

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"

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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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

We continue our preparation for the birth of Christ with the appearance of John the Baptist. This makes sense as John is dedicated to preparing the way of the Lord. We too prepare that way.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

The prophet describes both the gifts of the Messiah and the changes his reign will bring.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

We welcome each other as Christ has welcomed us.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist calls us to help him prepare the way of the Lord.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 8 December

MASS IS CANCELLED

Tuesday, 9 December

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

Wednesday, 10 December

9:00 a.m. Venancio Dos-Santos – Lenora Pimental & Family

Thursday, 11 December

9:00 a.m. Nigel Bogle – Alison Bogle

Friday, 12 December

5:15 p.m. Clair & Wilma Kearns – The Estate

Saturday, 13 December

5:15 p.m. Joachim McNichols – Noreen Mallen

Sunday, 14 December

9:00 a.m. Mario Castro – Judite Castro
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.

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; Olivo Sivilotti.

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.

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.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Lord, Prepare my Heart

Advent enters its second week not with noise, but with a deeper, more penetrating silence. The candle that burns today is not merely a symbol of time passing, it is a gentle light that reveals what still lies hidden within us. The readings invite us, almost quietly, to look inward with honesty. Isaiah begins with an image that touches the wounded places in our hearts: a shoot growing from the stump of Jesse. A stump is something cut down, something that appears dead or finished. Yet from such a place, God says, life can spring again. It is His way of reminding us that nothing in our lives is too ruined, too broken, or too exhausted for His grace to revive. Each of us carries a stump somewhere, the remnants of a hurt, a failed attempt, a hope that has faded, or faith that has grown weak. And to each of us, God gently whispers: "Life can begin again."

And so, as the second candle burns, we allow its quiet light to rest on our hearts. We let it illuminate the wounds that need healing, the habits that need changing, the relationships that need softening, and the hopes that need renewing. We let it remind us that Christ comes not into perfection, but into honest hearts, hearts willing to be reshaped, reopened, and revived.

May this week of Advent become a gentle invitation to say: "Lord, prepare my heart. Heal what is wounded. Renew what is tired. Burn away what is harmful. And let new life grow where I thought life was impossible."

This is the quiet, beautiful work of Advent, making room within us for Christ to come. 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.

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.

DONATIONS FOR 2025 to the various organizations and charities (special envelopes in your packages) must be in by December 10, 2025. The Archdiocese needs to forward all donations by December 12, 2025.

ANNUAL CALENDARS are available at the entrances. Thank you to Gordon F. Tompkin's Funeral Home for supplying calendars for our parishioners each year.

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St. Joseph's Parish Jubilee Year 2025

December – Month of the Family

"Pilgrims of Hope" is a great opportunity for families to deepen their faith and experience God's mercy together.

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 mass, concelebrated by Fr. Cosmas and Friar Reto, was followed by an Appreciation Ceremony that honoured Fr. Cosmas, Friar Reto and our very dedicated Parish Staff. A genuine thank you to you all for all that you do! • Reminders: On Saturday, December 6th all CWL members are asked to pray the rosary in honour of all victims of gendered base violence. • On Monday December 8th 6:00-8:00pm, CWL Bookclub participants will meet at 11 Wright Crescent in the St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Common Room to discuss *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. • **ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:** A joyful and grateful Thank You to all who helped make our 2025 CWL Christmas Raffle a big success! Three baskets, "Let's Party" (Food), "Just Chocolate" and "In High Spirits" and the beautiful "Gift Card Wreath" came together so well, thanks to the CWL members donations of items and cash and the work of the Service Ministry. A huge thank you to so many members and parishioners who supported this CWL fundraiser with the purchase of tickets or cash donations. Funds raised, approximately \$2700 to date, will benefit local charities over this Christmas season. Congratulations to the four winners: #1- "Let's Party" -P. Catry, #2- "Just Chocolate" -Sr. A. Brady, #3- "In High Spirits" - S. Audet, #4- "Gift Card Wreath" - A. Goudreau.

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. If you are able to help, Food Bags will be available this weekend December 6-7 for return on December 13-14. If you would prefer to make donation by cash/cheque please indicate on your donation or envelope 'Birds and Flowers'.

CHRISTMAS PAGAENT Our family Christmas Mass is quickly approaching. If your child is interested in being a part of telling the Christmas story, please join us after the 9:00 a.m. Mass THIS Sunday, December 7. Children participating in the telling of the Christmas story will be given a role (a part or a reading) for the 5:15 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Practices will take place: December 14th at 10:00 a.m. and December 21st at 10:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS EVENING OF REFLECTION Preparing our hearts for Christ with the teachings of St. Josemaria. All welcome. Come and go as you need during this busy season. Women's Evening: Tues. Dec. 16 at St. Joseph's Church 7-9pm Men's Evening: Wed. Dec. 17 at Holy Family Church 7-9 pm. Learn more at opusdei.ca.

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.

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 13-14, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 13 Dec 5:15pm	C. Jones Sr. N. Hurren	Sr.L.Kearney L.Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart R. Lachance P. Scott S. Harrigan	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 14 Dec 9:00am	S. Balemba D. Balemba	M. Marcial G.Lesperance	F. Cuvelier M.Turkington P. Oliquano R. Audet	Megan
Sun. 14 Dec 11:00am	V. Onwuliri B. Ows	C.Kavanaugh B. Tezem	B. Krasna J. Ferreira J. McLaren F. Levesque	Choir
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: S.Fragoso				
Junior Liturgy: K. Canning				



KNIGHTS CORNER: As your Knights Council enters the second week of Advent, we recognize that the second candle on the wreath represents Peace. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Let us all be mindful of the journeys everyone takes, and how some may experience hardship and trauma; we must seek to help and comfort them, as Joseph and Mary took comfort in the stable. In the Knights, we take care of our Knights and their families and offer assistance and comfort – not just the Knight is part of our Council family. Follow us on Facebook at St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670, Kingston.



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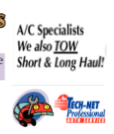
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