraged to develop our friendship with Christ. With this in mind, we pray for all those to whom we are close and for those who are persecuted for their faith.

#### **First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41**

Peter witnesses to the name of Jesus and declares his obedience to God.

#### **Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14**

John's vision is of all creation worshipping the Lamb of God on the throne.

#### **Gospel: John 21:1-19**

Jesus appears to the disciples on the shore, there is a miraculous catch of fish and Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?"

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

##### **Monday, 5 May**

5:15 p.m. Intention of Dwight Neddow – St. Joseph's  
CWL

##### **Tuesday, 6 May**

9:00 a.m. Intention of Hani Asfur – Pat Murray

##### **Wednesday, 7 May**

9:00 a.m. Antonio Almeida – The Family

##### **Thursday, 8 May**

9:00 a.m. Humberto & Fernanda Dias – Manuel &  
Yasmin Dias

##### **Friday, 9 May**

5:15 p.m. Gerry Plunkett (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Maureen  
Plunkett

##### **Saturday, 10 May**

5:15 p.m. Brady Faroldi – The Family

##### **Sunday, 11 May**

9:00 a.m. John Seymour – Chris & Cathy Seymour  
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.

#### **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** 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!

## **Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

### **Do You Love Me?**

As we continue to bask in the joy of the Resurrection this Easter season, today's Gospel presents us with a tender and powerful moment between the risen Jesus and Peter. After the trauma of the Passion and the confusion of the empty tomb, Jesus appears once again—this time on the shore, cooking breakfast for his disciples.

But beyond the breakfast, something more profound happens: a moment of reconciliation and commissioning.

Jesus turns to Peter and asks not once, not twice, but three times: "Do you love me?" This echoes Peter's three denials in the courtyard during Jesus' trial. But Jesus doesn't bring this up to shame Peter—he brings it up to heal him, to restore him, and to send him.

Each time Peter says, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you," Jesus replies, "Feed my lambs... Tend my sheep... Feed my sheep."

Jesus is reminding us that love for Him must lead to service—especially the kind of service that cares for the weak, guides the lost, and nourishes the faithful. Our love for Christ is not measured by feelings or words alone, but by our willingness to serve others, especially the most vulnerable.

May we, like Peter, say with all our hearts:

"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

And may that love lead us into lives of joyful, courageous service.

**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 a.m. 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)

**NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MASS** Join us this Sunday, 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.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY** This weekend, May 4, 2025 following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses, join us in the Parish Hall. Thank you to the students, parents and staff of St. Paul's School for hosting our Hospitality Sunday.

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY** under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Cosmas Ajawara, a pilgrimage is planned for November 6-14, 2025 to Italy. Further information is at the church entrances.

**BUILDING FUND** The monthly collection of the Building Fund will take place next weekend May 10-11, 2025. Thank you for your continued support.

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## St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

### May – Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Mary, the Mother of the Church, is our guide and companion on this pilgrimage of hope. She walks with us, leading us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ, and to the fullness of the grace available in this special year.*



**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 followed by Mass at 3:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

**VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED** Thank you for the great response from last week's plea for help! This week 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.

### **ORDINATION OF FATHER JUDE THUSIAR**

Congratulations to Father Jude Thusiar who was ordained to the Priesthood Saturday, May 3 at St. Mary's Cathedral. We ask you to pray for Father Jude Thusiar continues his spiritual journey with the Archdiocese of Kingston.



**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 • The CWL 11th Annual Fancy Hat Tea Party is on Saturday, May 10th this year! To help with getting the word out, we encourage everyone to post about the event on their social media if you are able. A poster .jpg will be sent to all for their use.

### **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](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. Tickets will be available this weekend at the entrance of

the church. 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** is celebrating Mother's and Father's Day again this year by distributing baby bottles on 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 unplanned pregnancy. Thank you for your support.

### **Schedule for the weekends of May 10-11, 2025**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
<b>Sat. 10 May 5:15pm</b>	H. Couto	J. Saunders P. Rosales	I. Stewart K. Chabot R. Lachance A. Kelly	Stacy & Tim
<b>Sun. 11 May 9:00am</b>	G. Lesperance C. Charbonneau	D. Balemba S. Balemba	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M. Turkington	Megan
<b>Sun. 11 May 11:00am</b>	R. McDonald S. Boisvert	R. McLaren F. Levesque	D. Fernandes J. McLaren J. Ferreira F. Asuncion	Choir
<b>Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: C. Jones</b>				
<b>Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) – Susan Conway Williamson</b>				



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** Another reminder that your Knights of Columbus Council is about to enter their own election cycle. With our Fraternal Year running July-June, each May our Council calls for nominations for all of the Executive positions for the coming fraternal year. It is therefore exceedingly important for as many Knights as possible attend the May meeting, so that sufficient nominations for the various positions are created, and as many Knights as possible vote and decide upon who will lead the Council going forward into the next fraternal year. All Executive positions are open for nomination, so now would be an opportune time to join the Knights, and in fact vie for one of the Executive positions - no role is too busy or burdensome and fresh ideas are always welcome. The meeting where we will call for nominations will be 7th May at 7:30 pm.



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