

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2025

"And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God."

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

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

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Carol Kavanaugh

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

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Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

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Ministry at Extencicare

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Culture of Life

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Parish Engagement

Mary Clancy

Funeral Choir

Shirley Kelliher

Junior Liturgy

Kelly Canning

Sacramental Preparation

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Music Ministry

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

God's loving care for all peoples know no boundaries. Jesus invites us to take a narrow path in following him along the way of the kingdom.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

God intends to gather people together from all nations and cultures.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

God disciplines his children to help them grow.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus encourages his followers to enter his kingdom by the narrow path.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 25 August

5:15 p.m. Antonio Almeida – The Family

Tuesday, 26 August

9:00 a.m. Harry Ottenhof – Stephen Ottenhof

Wednesday, 27 August

9:00 a.m. Clair & Wilma Kearns

Thursday, 28 August

9:00 a.m. Elisio Ponte & Extended Family – Lidia Ponte

Friday, 29 August

5:15 p.m. Intention of William Schmitt – Bev Earle

Saturday, 30 August

5:15 p.m. Marilyn Anson – Pat & Renee Murphy

Sunday, 31 August

9:00 a.m. Venancio Dos-Santos – Henry Santos

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 Ron Price.

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; Mel Kane.

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

Strive to Enter through the Narrow Gate

When someone asked Jesus, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He did not give numbers but said, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." The narrow gate is Christ Himself – He is the way to eternal life. To enter, we must not only know about Him but live in a true relationship with Him, allowing His word to transform our lives.

Salvation is open to all people – east and west, north and south – but it is not automatic. It requires faith, repentance, and daily effort. To "strive" means to struggle like an athlete, making real choices for God even when difficult resisting sin, forgiving others, and standing for the truth.

The Lord warns that not everyone who says, "We know You" will enter. Familiarity with Jesus is not enough; what matters is a life of discipleship and love. The narrow gate may seem demanding, but it leads to joy – the banquet of God's kingdom.

Let us therefore not presume or delay, but strive each day to walk with Christ, the only gate that leads to life.

Amen.

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.

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.

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:





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.

COMMUNITY

OUR LADY OF DIVINE FIRE MISSION Guiding God's people to holiness, healing and freedom, and equipping them for mission. "Come and See" 3 Evenings - **Sep. 8, 15 and 22**. What do you seek? Deeper prayer. Divine Fire. Abiding Fruit. COME AND SEE for yourself. Experience the first three weeks of the Encounter School of Ministry at NO CHARGE and with NO OBLIGATION. Registration required. MORE than a Bible Study, the Encounter School is a place to journey together with like-minded believers to EXPERIENCE the transforming POWER of the GOSPEL for holiness, healing, freedom and mission. Classes are held **Monday evenings (6:15 – 9:30 pm)** at **St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall, 1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston**. Register now and receive a free copy of "Supernatural Saints" by Patrick Reis: <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/2025-come-and-see>

CWL/KNIGHT MEMBERS Join us for Declutter Donation Day on Saturday, **October 18** in support of St. Rita's weekday Drop-In Shelter meal program and Veronica's Veil, the Winter Overnight Men's Shelter across from St. Mary's Cathedral. Where: **Mercedes-Benz Kingston** Time: **10 AM – 2 PM**. Bring a large green garbage bag of gently used items from your home, cottage, or garage. Stay in your car – we'll unload it for you! The more bags/boxes you bring, the more chances you have to win a prize basket worth **\$500!**

Visit us on Facebook @ Declutter Donation Day to share the event with friends and family! Can't donate items but want to support the cause? Monetary donations in your name or in memory of a loved one are warmly welcomed. Donation Options: Via St. Mary's Cathedral: Cheque payable to *St Mary's Cathedral*, mailed to 279 Johnson St, Kingston, ON K7L 1Y5 or donate online: stmaryscathedral.ca/give Please write "Declutter Donation Day 2025" in the memo. Via St. Paul the Apostle Parish: Cheque payable to *Saint Paul the Apostle*, mailed to 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd, Kingston, ON K7M 8G8 E-transfer to: donations@stpaulkingston.com Memo: "Declutter Donation Day 2025"

Schedule for the weekends of August 30-31, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Sat. 30 Aug 5:15pm	C. Jones S. Ottenhof	L. Bickerstaffe M. Thomas	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance A. Kelly
Sun. 31 Aug 9:00am	P. Evaristo G. Lesperance	L. Orellano C. Purcell	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet P. Oliquano
Sun. 31 Aug 11:00am	S. Boisvert B. Ows	R. McLaren F. Levesque	J. McLaren F. Levesque J. Ferreira F. Asuncion
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 not always about donating cheques to local charities. It's not always about engaging with our supported organizations, cleaning up Birthright's offices or their lot, or playing bocce with Special Olympians. Sometimes it's about doing the right thing "at home" and helping out within the confines of St. Joseph's. Your Knights have already donated \$30,000 to the Parish Hall expansion project and are also proceeding with renovation projects in the Church Rectory over the summer: building a privacy screen on the patio off the rectory kitchen and renovating two bathrooms in the rectory – Your Knights will provide the manpower for these three projects in our constant effort to support our church, Pastor and any other clergy who might use the rectory. Enjoy getting your hands dirty in pursuit of an improvement? Then join the Knights! Follow us on Facebook at St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670, Kingston!

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