

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 2025

*"Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth?"*

### 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

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Patrick Greenwood

### Parish Ministries

Finance Committee

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

Parish Pastoral Council

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Ministry to Sick & Homebound

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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

Parish Engagement

Mary Clancy

Funeral Choir

Shirley Kelliher

Junior Liturgy

Kelly Canning

Sacramental Preparation

Alison Bogle

Altar Servers

Kelly Canning

Music Ministry

Theresa Whalen-Witjes

Youth Choir

Sheila Fowler

### Parish Schools

St. Thomas More Catholic School - Sandra Fragosso, Principal

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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

## **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **August 17, 2025**

#### **Introduction**

The path to heaven is not paved with gold, nor with easy times. It is more akin to a race, and this is a race where we keep our eyes on Jesus, who endured suffering for our sakes, and stand up and are counted as his disciples.

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6; 8-10**

A prophet is rejected in his own land.

#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4**

To follow the Lord is to run the race, steadily, constantly, always with Jesus in our sights.

#### **Gospel: Luke 12:49-53**

Loyalty to our faith can mean paying a hard price.

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### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, 18 August**

5:15 p.m. Luigi Nuvoloni – Maria Nuvoloni

#### **Tuesday, 19 August**

9:00 a.m. Mario Castro – Judite Castro

#### **Wednesday, 20 August**

9:00 a.m. Francesco Cimellaro – Patricia Croxford

#### **Thursday, 21 August**

9:00 a.m. Olive Mary Holmes – Holmes Family

#### **Friday, 22 August**

5:15 p.m. Joan Hollingsworth – Lori Hollingsworth

#### **Saturday, 23 August**

5:15 p.m. Walter Nuvoloni – Nuvoloni Family

#### **Sunday, 24 August**

9:00 a.m. Intention of Pat Eardley – Roger & Susan Audet

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*Join our online Mass on Sunday, August 24 at 9:00 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; 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.*

**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.

## **Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

### **I have Come to bring Fire on the Earth**

Today's Gospel might catch us off guard. We are used to hearing Jesus speak of peace, mercy, forgiveness, and unity. But in this passage, He speaks of fire, baptism with suffering, and division—even among families. So what is Jesus saying here?

He is not speaking of violence or encouraging discord. Rather, He is revealing a deep spiritual truth:

The message of the Gospel is powerful, and it demands a response.

It confronts the human heart. It calls for change, for truth, for courage.

Jesus came to set the world on fire—with the fire of the Holy Spirit, the fire of love, the fire of truth, and the fire of conversion. But fire doesn't leave things untouched. It transforms. It purifies. It awakens.

And sometimes, when that fire begins to burn in someone's heart, not everyone will rejoice.

Why? Because the Gospel challenges our comfort. It challenges sin, selfishness, injustice, and false peace. When someone decides to follow Christ sincerely, even loved ones may not understand.

That's the "division" Jesus is talking about—not because He wants us to be separated, but because truth causes tension where lies have been comfortable. Light disturbs darkness.

This is not just an abstract idea. Many of us have experienced this personally.

Trying to live a life of faith—being honest, prayerful, chaste, just, forgiving—can sometimes create tension with friends, colleagues, even family. We may feel misunderstood, or even mocked.

But Jesus is telling us today: Do not be surprised. Do not be discouraged. This is part of the path of discipleship. He Himself faced this division. His own people rejected Him.

The cross was not a symbol of peace, but of radical love that divided those who accepted Him from those who refused.

### **Jubilee Year of Hope / September- Month of the Sacrament of Marriage**

On September 27-28, 2025 we welcome our parishioners that are celebrating significant milestone wedding anniversaries this Jubilee Year for a special acknowledgment during our weekend Masses. We had a number of couples who signed up a few months ago and it would be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage.

**THANK YOU** to Tom and Mary Miller for our beautiful gardens this year. Each year our grounds look amazing because of your hard work. We just need to pray for rain to keep our flowers blooming.

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## St. Joseph's Parish

### Jubilee Year 2025

#### August – Ministry and Outreach

*A parish is more than just a place of worship –  
it is a family of faith.*

#### **Exciting News! A New Ministry Is Here!** **Introducing the MINISTRY OF HOPE AND OUTREACH** **(A Jubilee Year of Hope Initiative)**

Dear Parish Family,

As we joyfully celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, we are thrilled to announce the launch of a new parish ministry that embodies the very heart of the Gospel—the Ministry of Hope and Outreach!

This ministry is born out of our parish's desire to be a light to the nations and a refuge for the weary, responding to the urgent needs of:

Refugees and asylum seekers looking for safety and welcome

Newcomers to our parish and immigrants finding their place in our community

The poor and homeless longing for dignity and care

The marginalized and forgotten yearning to be seen and loved

We believe that every person deserves hope—and you can help bring that hope to life!

#### **☐ Volunteers Needed!**

We invite YOU to join this mission of mercy! Whether you can offer your time, talents, prayers, or presence, there is a place for everyone.

Come be part of something deeply meaningful—help us build a parish where no one is left behind and all are welcomed as Christ.

Volunteer Sign-Up sheets can be found at the church entrances throughout the month of August or you can contact the parish office to sign up.

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” — Matthew 5:7*

Together, let's make this Jubilee Year a true season of hope for all.

**CENTRAL DEANERY HOLY YEAR CELEBRATION** On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sunday, September 14th, 3:30 pm, St. Mary's Cemetery. All are invited to participate in the pilgrimage at St. Mary's Cemetery, 718 Division Street, Kingston. The **Blessed Sacrament** will be carried in procession to the altar for **Adoration and Benediction**,

accompanied by the priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and all parishes, with banners, vested altar servers, CWL members wearing their scarves, KofC with their insignia. Those with mobility issues are invited to bring chairs and be seated near the altar, awaiting Our Lord's Eucharistic Presence. Hats and umbrellas are recommended for the weather. Parish Music Ministries will form the choir, leading the singing and serving the liturgy. This Deanery **Pilgrimage** provides the opportunity to praise and worship God in the Blessed Sacrament of **Christ's Body and Blood** and to receive the indulgences of Benediction, visiting the cemetery, and the Holy Year of Jubilee. May this Central Deanery celebration praise God and bless all who participate as **Pilgrims of Hope**. All are welcome.

#### **Community**

**OPUS DEI** Following Christ - our call to holiness in the middle of the world. An evening of reflection to help us transform daily work and relationships into opportunities to know and love God. Newcomers welcome. Come and go as you need. An Opus Dei activity for lay people ([opusdei.ca](http://opusdei.ca)).

Women's Recollection - Tues., Aug. 19 from 7- 9pm at St. Joseph's Church

Men's Recollection - Wed., Aug. 20 from 7-9 pm at Holy Family Church

#### **Schedule for the weekends of August 23-24, 2025**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
<b>Sat. 23 Aug 5:15pm</b>	Sr. N. Hurren H. Couto	D. Lomboy P. Rosales	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance A. Kelly
<b>Sun. 24 Aug 9:00am</b>	A. Ehi-Ekome N. Ehi-Ekome	A. MacKinnon G. Lesperance	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M. Turkington
<b>Sun. 24 Aug 11:00am</b>	R. McLaren F. Levesque	B. Oliveira T. Donoghue	J. McLaren F. Levesque J. Ferreira F. Asuncion

**Streaming of 9:00 a.m. Mass: D. Eardley**

**No Junior Liturgy during the summer**

**Our Musicians are off for the summer break**



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** Originally, the traditional concept of a “Knight” was a mounted soldier of high social standing, often of noble birth, who has been formally recognized with the title of knighthood by a sovereign or other authority, usually after a period of training. Historically, knights were elite soldiers, and in some cases, also took religious orders. In this day and age it can be anyone honoured for service, a chess piece or a sports team. To our knowledge, no one on our Council has noble birth, or has been knighted by a sovereign. But what we do have are 76 men, who want to enhance their spiritual experience by doing good in their parish, community, city and region, through works, deeds and donations exceeding \$30K each year to numerous critical charities. So the nobility in our case is our cause, not our birth. Join us today! Follow us on



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