

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

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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Knights of Columbus, 11670

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Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

Today is the Jubilee of the Poor, but poverty doesn't always refer to food, water and a roof over our heads. We also need companionship and hope. Jesus reminds us that, however difficult things might seem, he is there for us and will keep us safe.

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

To honour God is to find energy and joy.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Paul encourages us to follow his example and to work hard.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple and chaos, but those who remain faithful to him will survive and find life.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 17 November

5:15 p.m. Mary St. Pierre – The Family

Tuesday, 18 November

9:00 a.m. Agostinelli Family – Maria Agostinelli

Wednesday, 19 November

9:00 a.m. Sherry Pattenden – Jerry Pattenden

Thursday, 20 November

9:00 a.m. Mary Sue Rankin & Holohan Family – Gayle Johnston

Friday, 21 November

10:30 a.m. School Mass - Daniel Whalen (3rd Anniversary)
– The Family

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Knight of Columbus
– St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus

Saturday, 22 November

5:15 p.m. Venancio Dos-Santos – Helena Dos-Santos

Sunday, 23 November

9:00 a.m. Peter Goudreau

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; Joan Bryan; Margaret Kennedy; Carol McKeown; Ecarterina Sandu; Gregory Holmes; Mel Kane.

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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE For the month of November a Book of Remembrance will be placed at the main entrance of the Church for you to add the names of family members, friends and loved ones who have recently died.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

When Everything Shakes, Hold on to God.

There are moments in life when the things we thought were solid begin to crumble—relationships we trusted, systems we depended on, dreams we built carefully over the years. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that even the magnificent Temple, admired for its beauty and strength, would one day fall. It is a gentle reminder that nothing earthly is permanent. Stones crack. Powers shift. Certainties fade. Yet Jesus does not speak these words to frighten us, but to free us: *Do not cling too tightly to what cannot last*. Something deeper, something eternal, is being offered.

We all face our own “end times”—personal seasons when life feels uncertain or overwhelming. There are wars inside the heart, earthquakes within our families, betrayals that feel like storms shaking the foundations of our trust. But Jesus says with quiet assurance: **“Do not be terrified... Not a hair of your head will be lost.”**

These words do not promise a life without hardship. They promise a God who holds us steady through every hardship. A God who sees each tear. A God who walks into the fire with us. A God who makes sure that nothing we surrender to Him is ever truly lost.

Malachi tells us that for those who remain faithful, **“the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.”** After the long nights of struggle, there comes a dawn. After the shaking and the uncertainty, there comes a gentle warmth of God's restoring love. And so, Jesus gives us one simple instruction:

“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” In a world that shakes, perseverance anchors us in the only One who does not change.

ENROLLMENT SUNDAY On November 23, 2025 at our 11:00 a.m. Mass we welcome our First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion candidates. We ask that you keep our candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the spring.

JUBILEE HEALING MASS AND ADORATION 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 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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St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

November – Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament takes on renewed significance, inviting the faithful to rediscover its meaning and power in the light of God's mercy.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CARD SALE St. Joseph's Council 11670 is offering boxed, religious Christmas cards for sale the weekends of November 15-16 & November 22-23 at each of the Masses.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Join us for an afternoon of Christmas music, featuring Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg, and Noah St. Amand (of Turpin's Trail) in the church on Thursday, December 11, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.. With our Parish Hall under construction, we are unable to provide refreshments. A free-will offering would be greatly appreciated with the proceeds to our Parish Hall expansion.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS The Executive meeting is on Monday, November 24, at 7pm in Room A of the Pastoral Centre. • **ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS: The CWL Christmas Raffle** is the November 29/30 weekend – before and after all Masses – on both sides of the Main Doors. Tickets for the **three Gift Baskets (over \$150 value each)** are **1 for \$5, 3 for \$10**. The themes are: "Let's Party" Foods; "Just Chocolate"; and "High Spirits." Tickets for the **Gift Card Wreath (over \$300 value)** are **1 for \$10, 3 for \$25**. The raffle tickets will be drawn after the 11 Mass on Sunday, with the winners being notified later that day. See this opportunity as a well-deserved gift for yourself or for many special people on your Christmas list. Good luck! Monetary donations may be placed in the Donation containers on the raffle tables. Thank you.

FOOD BAGS 'Birds and Flowers' is a parish initiative that started by a group of parishioners organizing food hampers for the needy in our community in time for Christmas. The tradition continues with the parish providing 45 to 50 hampers to families and individuals in our parish area. If you are able to help, we are collecting non-perishable food items on November 15-16 and December 13-14. If you would prefer to make donation by cash/cheque please indicate on your donation or envelope 'Birds and Flowers'.

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 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church - 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!

ST. EDWARD'S WESTPORT CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday, December 6, 2025 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. St. Edward's School Gymnasium, 51 Bedford Street, Westport. Join us for festive fun at the annual Christmas Bazaar! Enjoy a bake table, an In-House Raffle with great prizes, and our Christmas Raffle featuring:

- 1st Prize: \$250 Kudrinko's gift card
- 2nd Prize: \$200 Cove gift card
- 3rd Prize: Esso gift card

A delicious lunch (soup or chili, homemade bun, pie, coffee or tea) will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (or while supplies last) for **\$10 per person**.

HOLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE November 30, 2025 St. Francis of Assisi School (Weller Ave, Kingston) at 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

RND CHRISTMAS MARKET Join us for the RND Christmas Market on **Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 to 3:00** at Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School, 130 Russell St, Kingston (enter via Cowdy St). Explore unique vendors offering handmade and curated items. Activities for kids!. For entry, we ask you please bring a non-perishable food item. Don't miss it!

Schedule for the weekends of November 22-23, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 22 Nov 5:15pm	H. Couto J. Saunders	L. Bickerstaffe P. Rosales	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance A. Kelly	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 23 Nov 9:00am	A. MacKinnon J. Watts	S. Balemba D. Balemba	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet P. Oliquano	Theresa & Annette
Sun. 23 Nov 11:00am	R. McLaren F. Lesesque	T. Donoghue C. Kavanaugh	J. McLaren J. Ferreira F. Levesque D. Fernandes	Choir
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: R. McDonald				
Junior Liturgy: H. Gencarelli				



KNIGHTS CORNER: While unfortunate, the need for food assistance is at an all time high in our city, province and nation. Fortunately, there are fantastic organizations like St Vincent de Paul, which has been supporting Individuals and families in the Kingston community for over 50 years, working together to create a kinder world. Incidentally, they are moving into their wonderful new building on December 1st. Your Knights Council recently paid a visit to Executive Director Judy Fyfe and presented our donation of \$2,000. The staff noted how our donation has come at the most opportune time to assist with the move. <https://www.svdpskingston.com/>. It's easy to help fight hunger – join the Knights!



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