

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **August 3, 2025**

"Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

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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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

Today, Jesus warns us against complacency. We shouldn't put off acts of kindness until tomorrow when we can do them today.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

"There are no pockets in a shroud."

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Christians should not categorize people: "Christ is all, and in all."

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

A rich man planned to enjoy his wealth but he'd not prepared for his death.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 4 August

5:15 p.m. Jose Quintana – Mabuhay Pilipino Canadian Association

Tuesday, 5 August

9:00 a.m. Peter Goudreau

Wednesday, 6 August

9:00 a.m. Lucy Fiorentino Murano – Alison Bogle

Thursday, 7 August

9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving for John Devette – Anette Devette

Friday, 8 August

5:15 p.m. Intention of Catholic Women's League Ontario Provincial Council – CWL Kingston Diocesan Council

Saturday, 9 August

5:15 p.m. Antonio Medeiros – Rosemary & Hermano Couto

Sunday, 10 August

9:00 a.m. Luc Richard – Chantal Richard & Family
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 & BOOKS Bulletin activity sheets for children can be found at the main entrance as well as a few free children's booklets. A new children's library has been added inside the main entrance.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Vanity of Vanities! All is Vanity

Today's readings confront us with one of life's most uncomfortable truths: the fleeting nature of earthly possessions. They challenge us to examine what we are living for—and what we're willing to die for. Are we striving for treasure that perishes, or treasure that endures?

The first reading from Ecclesiastes seems dark: "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity!" The author, traditionally seen as Solomon, reflects on the futility of accumulating wealth and wisdom when, in the end, we leave everything behind. It's a sobering reminder that worldly achievements alone do not satisfy the human soul.

We often think that if we work harder, earn more, or get more recognition, then we'll be happy. But Ecclesiastes reminds us: life without God is empty.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. Instead of thanking God or sharing with others, he builds bigger barns to store his excess, saying, "Eat, drink, and be merry!" But God calls him a fool and says, "This very night your life will be demanded of you."

Notice: the man isn't condemned for being rich, but for placing his security in wealth and excluding God from his plans. He lived for himself, not for God or for others.

How easy it is to become like that man in today's consumerist world—obsessed with storing up goods, worried about success, yet forgetting eternity. Jesus' warning is clear: "So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

May the Eucharist we receive today fill us with what truly lasts—God's grace, God's love, and the joy of being rich toward Him. Amen.

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. St Joseph's CWL members are encouraged to attend this CWL mass if possible. • CWL Members and Parishioners, you are encouraged to review the two Poster Boards that are located at the back of the church for the month of August. The first Poster Board highlights August as the Month to honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary, including some beautiful prayers to Mary, our Mother. The second Poster Board focuses on St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year Actions by highlighting in August, the Establishment of a **Ministry of Hope** that will help to create a warm and inviting environment where all can journey together in hope, by connecting, participating, enriching their lives and deepening their faith.

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:





St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

August – Ministry and Outreach

Extend a Warm Welcome – Ensure every new parishioner feels embraced and valued from the moment they arrive.

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.

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. Forms available at the welcoming desk at the main entrance of the church.

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

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

Schedule for the weekends of August 9-10, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Sat. 9 Aug 5:15pm	S. Ottenhof H. Couto	M. Thomas Sr. L. Kearney	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin A. Kelly R. Lachance
Sun. 10 Aug 9:00am	J. Watts M. Marcial	A. MacKinnon L. Orellano	I. Stewart M. Turkington R. Audet F. Cuvelier
Sun. 10 Aug 11:00am	F. Levesque R. McLaren	C. Kavanaugh K. Colwell	J. McLaren J. Akhtar J. Ferreira F. Asuncion
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: M. Muise			
No Junior Liturgy during the summer			
Our Musicians are off for the summer break			



KNIGHTS CORNER: Partners in Mission Food Bank has a fairly straightforward mission: "To provide nourishment, hope and support in our community with an opportunity for all to share."

Monetary and food donations help nourish local families by providing groceries. Being the food distribution centre for this area, they in turn donate surplus provisions to local hot meal and shelter programs in the Kingston area. They are a highly needed mainstay in our City for those who are challenged in accessing nutritious food. It's for those reasons and more our Council is so proud to have them amongst our supported organizations and we were happy to drop by recently with our most recent donation of \$3000. Back in January, the City of Kingston declared food insecurity an emergency and called for immediate action, including increased provincial funding for school food programs, higher social assistance rates, and the establishment of a Guaranteed Liveable Basic Income. Until all of those things occur, we can best help this way - why not join us and help out too?

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