

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2025

*"When you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled,
the lame, the blind."*

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 Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.;
(closed 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.)
Susan Lett, Parish Secretary

Parish Organizations

Catholic Women's League

Kathi Colwell & Susan

Conway Williamson

Knights of Columbus, 11670

Patrick Greenwood

Parish Ministries

Finance Committee

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

Parish Pastoral Council

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Carol Kavanaugh

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Chris Jones & Monna

Splinter

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

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Ministry at Extending Care

Mary Clancy

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Sacristans

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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

Alison Bogle

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Kelly Canning

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Youth Choir

Sheila Fowler

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

We are invited today to live humbly and to serve others. We are reminded that faithfulness to God means being kind and generous towards those who are often overlooked and marginalized.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

Be humble in all you do, and you will be loved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Jesus makes a new promise of his love for poor and oppressed people.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus teaches us about humility and generosity. He shows the importance of helping those who are often overlooked and marginalized, reflecting God's love and grace.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 1 September

5:15 p.m. Manuel Lim – Rosita Lim

Tuesday, 2 September

9:00 a.m. Venancio Dos-Santos (1st Anniversary) –
Bernadette Mendes

Wednesday, 3 September

9:00 a.m. Paul Dowling – Michele Sova

Thursday, 4 September

9:00 a.m. Antonio Sellitto – Jim & Cathy Ryan

Friday, 5 September

5:15 p.m. Resurrection Lianza – Ress Young

Saturday, 6 September

5:15 p.m. For Healing

Sunday, 7 September

9:00 a.m. Immacolata Garofalo – Maria Agostinelli
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 Angus Grant.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna V.; Rob Hearst; Barbara Anne Caron; Doreen Saunders; Brian Begbie; Richard Devette; Kent Hawley; Bruce Johnson; Chuck Scott; Joan Bryan; Larry Rochefort; Margaret Kennedy; Carol McKeown; Marguerite Grant; Mel Kane; Christina Kennedy.

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

Humility that welcomes God's blessing

When Jesus went to dine in the house of a Pharisee, He noticed how people rushed for the best seats, the places of honor. His gentle story about choosing the lowest place was not simply about table manners; it was a lesson about life itself. Pride makes us strive for recognition, for visibility, for control. But humility teaches us to be at peace with who we are before God, to know that everything we have is His gift, and to treat others as equally loved by Him.

Humility does not mean pretending to be small or denying our talents. It means living in truth — recognizing that our gifts are not ours to boast about, but to serve others with. The humble person does not think less of himself; he simply thinks of himself less. And in that way, he makes space for God to lift him up in His time.

If we are honest, each of us has experienced that scramble for the “front seat” in one way or another. At work, we desire recognition. In our families, we want our voices to be the loudest. Even in the Church, we sometimes want our ministries, our choirs, our donations to be noticed. Jesus reminds us that when we live this way, we risk being humbled by life itself. Failures, sickness, disappointments — these remind us that we are not gods, but children dependent on the Father.

Today's Gospel invites us to examine ourselves. Do I secretly crave recognition more than service? Do I become defensive when corrected? Do I treat those who have nothing to give me with the same love and dignity as those who can offer something in return? Humility is not tested by how we behave before those above us, but by how we treat those who are below us in status, wealth, or influence.

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, 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

'Welcome the stranger.' (Matthew 25:35)

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League will hold their General Meeting on **Monday September 8 2025 at 7pm**. Because of construction of the Parish Hall the meeting will be held at the Diocesan Centre across the parking lot from St. Joseph's Church. Our Speaker will be Sebastian Gomes Executive Editor of AMERICA, The Jesuit Review Of Faith And Culture. He will be speaking about The Implementation Phase of the Synodal Process. All CWL Members and Parishioners are welcome to attend.

ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH PARKING LOT Please avoid using the northeast entrance (hall side entrance) while driving into our parking lot. With the construction of the parish hall there will be a number of construction vehicles and equipment parked in this area. For your safety, please use the other two entrances.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH LIFE CHAIN will take place after the 11am Mass on Sunday Oct. 5th followed by a potluck lunch on the lawn. Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Abortion kills children" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. As Our Lord asked of His disciples: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mk 14:37) All parishioners are invited to participate.

JUBILEE MASS FOR RETIRED PRIEST AND FORMER PASTORS, ASSOCIATES AND DEACONS On October 9, 2025 join us to celebrate our priest and clergy who have served the Archdiocese and in our parish over the years at a special Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Parish. Note the 9:00 a.m. Mass on October 9th will be cancelled. All are welcome to attend.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN COLLECTION UPDATE A letter from Archbishop Mulhall detailing an update on the 2025 Lenten Collection with attached list of agencies selected for donation is available at the entrance of the church or on our website.

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 September 7-8, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 7 Sept 5:15pm	Sr. N.Hurren Sr.LKearney	M. Thomas J. Saunders	I.Stewart R. Lachance A. Kelly D. Mazzolin	TBD
Sun. 8 Sept 9:00am	S. Balemba D. Balemba	J. Kane M. Marcial	F. Cuvelier M.Turkington R. Audet I. Stewart	Megan
Sun. 8 Sept 11:00am	V. Onwuliri R.McDonald	K. Colwell C.Kavanaugh	B. Krasna F. Asuncion A. Parmar D.Fernandes	Choir

Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: R. McDonald

Junior Liturgy: TBD



KNIGHTS CORNER: As with anything, it all starts with one small step. In this case, you don't even have to leave your home or get up! You just navigate to <https://ontariokofc.ca/online-membership/> and fill in the form, asking to be a part of St. Joseph's Council 11670. That's it – not so hard, is it? Then you can be like thousands and thousands of other Catholic men who have chosen to take their faith and put it into action to help their church, their parish, and their community. With our Council you can take part in giving out over \$30,000 annually to local charities, and supporting parish initiatives like the hall expansion. The time is now!



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