

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

*"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more."*

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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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

The vision of Isaiah inspires us – it is a beautiful prophecy of peace. We keep this vision before us, as the Lord warns us not to become complacent in our faith.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah presents Jerusalem as an inspiration to all nations, from which the word of the Lord will be proclaimed; the presence of the Lord will bring about peace.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14a

Paul advises us to wake up and to put on the Lord Jesus Christ, wearing the armour of light.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus urges his disciples not to be complacent in their faith, but to be prepared for the return of the Son of Man.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 1 December

5:15 p.m. Peter Goudreau

Tuesday, 2 December

9:00 a.m. Trudy Potvin (5th Anniversary) – Lawrence Potvin

Wednesday, 3 December

9:00 a.m. For Healing

Thursday, 4 December

9:00 a.m. George Alexandrowicz (6th Anniversary) – Toni Alexandrowicz

Friday, 5 December

5:15 p.m. Amado Marcial – Mabuhay Pilipino Canadian of Kingston

Saturday, 6 December

5:15 p.m. Leo DeVette – Annette DeVette

Sunday, 7 December

9:00 a.m. Arthur Archer (2nd Anniversary) – Jocelyn Archer

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Join our online Mass Saturday, December 6 at 5:15 p.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; Ecartarina Sandu; Gregory Holmes; Mel Kane; Dee Morey; Dee Simpson.

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

Wake Up!

Advent begins today, and with it comes a quiet but urgent invitation from God: wake up. The Scriptures remind us that life is more than the routines, pressures, and distractions that so easily swallow our days. Advent is the season when the Church gently but firmly shakes us from spiritual sleep and asks us to lift our eyes toward the One who is coming.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples not to be terrified by the signs of turmoil around them. Instead, He urges them to stand firm with hearts awake and spirits alert. His words are not meant to frighten us but to focus us. We live in a world that often feels unstable—morally, socially, spiritually—but Jesus invites us to read these signs not as reasons for despair but as reminders to cling to hope. He invites us to lift our heads, because our redemption is near.

Advent is not just about preparing for Christmas; it is about preparing for Christ Himself. It is about making room in our hearts, clearing away what weighs us down, and allowing His grace to awaken in us a deeper longing for God. Too often we settle into spiritual comfort, thinking there is always more time to pray, more time to forgive, more time to change. Advent says: Begin now. God is coming—into your family, your struggles, your fears, your hopes. Open your heart.

May this season awaken in us the desire to seek God more earnestly, love more generously, and live each day with the joyful expectation that Christ is coming—into our world and into our hearts. Amen.

OPENING OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON

We begin our anniversary celebrations on the Patronal Feast, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. Our 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's is cancelled as all parishioners are invited to attend this special Mass at the Cathedral.

PENANCE CELEBRATION The Advent Penance Celebration for St. Joseph's will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Following a brief liturgy, all will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A number of visiting clergy will be present for this celebration, and all parishioners and visitors are welcome to attend.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE PACKAGES for 2026 will be available for pickup at the main entrance of the church next weekend, December 7.

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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.

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 On Monday December 1st, CWL members are invited to attend the 5:15pm mass at St. Joseph's. Immediately following the mass, members are asked to stay and participate in the Appreciation Presentations that will honour our Parish Staff, in thanks for all the ways they help us focus on Faith, Service and Social and Ecological Justice.

- Reminder: On Monday December 8th-6:00-8:00pm, members participating in the Bookclub focussing on "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World", will meet at 11 Wright Crescent in the St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Common Room.
- **ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS: Our CWL Christmas Raffle Fundraiser (the weekend of November 29/30)** features three awesome Raffle Baskets – Just Chocolate! / In High Spirits! / Let's Party! Foods / PLUS a Gift Card Christmas Wreath! Ticket prices for the Raffle Baskets: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, (each valued over \$175) and for the Gift Card Wreath: 1 for \$10, 3 for \$25 (value over \$385). They will be on display near the main entrance at all three Masses. The draws will take place after the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, and the winners will be notified later in the day. ***Be sure to take a good look at them as they all make great gifts for yourself or for many others on your Christmas List!*** Thank you for helping us raise money to be used for local community outreach events and for charity. *Actions do indeed create Hope!*

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 are next food bag collection will be December 13-14. If you would prefer to make donation by cash/cheque please indicate on your donation or envelope 'Birds and Flowers'.

COMMUNITY

ADVENT TRANSFORMATION NIGHT Join us for a prayerful evening of Eucharistic adoration, liturgical beauty, transformation and personal reflection, as we ponder the ancient O Antiphons of the Church, led by Fr. Jude Thusiar at St. Paul the Apostle Church, **1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd, Kingston** on Friday. **Dec. 19, 2025 - 6:30 – 9:30 pm**. Hosted by the Encounter School of Ministry – Kingston Campus. No charge.

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 or monetary donation to Clothes for Kids. Don't miss it!

MELOS CHOIR JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM 1 Hour Concert followed by optional Carol Sing, Sunday, **December 14th 3:00 p.m. at St. John the Apostle**. Reflective Advent chants, joyful Christmas carols, music for the Persian Festival of Yalda. Tickets are **\$25**; at the door, or in advance at Novel Idea; or online at: www.melos-earlymusic.org

GENTLEMEN, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Veronica's Veil Overnight Winter Shelter for Homeless Men is preparing to open for the season —but we cannot do it without more volunteers. Coverage needed: **January 1st – April 30th**. Could you give just four hours once a week? Shifts: **8 pm–12 am, 12 am–4 am, 4 am–8 am**. If you are willing to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Ann Lyng at veronicasveil@stmarys.ca.

GATHER & GROW: Our Hall's Next Chapter – Donate today. Please look into the simple giving options, and consider scanning the QR code, fill one of the marked envelopes in the pews, or send an e-transfer to stjosephskingston900@gmail.com. Together we can advance into our next Chapter.



Schedule for the weekends of December 6-7, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 6 Dec 5:15pm	J. Saunders M. Sivilotti	M. Thomas B. Oliveira	I. Stewart S. Harrigan R. Lachance D. Mazzolin	Stacy & Theresa
Sun. 7 Dec 9:00am	G. Lesperance M. Castro	L. Orellano	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet P. Oliquano	Megan
Sun. 7 Dec 11:00am	C. Kavanaugh V. Onwuliri	K. Colwell S. Boisvert	D. Fernandes A. Parmar J. Akhtar F. Asuncion	Choir
Streaming of 5:15 p.m. Mass: S.Lett				
Junior Liturgy: S. Frago				



KNIGHTS CORNER: Your Knights Council has been eagerly looking forward to Advent, as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth; "Advent" comes from the Latin "adventus," meaning "coming" or "arrival". We're also aware that Advent brings with it several events and activities your Knights will be either organizing or taking part in, such as the Christmas Hamper deliveries on 20th December, or helping when needed with Church decorations including our "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign. As well, your Knights are championing the "Family Fully Alive" program which will be coming in the new year, which asks families to invite God into their homes and cultivates each family as a miniature domestic church. We also take this time to connect to the broader Church while observing Advent, which involves prayer, reflection, and participation in Mass and other church services.

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