

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2025

*"She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord
at his feet listening to him speak."*

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 Summer Hours as of July 2:

Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.;
(closed 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.)
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Susan Lett, Parish Secretary

Parish Organizations

Catholic Women's League

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Parish Engagement

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

As we gather together today, we remind ourselves of what it means to serve each other as neighbors. We are called to bring the message of God's love to the world, not just through our words, but also through our actions. We bring an attitude of welcome and hospitality to all, especially those who are otherwise excluded.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Abraham greets the three men standing outside his home and offers them hospitality. His wife, Sarah, bakes bread for a meal. The men bring some amazing news – Sarah will soon have a son..

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

When he writes this letter, Paul is in prison. Though he suffers during his imprisonment, he rejoices because suffers during his imprisonment, he rejoices because it is his work of service in spreading the message of Christ that has led him to be treated in this way.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Martha welcomes Jesus into her home and offers him hospitality. But she becomes annoyed when her sister Mary doesn't help her with the practical side of things.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 21 July

5:15 p.m. Bernardipo Espinoza (1st Anniversary) –
Berlinda Cabaling

Tuesday, 22 July

9:00 a.m. Edward "Eddy" Pigeau – RSHJ Associates

Wednesday, 23 July

9:00 a.m. Yared Redda – Yeshi Redda

Thursday, 24 July

9:00 a.m. Martin Cinzr (25th Anniversary) – The Family

Friday, 25 July

5:15 p.m. Jim Callaghan – Stephen Ottenhof

Saturday, 26 July

5:15 p.m. Antonio Medeiros – Liseta Mederios

Sunday, 27 July

9:00 a.m. Anne Garrett – Joseph McCambridge

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Johannes Hanna Asfur, Amado Marcial.

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; Richard Devette; Kent Hawley; Bruce Johnson; Chuck Scott; Joan Bryan; Larry Rochefort; Margaret Kennedy; Carol McKeown.

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

Choosing the Better Part

In today's Gospel, we find Jesus welcomed into the home of two sisters—**Martha and Mary**. It's a story that many of us know well. Martha is busy, bustling around, making sure everything is in order. Mary, meanwhile, sits at the feet of Jesus, listening to His words.

And then Martha, understandably frustrated, says to Jesus: "*Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me.*" But Jesus gently responds: "*Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.*"

This Gospel speaks to the tension we all live with—the **balance between doing and being, between service and prayer, between activity and contemplation**. Martha represents many of us who work tirelessly—at home, at church, at work—trying to do everything right. And that's not a bad thing! In fact, hospitality is deeply valued in our faith, and in the first reading, we see Abraham receiving divine blessing for welcoming the three visitors at Mamre.

But here's the point: **Jesus is not criticizing Martha's service**. He's reminding her—and us—that **we must not lose sight of the most important guest: Himself**. That in all our doing, we must not forget to **listen, to sit, to be present** with Him.

How easy it is to be consumed with responsibilities and busyness—even good things done for others and for the Church. But we must ask: *Do I make space to sit at Jesus' feet? Do I pause and listen to His voice?* Or have I become so anxious and distracted that I miss the peace and wisdom He offers?

ANNOUNCED MASSES With a significant number of mass intentions waiting to be scheduled, please consider an unannounced mass offering. There are no available dates for the remainder of 2025.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN Bulletin activity sheets for children can be found at the main entrance each weekend during the summer. Please take one!

AUTOMATIC DEBIT Automatic Debit is available for those St. Joseph's parishioners wishing to have their Sunday Offering and/or Building Fund Collection debited directly from their bank account on a monthly basis. Those who wish to begin Automatic Debit are asked to visit the parish office to complete the necessary paperwork or pick up a form at the welcoming desk at the main entrance of the church.

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St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

July – Rediscovering the Sacred Heart Devotion

May our hearts be set aflame with the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus!.

AN INVITATION TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY *Jubilee Year of Hope / September- Month of the Sacrament of Marriage*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we joyfully celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, our parish is offering a special opportunity for couples who are civilly married, living together, or not yet wedded in the Church to receive the beautiful Sacrament of Matrimony.

This Jubilee is a time of renewal, reconciliation, and grace—a moment to open wide the doors of faith and step into deeper communion with God and the Church. If you or someone you know has not yet received the Sacrament of Matrimony, we warmly invite you to come forward.

Receiving the Sacrament brings not only a Church blessing, but the grace of God to strengthen your love, family life, and vocation.

The celebration of the Sacrament will be offered at no cost to the couples as part of our jubilee Year of Hope outreach.

Let this Year of Hope be the year you say “yes” to God’s full plan for your marriage!

For More Information or to Register:

Please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Cosmas after Mass.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS WITH ARCHBISHOP MULHALL Wednesdays; 7:00 pm; 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. Our reflections will also highlight the liturgical celebrations of Lent and Easter. These reflections are ongoing, so you can join at any time without missing key points. Think of them as a continuous journey of reflection, offering spiritual growth at any stage of life. May these reflections bring grace, strength, and consolation to us all as we progress in our faith. **(July 23 - The Archbishop is unavailable)**

COMMUNITY



BEDFORD SOCIAL IS BACK! Sunday, August 10 – 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Sacred Heart of Jesus – 2911 Westport Road, Godfrey) BBQ Roast Beef on a bun, amazing sides, desserts, tea, coffee & water. Tickets: Adults \$20; Children under 9 \$10; Children 2 and under free. Contact Karen Feeley- 613-770-8017 or Anne Madden– 613-484-4677.

DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION By your Baptism, you’re personally called to help renew the Church. Your impact deepens as you live a supernatural life united with Jesus and rooted in His love. If you’re feeling called to grow as a disciple, the **Encounter School of Ministry (ESM)** is for you!

Summer Intensive: Want a preview of the ESM experience? Join us **August 11–14** at St. Paul the Apostle Parish from **6:15–9:30 PM** each night! **Learn more & register:** encounterschool.org/Kingston

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH (690 Hwy 15, Lombardy) **Sunday, August 10, 2025 - Anniversary Mass at 1:00 PM** Presided by Archbishop Michael Mulhall. Outdoor Reception with lunch & fellowship: **2:00–3:00 PM.** All are welcome — long-time members, former parishioners, summer visitors, and friends of the parish! Let’s give thanks for 125 years of blessings and look to the future with faith and joy.

Contact: stfrancisdesales@archkingston.ca

Schedule for the weekends of July 26-27, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Sat. 26 July 5:15pm	C. Jones M. MacVicar	P. Rosales J. Saunders	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance P. Scott
Sun. 27 July 9:00am	N. Ehi-Ekome A. Ehi-Ekome	M. Marcial A. MacKinnon	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier P. Oliquano M. Turkington
Sun. 27 July 11:00am	R. McLaren F. Levesque	S. Boisvert B. Oliveira	J. McLaren J. Ferreira F. Levesque D. Fernandes

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

No Junior Liturgy during the summer

Our Musicians are off for the summer break



KNIGHTS CORNER: It’s the middle of a hot summer, so what are your Knights up to? Well, we’re taking it a bit easy too, after our recent Executive elections and ratifying a new budget for 2025/26, and many Knights are enjoying summer fun with their families. What we have not stopped doing is engaging with our supported organizations. After our recent cheque presentation to them, the athletes of Special Olympics Kingston challenged your Knights to a bocce game this coming week, so we’d best prepare well; these athletes are very talented and strong competitors, all the while emphasizing that your best effort and having fun are most important. It’s not just handing out cheques with the Knights, it’s about supporting every facet of these wonderful organizations, interacting with them, and we receive as much joy as we generate. You want to get more involved in help in your community? Join the Knights, today!



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