

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 2025

"And above all these, put on love."

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

Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, we reflect upon our own families and ask God's blessing upon them. We also reflect upon our place in God's family.

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The birth of Jesus is prophesied in Old Testament: a child will be born to a young woman, and he will be called Emmanuel.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul encourages us to actively live lives of love..

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Guided by God through dreams, Joseph leads his family firstly to Egypt to keep them safe from Herod and then back to Israel to make their permanent home.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 29 December

5:15 p.m. Johanna Klaassen – Alison Bogle

Tuesday, 30 December

9:00 a.m. Bill Bruder (9th Anniversary), Intentions of Chris & Michelle (30th Wedding Anniversary) – Karen Bruder

Wednesday, 31 December

5:15 p.m. Amado Marcial – Wilson & Gina Marcial
Rooney Hipos

Thursday, 1 January

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Friday, 2 January

5:15 p.m. Sharon Cuvelier – Frank Cuvelier

Saturday, 3 January

5:15 p.m. Ellen Mangan – Pat & Rene Murphy

Sunday, 4 January

9:00 a.m. Maria Estrada – Fernando & Lorna
Asuncion

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Join our online Mass 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 Jeff Whalen, Glen McGhie, Ron McIsaac.

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; Dee Morey; Dee Simpson; Carol White; Murray Wood.

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

Entrusting Our Families to the Holy Family

Today, on this beautiful Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the Church places before us not an abstract ideal, but a real family—a family that lived in faith, love, obedience, struggle, and hope. It is most fitting that on this feast we also begin our Parish Year of the Family, entrusting our homes, relationships, and future to God.

The Holy Family was not free from challenges. They experienced uncertainty, fear, and moments of misunderstanding, yet God remained at the center of their lives. What made them holy was not perfection, but faith, trust, obedience, and love. Even when they did not fully understand God's plan, they continued to walk together in faith.

The family is rightly called the domestic church. It is in the family that faith is first taught, love is practiced, and values are formed. Before Jesus preached to the crowds, He learned how to love, pray, and obey in the home of Mary and Joseph. Their home became the place where God's will was lived daily.

As we begin this Parish Year of the Family, we are invited to renew our commitment to our own families and to the families of our parish. We are called to place Christ at the center of our homes, to grow in patience and forgiveness, and to support one another with compassion and hope.

Our families today face their own anxieties: economic pressure, broken communication, migration, illness, generational tensions, and the influence of a fast-changing culture. The Holy Family reminds us that faith does not remove problems; it gives us the strength to face them together. Together, Mary and Joseph show us that holiness in family life is built through daily faithfulness, not extraordinary achievements.

Dear brothers and sisters, as we look to the Holy Family today, let us entrust our own families to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Let us ask for the grace to love more deeply, forgive more readily, pray more faithfully, and walk together in hope.

2025 DONATIONS St. Joseph's Parish Year-End occurs on 31 December; therefore, we ask that all 2025 donations be forwarded to the parish office by 31 December 2025. Donations received after this date will need to be recorded in 2026. If you wish to have a donation appear on your 2025 Tax Receipt, please ensure that the office has received it prior to 1 January. All special collections for 2025 have been forwarded to the Archdiocese for distribution to the various charities.

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St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

December – Month of the Family

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY. The parish Year of the Family will commence with the consecration of our families this weekend of December 27/28, 2025 (The Feast of the Holy Family)

As we joyfully enter this special year, we are reminded that the parish is not just a place we attend but a family to which we belong. Rooted in the love of Christ and nourished by the Eucharist, our parish is called to be a home where every person is known, welcomed, and loved.

2026 – OUR PARISH YEAR OF THE FAMILY It is with great joy that the Pastoral Council of our parish has declared the upcoming year as the *Parish Year of the Family*. This decision flows from our shared desire to deepen our life as a parish community and to strengthen the family as the heart of the Church and of society. The family as the Domestic Church is a response to the Church's synodal journey. As the Synod on Synodality reminds us, the Church grows stronger when faith is lived relationally, accompanied with care and rooted in real life. When families live their faith at home, the parish becomes more alive, more welcoming, and more missionary. We will invite God into our homes and cultivate families as a miniature domestic church, using the Knights of Columbus "Family Fully Alive" program with monthly themes, scripture Readings, and other parish activities, as our guide. Copies of the Family Fully Alive booklet will be available after Mass this weekend. Also a small booklet containing the Year of the Family program and Activities will be made available to us.

FATHER COSMAS will be away visiting family in Nigeria from December 30, 2025 to January 29, 2026.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS • Our 2026 CWL Membership Drive will occur on the weekends of January 3/4 and 10/11, 2026. Please join us again to help continue our focus on Faith, Service and Social Ecological Justice, in our Parish and local communities and charities.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE PACKAGES for 2026 will be available for pickup at the main entrance of the church this weekend. If you notice that your address is wrong or you are missing your package, please fill out your information on the sheet beside the packages.



OPTIONS FOR DONATIONING TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH We have enlisted the help of a donation platform called Plently to help us make it easier for parishioners and visitors to donate whether it is for Sunday Offertory or to our Gather & Grow Parish Hall campaign. It is as easy as scanning the QR code or visiting a website to donate. There are small flyers at the entrances with the QR code or to take home and learn more about how it works. If you have any questions, call the Parish office during office hours for help

COMMUNITY

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**. There is a list of shift we are looking for coverage posted at the main entrance bulletin board. If you are willing to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Ann Lyng at veronicasveil@stmmarys.ca.

Schedule for the weekends of January 3-4, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 3 Jan. 5:15pm	C. Jones M. Sivilotti	M. Thomas P. Rosales	I. Stewart S. Harrigan R. Lachance D. Mazzolin	Tim & Stacy
Sun. 4 Jan. 9:00am	K.Ehi-Ekome A.Ehi-Ekome	A.MacKinnon J. Saunders	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier J. Agero P. Oliquano	Megan
Sun. 4 Jan. 11:00am	R.McDonald V. Onwuliri	C.Kavanaugh A. Krasna	D.Fernandes J. McLaren J. Akhtar F. Asuncion	Choir
Streaming: D. Stadig				
Junior Liturgy: Will return in the New Year				



KNIGHTS CORNER: The Grand Knight, Executive and all Knights of St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670 would like to convey their very best wishes for a blessed and peaceful Christmas for all St. Joseph's parishioners. As we celebrate Christ's birth, may we be ever mindful of his message to feed the hungry, clothe the poor, give warmth to those who are unhoused, and offer kindness to all. It is our sincere wish that 2026 brings health and prosperity to you and your families. It is our hope in 2026 that we are again able to help out in our parish and community both financially and physically. We look forward to seeing more men from the Parish join our Council, and more of our Knights attend monthly meetings.



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