

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025

"No servant can serve two masters."

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

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

In today's readings we are warned against putting too much trust in money and material things. Rather, our concern should be how best to help those poorer than ourselves.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The Lord will not forget any exploitation of the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

We should pray everywhere and for everyone.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

You cannot serve God and money.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 22 September

5:15 p.m. Richard Mallen – Noreen Mallen

Tuesday, 23 September

9:00 a.m. Lorbetskie & Villeneuve Families – Angela Lorbetskie

Wednesday, 24 September

9:00 a.m. Martin Cinzar – The Family

Thursday, 25 September

9:00 a.m. Anna (11th Anniversary) and Mario Valconi (37th Anniversary) – Luciana Carfa

Friday, 26 September

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

Saturday, 27 September

5:15 p.m. Peter Goudreau – Roger & Susan Audet

Sunday, 28 September

9:00 a.m. Fernanda Dias – Roger & Susan Audet
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; 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; Gerry Wright; Murray Wood; Johanna Klaassen.

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.

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.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

The Strange Parable

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a dishonest steward. At first, it shocks us. How can Jesus use a corrupt man as an example?

But He is not praising dishonesty. He is pointing out something else: this steward knew how to act decisively to secure his future.

And then Jesus looks at us and asks: Do you act decisively for eternity? Do you use what you have now—time, talents, resources—to prepare for heaven?

The steward used money to make friends for tomorrow. We are called to use money and possessions to build love, to help the poor, to support the needy, so that when this life ends, there will be friends in heaven welcoming us.

Jesus leaves us with a question that cuts to the heart: “You cannot serve both God and mammon.” This is not about choosing poverty over wealth, but about choosing our master. Money is a tool, but never a god. Possessions are blessings, but never the center of life.

So I ask myself:

Do I serve God with my wealth, or do I serve wealth while pretending to serve God?

If my bank account, my career, my possessions were stripped away—would I still feel secure in the Lord?

Today's readings are not about condemning money—they are about freeing the heart.

Only one Master can give us peace. Only one Master can raise us from the dust. Only one Master offers eternal treasure.

Let us take a moment of silence in our hearts and pray:

Lord, teach me to use the things of this world wisely. Help me never to be a slave of money, but to be free for love, for service, and for You. Amen.

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.

PARISH WASHROOMS The parish hall washroom is now closed due to our parish hall renovations. Please use the washrooms at the main entrance. Sorry for any inconvenience.

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:



St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025



September – Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage in the Church is not just about a ceremony-it is about inviting God into your love story and receiving His strength and guidance for the journey ahead.

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S LEAGUE NEWS The CWL Executive Meeting will occur on Monday September 22 at 7:00pm in Room A of the Pastoral Diocesan Centre. • A big thank you to all the CWL members and parishioners who participated in the Central Deanery's Jubilee Year Celebration that occurred at St Mary's Cemetery on Sunday, September 14, 2025. It was such a joyful time of prayer and pilgrimage walk. • There is a **"Rally to End Corporate Abuse"** happening in Ottawa on Friday, September 26 at Parliament Hill. Consider joining the CNCA (*Canadian Network for Corporate Accountability*) in support of the ongoing campaign for **Corporate Due Diligence Legislation**.

SEPTEMBER - JUBILEE MONTH OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE In the spirit of the Jubilee year, in the month of September, our parish joyfully invites all married couples in our parish to join in a special Thanksgiving Mass at all the weekend Masses.

Date: September 27/28

Time: 5:15PM, 9:00AM and 11AM

Venue: St Joseph's Church

During this Mass, married couples will receive a special blessing of marriage before God and the community. This is a moment of gratitude for the gift of marriage, and a joyful witness to the love that binds families together.

Couples are encouraged to attend with their families.

"What God has joined together, let no one separate." (Mark 10:9) Let us come together to celebrate the beauty of marriage and pray for couples in our community!

NOTICE REGARDING THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD THIEF (ST. DISMAS), PORTSMOUTH VILLAGE, KINGSTON

The Archdiocese of Kingston, through its Diocesan Building & Property Committee, has been mandated to divest of the Church of the Good Thief property. In doing so, preference will be given to a local buyer who will respect the heritage of the property and repurpose it in harmony with the Portsmouth community and, more broadly, with Kingston's historical character. If you or someone you know may be interested in assuming ownership of this historic church, please contact:

Kenneth Hall, Chancellor of Temporal Affairs, Archdiocese of Kingston 613-548-4461 chancellortemporal@archkingston.ca

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, which we pray at Mass daily. 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

EN: PAROISSE FRANÇOIS D'ASSISE is hosting a French-language retreat entitled "Encounter the Lord" on **October 4th, 2025, 8:30am - 1:30pm**. The day will include mass, Eucharistic Adoration, reflections on the Kerygma, and opportunity for Confession. Please note the day will be in French only. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Jackie Litalien by **September 26th** by email: secretariat@stfrancoisassise.ca

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. Chances you have to win a prize basket worth **\$500!** Visit us on Facebook @ Declutter Donation Day, for more information and to share the event with friends and family! Monetary donations are warmly welcomed.

Schedule for the weekends of September 27-28, 2025

| | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Ushers | Music |
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| Sat. 27 Sept 5:15pm | Sr. L.Kearney M.McLaughlin | L.Bickerstaffe D. Lomboy | I.Stewart R. Lachance A. Kelly D. Mazzolin | Stacy & Tim |
| Sun. 28 Sept 9:00am | J. Watts M. Addai | D. Balemba S. Balemba | I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet D. Khoueiry | Megan |
| Sun. 28 Sept 11:00am | V. Onwuliri B. Tezem | K. Colwell T. Donoghue | B. Krasna F. Asuncion A. Parmar D.Fernandes | Choir |

Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: D. Eardley

Junior Liturgy: H. Gencarelli



KNIGHTS CORNER: The Ministry of Veronica's Veil Overnight Shelter at St. Mary's Cathedral is based on the Sixth Station of the Cross "Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus", where Jesus asks us: "Can you be brave enough, my other self, to wash my bloody face? Where is my face you ask; in the slums; on the streets wherever suffering exists and there I look to you to wipe away my blood and tears." Following his words and example, our Knights are ardent supporters of Veronica's Veil, which provides overnight respite from the elements for unhoused men during winter months. Our Knights volunteer for shifts "at the Veil" and recently presented our annual donation of \$2000, as we ready ourselves for shifts through the nights. You can help the Veil too, in many ways. <https://stmaryscathedral.ca/veronicas-veil/> Join us today in helping those dealing with housing challenges.life. Join the Knights today to help in providing that! Follow us on Facebook at St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670, Kingston!



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