

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

"The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus..."

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.)
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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

It has been said, “Blessed are those who know their need of God”. We humbly recognize that we rely on God’s help every day.

First Reading: Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

God hears humble prayer.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

God’s faithfulness is keenly felt by those who devotedly witness to the Kingdom.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells a story of two very different approaches to prayer in the Temple: a Pharisee boasts while a tax-collector begs for mercy.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 27 October

5:15 p.m. Alex Mahoney Antonowicz – Lenna Sonnevelde

Tuesday, 28 October

9:00 a.m. Richard Knapton Sr. – Shirley Kelliher

Wednesday, 29 October

9:00 a.m. Amado Marcial – Fernando & Lorna Asuncion

Thursday, 30 October

9:00 a.m. Johannes Hanna Asfur – Hani Asfur

Friday, 31 October

5:15 p.m. Intention of Virginia & Thomas Dunn – Rowena & Michael Strong

Saturday, 1 November

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Marcial & Capili Families – Marietta Marcial

Sunday, 2 November

9:00 a.m. All Souls

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.

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; Joan Bryan; Larry Rochefort; Margaret Kennedy; Carol McKeown; Murray Wood; Ecarterina Sandu; Gregory Holmes; Don Turner.

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 Measure of True Prayer

Today, the Word of God invites us to enter into the mystery of true prayer — the kind of prayer that touches the very heart of God. Last Sunday, Jesus urged us to “pray always and never lose heart.” This Sunday, He teaches us how to pray rightly. The question before us is not simply Do I pray? but How do I pray? Do I approach God like the Pharisee, confident in my own goodness and merits, or like the tax collector, aware of my need for mercy?

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents two men who go up to the temple to pray. Both are religious men, both believe in God, but only one truly encounters Him. The Pharisee stands confidently, reciting his virtues before the Lord: he fasts, he tithes, he is not like other men. But notice what Jesus says — he “prayed with himself.” His words, though directed to God, were really about himself. His prayer was a mirror, not a window. It reflected his pride instead of opening him to grace. The tax collector, by contrast, stands at a distance. He cannot even raise his eyes to heaven. With one hand beating his chest, he whispers the simplest and most sincere prayer in all of Scripture: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” And Jesus declares that it was this man who went home justified.

This parable holds up a mirror to our own hearts. We may come to church each Sunday, we may pray the rosary, we may do good works — and all these are good. But if we do them to prove our righteousness rather than to express our love for God, our prayer risks becoming like that of the Pharisee. The Lord does not need our boasting; He desires our honesty. What matters is not how impressive our prayer sounds, but how real it is. When we come before God with empty hands and a contrite heart, we allow Him to fill us with His grace. The most beautiful prayer we can ever offer is not “I thank you that I am not like others,” but “Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Humility, then, is the soul of prayer.

And so, dear friends, as we come to this Eucharist, let us allow the words of the tax collector to become our own: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” Let this be the rhythm of our hearts — in prayer, in work, in joy, and in pain. For the prayer that pleases God most is not polished or perfect, but honest. It is the prayer of a heart that knows its weakness and trusts completely in divine mercy.

JUBILEE HEALING MASS AND ADORATION This Jubilee Year for the month of November, we will be focusing on the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. On November 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., there will be a s Healing Mass with anointing of the sick, and the suffering. Following the Mass there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Worship and Confessions. This is an opportunity to reclaim the beauty of this sacrament, bringing hope and healing to those in need. Bring your faith, family and friends to receive healing and grace.

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October – Sacrament of Holy Orders

*Appreciating Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life
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Gather & Grow: Our Hall's Next Chapter

There is a significant amount of work going on at the church as we excitedly watch the Parish Hall Expansion Project come to fruition. As we come together and watch our parish grow, there is an increased sense of community and family as we observe the progress. Following the masses on 1st and 2nd November, there will be an announcement on how you can support the Hall's next chapter.

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S LEAGUE NEWS · The CWL Executive Meeting is being held on Monday October 27, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Pastoral Diocesan Centre, Room A. Highlights from the Diocesan Presidents' Meeting will be shared and planning for upcoming events will occur.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION Parents Meeting November 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. For further information is available at the main entrance and to register visit our website www.stjosephskingston.ca REGISTRATION CLOSES OCT 31, 2025.

COMMUNITY

COAT DRIVE Looking for a way to help those struggling? With the colder weather approaching and the increasing number of homeless in our community St. Rita's Drop-In Center at St. Mary's Cathedral is collecting winter coats, boots, scarves, hats, toques, gloves, mitts, or backpacks. Donations can be dropped off at the Drop-In Center on Brock Street Monday to Friday between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. or email coatdrive@stmaryscathedral.ca for pickup.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & CRAFT SHOW Saturday, November 22, 2025 10 am - 3 pm at Mary Campeau Memorial Hall, 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd, Kingston Come join us for our Christmas Bazaar & Craft Show featuring vendor tables, bling, plants, books & puzzles, Christmas gifts, crafts, bake sale and more!

BLESSED SACRAMENT SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR

3 Briscoe Street, Amherstview Saturday, November 15 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Join us for a festive day featuring local crafters, a Bake Table, Christmas Shoppe, fun Children's Activities, a Soup 'n Sweets luncheon, and a tempting Pie Table!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Birthright is looking for committed volunteers to help at the office. We need your help to assist women facing difficulties due to pregnancy. Time commitment is 2 and a half hours per week. Training is provided. Please call or email for more information - 613-546-5433 or info@kingstonbirthright.ca

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE November 30, 2025 St. Francis of Assisi School (Weller Ave, Kingston) Vendors are welcome to participate. The cost is \$25 per spot, and a table and chairs will be provided. To reserve a spot, contact Sandy Murchie at 613-548-3761 or by email orangeladybug99@yahoo.ca

Schedule for the weekends of November 1-2, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 1 Nov 5:15pm	Sr. N. Hurren M. Sivilotti	P. Rosales Sr.L.Kearney	TBD	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 2 Nov 9:00am	M. Addai A.MacKinnon	C. Purcell M. Marcial	TBD	Megan
Sun. 2 Nov 11:00am	R. McDonald C.Kavanaugh	S. Boisvert B. Tezem	TBD	Choir
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: S. Fragosso				
Junior Liturgy: T. Castro				



KNIGHTS CORNER: There are indeed exciting times in the parish these days. One can't get close to St. Joseph's without noticing the significant amount of work going on inside and outside the Parish Hall as the expansion project continues, and on time to boot. Your Knights are keen supporters of this project and have already committed \$30,000 to it, with the promise of more. Further, Knights have joined the Parish Hall Fundraising Committee, a subset of the Finance Committee, to help raise funds to cover costs. You'll be hearing from the fundraisers soon, and learning all manner of ways that you can help, from small to large gestures. Why? Because it's all about keeping up and modernizing "our house" to carry St. Joseph's into another 60 years. Want to help? Easy – join us! So simple to do so, and we'll even pay your first-year dues.



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