

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

*"Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love,
steadfastness, gentleness."*

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

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Catholic Women's League

Kathi Colwell & Susan

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Junior Liturgy

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

Today's readings are not for the faint-hearted; they tell us that faith is of little value unless it is reflected in the way we live our lives..

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet denounces those who live in idleness and luxury without a thought for anyone in need.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul advises a young Christian leader to witness to the truth by conducting himself irreproachably.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus challenges the indifference of certain rich people towards the poor. He tells an unsettling parable in which someone used to preferential treatment eventually found the tables turned!

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 29 September

5:15 p.m. Marie Mullin (4th Anniversary) – Terry Holmes

Tuesday, 30 September

9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving – Annette Devette

Wednesday, 1 October

9:00 a.m. Amado Marcial – Alison Bogle

Thursday, 2 October

9:00 a.m. William (Bill) Rivers – Krasna Family

Friday, 3 October

5:15 p.m. Peter Goudreau (1st Anniversary)

Saturday, 4 October

5:15 p.m. Sr. Mary Ellen Killeen (11th Anniversary) – Brenda Murphy

Sunday, 5 October

9:00 a.m. Venancio Dos-Santos – Helena Dos-Santos & 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; 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.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Seeing the Lazarus at our Gate

The Gospel today gives us the story of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man dressed well and feasted every day, while Lazarus, poor and sick, lay at his gate longing for scraps. Notice: the rich man was not condemned because he was rich, but because he closed his heart to the suffering right in front of him. His sin was not cruelty, but indifference.

Lazarus, whose very name means “God helps,” had no one else, yet God did not forget him. He who was despised on earth was carried by angels into heaven. Meanwhile, the rich man who had everything but failed to love found himself in torment. The great reversal reminds us that God's justice sees what the world often ignores.

This parable speaks to us today. Who is the Lazarus at my gate? Perhaps it is the hungry family, the lonely neighbor, the homeless person, the elderly person who feels forgotten, or even someone in my own home in need of attention and love. The question is: do I see them, or do I look away?

Abraham tells the rich man: “They have Moses and the prophets; let them listen to them.” We too have the Word of God, the Gospel, and the teaching of the Church. We don't need a miracle or a vision to change our lives—God has already spoken. The time to act with love and mercy is now.

Brothers and sisters, let us pray for eyes that see and hearts that respond. May we never walk past the Lazarus at our door, but instead recognize in them the face of Christ, so that one day, like Lazarus, we too may be carried by angels into God's eternal embrace.

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.

ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH PARKING LOT Please avoid using the northeast entrance (hall side entrance) when entering the parking lot during construction of the parish hall.

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St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025



September – Sacrament of Marriage

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us walk together in faith, embracing the fullness of God's plan for our lives.

and ecology in whose honour we hold this celebration. All are welcome.

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 October 4-5, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 4 Oct 5:15pm	M. Sivilotti M. MacVicar	J. Saunders M. Thomas	I. Stewart R. Lachance A. Kelly D. Mazzolin	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 5 Oct 9:00am	M. Castro M. Marcial	G. Lesperance M. Tudin	F. Cuvelier M. Turkington P. Oliquano R. Audet	Megan
Sun. 5 Oct 11:00am	R. McDonald V. Onwuliri	F. Levesque R. McLaren	B. Krasna F. Asuncion A. Parmar D. Fernandes	Choir
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: D. Stadig				
Junior Liturgy: T. Castro				



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. Join the Knights today to help in providing that!



Follow us on Facebook at St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670, Kingston!

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S LEAGUE NEWS St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League will be holding their General Meeting Monday, October 6 at 7:00 pm at the Pastoral Centre across the parking lot from the Church. Kiegan Irish the Animator for Northern and Eastern Ontario for Development and Peace Caritas Canada. He will be speaking about "Turning Debt into Hope" essentially about Forgiving the Debt that poor Southern Countries owe to Rich Countries. All CWL Members and All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS Join us for our CWL Meeting on Monday, October 6 at 7:00 pm. at the Pastoral Centre across the parking lot from the Church as we welcome Kiegan Irish. See further information above under CWL News.

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.

PARISH JUBILEE MASS CELEBRATING RELIGIOUS LIFE AND SERVICE Join us on October 19th at 11:00 a.m. Mass to celebrate and honour the Religious Sisters in our Parish and 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

COMMUNITY

BLESSING FOR PETS - On Sunday, October 5th at 1 pm in front of Holy Family Church, 200 Weller Avenue in Kingston, we are holding the annual **blessing for pets** with Friars Reto and David Collins. October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the environment, animals

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