

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2025

"Knock and the door will be opened to you."

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

Kathi Colwell & Susan

Knights of Columbus, 11670

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Parish Engagement

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Funeral Choir

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Sacramental Preparation

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

Today Jesus teaches us how to pray to our Heavenly Father with faith and persistence. We gather in community, giving thanks for all that we have received, and committing ourselves to pass on the Gospel of Christ to all we meet.

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Be persistent in prayer.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

God has forgiven our sins and given us the chance to come alive with Christ.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches us how to pray to Our Father and invites us to search for him – for the one who asks always receives.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 28 July

5:15 p.m. Intention of Abeba Redda – Yeshe Redda

Tuesday, 29 July

9:00 a.m. Clair & Wilma Kearns

Wednesday, 30 July

9:00 a.m. Mary Salisbury (1st Anniversary) – Heather Salisbury

Thursday, 31 July

9:00 a.m. Paul & Kathleen Bly – Peter Bly & Family

Friday, 1 August

5:15 p.m. Ken Stewart – Kay Stewart

Saturday, 2 August

5:15 p.m. Leona Cotnam (4th Anniversary) – Maureen Plunkett

Sunday, 3 August

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

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.

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; Angus & Marguerite Grant.

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.

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

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Lord, teach us to pray.

Today's readings are a profound invitation to deepen our relationship with God through prayer—persistent, trusting, bold, and intimate prayer.

In the first reading, we meet Abraham in conversation with God about the fate of Sodom. What's striking is Abraham's persistence and courage. He speaks with God like a friend—respectfully, but without fear.

He pleads not once or twice, but six times, asking God if He would spare the city for fewer and fewer righteous people. Abraham's prayer is intercessory—not for himself, but for others.

This teaches us something essential: Prayer is not only about our needs but about standing in the gap for others—our families, communities, nations, even our enemies. Do we dare to pray with such boldness and persistence for others today?

In the Gospel, the disciples come to Jesus with a humble request:

“Lord, teach us to pray.” And Jesus responds by giving them the Lord's Prayer—a prayer that is both personal (“Father”) and communal (“our daily bread”), heavenly (“hallowed be your name”) and earthly (“deliver us from evil”). But Jesus doesn't stop there. He tells a parable about a man who knocks on his friend's door at midnight asking for bread. Though the friend is reluctant, he eventually opens the door—because of the man's persistence. And Jesus concludes with a promise:

“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.” This is not just a motivational saying. It's a guarantee based on the goodness of God. Jesus assures us that if even flawed human parents know how to give good gifts, how much more will our heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him! So today, Jesus invites you to a life of deeper, more confident, and more honest prayer.

Like Abraham, dare to speak to God for others. Like the persistent friend, never give up knocking.

Like a child, trust in the goodness of the Father.

“Lord, teach us to pray.”

Amen.

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.

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:





St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

July – Rediscovering the Sacred Heart Devotion

The Sacred Heart devotion is a call to respond to His love with trust, prayer, and acts of charity, making our own hearts like His-full of love and mercy for others.

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.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS: The Kingston Diocesan Council of the CWL have requested the Mass on August 8, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. for the intentions of the members of the Ontario Provincial Council of the CWL. All are welcome to attend.

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. 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.

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

ST. RITA’S DROP-IN CENTRE Monday–Friday, 1:00–3:30 PM St. Mary’s Cathedral Outreach to the homeless and poor of the city. Providing safety, great food, showers, and good Christian hospitality and dignity. Inquiries: paty@stmaryscathedral.ca

Schedule for the weekends of August 2-3, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Sat. 2 Aug 5:15pm	M. Sivilotti J. Saunders	D. Lomboy L. Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart P. Scott A. Kelly D. Mazzolin
Sun. 3 Aug 9:00am	G. Lesperance J. Watts	C. Purcell M. Tudin	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet D. Khoueiry
Sun. 3 Aug 11:00am	V. Onwuliri C. Kavanaugh	T. Donoghue S. Boisvert	B. Krasna F. Asuncion A. Parmar D. Fernandes
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: R. McDonald			
No Junior Liturgy during the summer			
Our Musicians are off for the summer break			



KNIGHTS CORNER: You may recall that back in June, our Council presented \$1000 to Special Olympics Kingston to further assist with expenses related to training and competitions. At that time, they also challenged the Knights to come play bocce with them. We took them up on their offer this past week and five Knights spent an evening playing a sport new to them all. Thankfully, the wonderful athletes were very kind at teaching them the ropes, and each Knight was put on a team with Special Olympians to play a series of matches. What a simply fantastic and inspiring experience for all in attendance, reinforcing that with the Knights, it’s not just signing cheques and donating money – it is getting involved with our supported organizations to physically demonstrate our wishes for their continued success. We also think there are a few Knights considering building a bocce courts in their backyards... Being a Knight is about charity, unity, fraternity, and Patriotism. What’s not to like? Join the Knights!



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