

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**October 5, 2025**

*"The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."*

### **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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### **Parish Ministries**

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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

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### **Introduction**

We're well into this Jubilee year as Pilgrims of Hope. If we feel ourselves getting weary, today's reading will help to encourage us.

### **First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2-4**

A faithful heart will not give up.

### **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**

You have been trusted to look after something precious.

### **Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

We have done no more than our duty.

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### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, 6 October**

5:15 p.m. Intention of Colleen Krasna – Ben Krasna

#### **Tuesday, 7 October**

9:00 a.m. Peter Goudreau

#### **Wednesday, 8 October**

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

#### **Thursday, 9 October**

11:00 a.m. Felice Giacomello – The Family

#### **Friday, 10 October**

5:15 p.m. Ron Smith – Poirier Family

#### **Saturday, 11 October**

5:15 p.m. Grace Neddow (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) – The Family

#### **Sunday, 12 October**

9:00 a.m. Theresa Murphy (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Brenda Murphy

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*Join our online Mass on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. visit [www.stjosephskingston.ca](http://www.stjosephskingston.ca).*

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Johanna Klaassen.

### **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; Gerry Wright; Murray Wood; Ecarterina Sandu

*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.*

**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.

### **Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

#### **Lord, increase our faith**

The cry of the disciples in today's Gospel is very familiar to us: "Lord, increase our faith!" It is a prayer that rises from our own hearts so often, especially in moments of trial, confusion, or darkness. The first reading from the prophet Habakkuk begins with the same kind of cry. He is overwhelmed by violence, injustice, and suffering, and he dares to ask God: "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen." These are not the words of someone who has lost faith. They are the words of someone who believes in God, but struggles to understand His silence. Many of us have prayed the same way when faced with illness, family struggles, or when we look at the brokenness of our world.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that even faith the size of a mustard seed is enough to do the impossible. He is not asking us to have a massive, unshakable faith from the start. He is telling us that even the smallest seed of trust, if placed in Him, can grow and move mountains. How consoling this is! It means that the mother who continues to pray for her sick child, the father who keeps struggling but does not stop coming to Mass, the young person who quietly resists temptation out of love for God—all of them are living out mustard-seed faith. It may look small, but in God's hands it has great power.

So today the Word of God invites us to trust more deeply, to let our faith, however small, become alive through prayer, humility, and service. When life feels heavy and our prayers seem unanswered, we can take courage from Habakkuk and from the disciples.

Let us make the disciples' prayer our own today: "Lord, increase our faith!" Increase our faith to trust You when we cannot see, to serve You without seeking praise, and to keep walking forward, one step at a time, knowing You are always with us.

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

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# St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

## October – Sacrament of Holy Orders

*Appreciating Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life  
during the Jubilee Year*



### 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](mailto:coatdrive@stmaryscathedral.ca) for pickup.

### YOUR ORDINARY LIFE IS A PATH TO HOLINESS, AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD.

A warm invitation to attend a mini-retreat called a recollection to discover God in your daily life through the teachings of St. Josemaria Escriva. For Women: Tues., Oct. 21 from 7-9 pm at St. Joseph Church For Men: Wed., Oct. 22 from 7-9 pm at Holy Family Church Newcomers welcome, as well as university students. Come and go as needed. Learn more at [opusdei.org](http://opusdei.org) or call Irene at 613-549-7421.

**THE HARVEST MINI BAZAAR** Saturday, October 18, 2025 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 179 West St., Napanee Enjoy morning coffee, a delicious luncheon, and explore a variety of home-baked goods. Take part in our silent auction!

### Schedule for the weekends of October 11-12, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
<b>Sat. 11 Oct 5:15pm</b>	C. Jones H. Couto	D. Lomboy L. Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance A. Kelly	Stacy & Theresa
<b>Sun. 12 Oct 9:00am</b>	D. Balemba S. Balemba	C. Purcell A. MacKinnon	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M. Turkington	Theresa & Annette
<b>Sun. 12 Oct 11:00am</b>	R. McLaren F. Levesque	T. Donoghue K. Colwell	J. McLaren J. Ferreira F. Levesque D. Fernandes	Choir
<b>Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: R. McDonald</b>				
<b>Junior Liturgy: No Junior Liturgy</b>				



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** Check out our Facebook page to see our latest photos of our Council's recent visit to St. Thomas More School to conduct the annual KofC Soccer Challenge. A total of 38 boys and 25 girls took part in a fun penalty kick competition on what turned out to be a lovely sunny day. These events foster a sense of friendly competition and the importance of staying fit and active to our children in our supported schools. There were some dazzling performances, though results won't be released until all schools are finished. Kudos to Br. Stan Balemba, our Community Program Director and Brs. Roger Audet, Hani Asfur and Ben Krasna who put the kids through their paces and also took the time to present some new soccer balls to the school to help kids the kids active. It's what we do, and you can help - all you have to do is join us! 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 9<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled. All are welcome to attend.

### CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY\* Public Square Rosary Rally

– Saturday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. \*[CanadaNeedsOurLady.org](http://CanadaNeedsOurLady.org). You are invited to join a *Canada Needs Our Lady* Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm. **Where:** St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 392 Palace Rd, Kingston - on the front lawn around the statue of Our Lady. This public rosary rally will be one of hundreds taking place across Canada the same day. Please join us to pray for the conversion of Canada and in reparation for sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Registration is not required. For more information contact Ben Krasna, St. Joseph's Parish Culture & Life Convenor at [bckrasna@hotmail.com](mailto:bckrasna@hotmail.com)

### 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](http://www.stjosephskingston.ca) REGISTRATION CLOSES OCT 31, 2025.

**CALLING ALL YOUNG SINGERS!** Our Youth Choir sings at the 9 AM mass on the last Sunday of the month, beginning October 26<sup>th</sup>. We usually practice at the church in the afternoon on the third Sunday of each month. Our first practice is from 3:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>. If you like to sing and are at least 8 years old, please join us!



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