

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 7, 2025**

*"Any one of you who does not renounce all
that he has cannot be my disciple."*

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

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

Today's readings, especially the Gospel, present us with a huge challenge: the ways of God are strange to us, and with our ordinary way of thinking, we may find it impossible to make sense of God's way of seeing and doing things. But the Holy Spirit is our guide and helps us to think and act according to the mind of God.

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18, 40

God's thinking and ours are not the same. We are given the gift of discernment by the Holy Spirit, but this comes from daily prayer and the humility to know that we need God's guidance.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10; 12-17

In a very personal letter revealing his own feelings, Paul appeals to Philemon on behalf of his runaway slave, Onesimus. Paul argues cannily but wisely leaves the way open for Philemon to freely make his own choice.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus' words remind us that God has a different way of seeing things, and God's wisdom is beyond ours.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 8 September

5:15 p.m. Audrey Lacey & Joanne Ellieff

Tuesday, 9 September

9:00 a.m. Humberto & Fernanda Dais – Manuel & Yasmin Dias

Wednesday, 10 September

9:00 a.m. Carlo Mussari – Sandra Skebo

Thursday, 11 September

9:00 a.m. Luigi Nuvoloni (7th Anniversary) – Angus & Marguerite Grant

Friday, 12 September

5:15 p.m. Morrie-Anne Mignault – Susan Conway
Williamson & Glen Williamson & Family

Saturday, 13 September

5:15 p.m. Intention of Al & Irene Freundorfer on their
40th Wedding Anniversary – The Family

Sunday, 14 September

9:00 a.m. Walter Nuvoloni – Maria Nuvoloni
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.

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

The Cost of Discipleship

The Gospel today may sound shocking at first. Jesus tells us that unless we "hate" father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—and even our own life—we cannot be His disciples. Surely Jesus is not asking us to despise the people we love most! What He is saying is that to follow Him, our love for God must come first, above every other attachment, above every other loyalty, even above our own comfort.

Discipleship is costly. It is not a casual commitment. That is why Jesus gives two examples: a man building a tower and a king going to battle. Both need to count the cost before starting. Following Christ is like that. It requires planning, courage, and above all, surrender.

Discipleship is demanding, but it is also freeing. When Christ is first, everything else falls into its rightful place. Families are stronger, not weaker. Friendships are deeper, not shallower. Life has meaning, even when it carries a cross.

Jesus tells us today: Count the cost—but also see the reward. For when we walk with Him, we walk the path of life, the way of the cross that leads to resurrection.

Let us pray for the grace to put Christ first, to follow Him with courage, and to trust that with Him, even our heaviest burdens become light.

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, 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 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.

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St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025



September – Sacrament of Marriage

"Marriage is a life-long project, a journey made up of many stages, and the couple's gaze must be fixed ahead." Pope Francis

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:

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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.

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.

OUR LADY OF DIVINE FIRE MISSION "Come and See" 3 Evenings - **Sep. 8, 15 and 22.** Deeper prayer. Divine Fire. Abiding Fruit. Experience the first three weeks of the Encounter School of Ministry at NO CHARGE and with NO OBLIGATION. Registration required. 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>

COMMUNITY

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 13-14, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 13 Sept 5:15pm	M. McLaughlin C. Jones	D. Lomboy B. Oliveira	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance A. Kelly	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 14 Sept 9:00am	A. Ehi-Ekome N. Ehi-Ekome	M. Tudin C. Purcell	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier P. Oliquano M. Turkington	Megan
Sun. 14 Sept 11:00am	B. Ows B. Tezem	R. McLaren F. Levesque	J. McLaren J. Ferreira F. Levesque D. Fernandes	Choir

Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: M. Muise

Junior Liturgy: TBD



KNIGHTS CORNER: It's hard to believe that September is already upon us and the summer seemed to fly by. Your Knights of Columbus are getting ready for the school year by making preparations to help out at our supported schools. Knights will use their BBQ and cooking skills at St. Paul Catholic School at their "Welcome Back" event 18th September between 4:30 and 7:00. We will also be supporting a similar event at St. Thomas More with details to be confirmed. Our Knights truly enjoy these opportunities to interact with the youth of the diocese, and show our support and thanks to the hard working and dedicated teachers and staff. If you believe that helping out in Catholic schools fosters an enhanced community based and supported educational mindset, then you should join us!



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