

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

*"This is my Son, the Beloved;
my favour rest on him."*

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 Conway Williamson
Patrick Greenwood

Knights of Columbus, 11670

Parish Ministries

Finance Committee

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

Parish Pastoral Council

Ben Krasna

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Carol Kavanaugh

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Chris Jones & Monna

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

Splinter

Ministry at Extendicare

Judy Saunders

Ushers

Mary Clancy

Sacristans

Ian Stewart

Culture of Life

Fran Price

Parish Engagement

Ben Krasna

Funeral Choir

Mary Clancy

Junior Liturgy

Shirley Kelliher

Sacramental Preparation

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Music Ministry

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season and tells us how Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God and begins his public ministry.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

The prophet announces the servant of the Lord – chosen, gentle, and faithful – who brings justice to the nations and healing to the oppressed.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter proclaims that God's love includes all peoples and that Jesus, anointed with the Holy Spirit, brought healing and goodness to the world.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus is baptized by John and is revealed as the Son of God, the beloved, on whom the Spirit rests..

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 12 January

5:15 p.m. Amado Marcial – Aniela Lukaszuk

Tuesday, 13 January

9:00 a.m. Intentions of the CND Sisters and Associates

Wednesday, 14 January

9:00 a.m. Ron Price – Toni Alexandrowicz

Thursday, 15 January

9:00 a.m. For Healing

Friday, 16 January

5:15 p.m. Agustina Quintana – Marietta Marcial

Saturday, 17 January

5:15 p.m. Ellen Mangan – Susan Conway Williamson & Glen Williamson & Family

Sunday, 18 January

9:00 a.m. Frank Coffey – Toni Alexandrowicz

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; Murray Wood; Gerry Koster.

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

Becoming Children of God Through Baptism

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season and reminds us that Jesus did not come as a distant or powerful ruler but chose to stand with us in our weakness. By entering the waters of the Jordan, he identified himself with sinners and showed that God saves the world through humility, closeness, and love. This moment also marks the beginning of Jesus' public mission and reveals who he truly is.

At the baptism, God is made known as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father declares Jesus as his beloved Son, and the Spirit rests upon him. This shows that Jesus' mission flows from being loved by the Father, not from achievements or power. Love comes first, then mission.

This feast also invites us to remember our own baptism. Through baptism, we became children of God, received the Holy Spirit, and were sent to live as followers of Christ. Baptism is not just a ceremony from the past; it is a daily call to live differently—to turn away from sin, to choose what is right, and to reflect Christ in our actions.

In practical terms, the Baptism of the Lord challenges us to live our faith visibly and sincerely: to be humble in service, faithful in daily duties, compassionate to others, and courageous in doing good. Knowing that we are God's beloved children, we are called to bring Christ's light, justice, and peace into our families, communities, and the world.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Each week we live stream our 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass for our parishioners that are homebound. If you are interested in volunteering to help us live stream, talk to one of our streaming volunteers or contact the Parish office. Training will be provided

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday classes will begin next Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Archdiocese of Kingston Pastoral Centre as our Parish Hall is under renovations. Thursday classes will begin January 22, 2026 (location information will be emailed out to all candidates). Registration is closed.

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

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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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS The General Meeting is Monday, January 12 at 7pm in Room A at the Diocesan Centre. All members are welcome to join us. • Our 2026 Membership Drive ends this weekend of January 10/11. The Annual fee continues to be \$35, so if you missed the signup, please place the fee into an envelope marked "CWL Membership" and place it in the offering basket during any Mass. Please join us again to help increase our focus on Faith, Service and Social & Ecological Justice, in our Parish and local communities and charities. • We received an anonymous monetary gift of \$1,000 made on behalf of the CWL, who wished to express their appreciation for all the good we do for the Kingston community. They asked that it be used to offset the costs of the 2025 Christmas Lunch put on by the daily hot food program, FEED THE PEOPLE, and also towards the necessity gifts for the houseless in Belle Park. Many thanks from organizer Michelle Schwarz.



OPTIONS FOR DONATING 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

MELOS' CHANTUARY-OPEN CHANT SESSIONS, WEST & EAST Come chant towards the light with Melos in January! Saturday evenings, starting January 10, we will learn different chants from a range of ancient traditions, including Gregorian, Hildegard and Syriac chants. See website for details each week: Saturdays, **January 10, 17, 24, & 31 7:30 - 9:00 PM** at St. John the Apostle Church **88 Patrick Street, Kingston**. Cost **\$10** or free-will offering, as able.

ST. RITA'S DROP-IN CENTRE **Monday-Friday, 1:00-3:30 pm** St. Mary's Cathedral Outreach to the homeless and poor of the city. 1:00-3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. Providing safety, great food, showers, and good Christian hospitality and dignity. Inquiries: paty@stmaryscathedral.ca

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@stmarys.ca.

Schedule for the weekends of January 17-18, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 17 Jan. 5:15pm	C. Jones H. Couto	J. Saunders D. Lomboy	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance S. Harrigan	Tim & Stacy
Sun. 18 Jan. 9:00am	A. Ehi-Ekome N. Ehi-Ekome	G. Lesperance L. Orellano	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet J. Agero	Megan
Sun. 18 Jan. 11:00am	S. Boisvert B. Ows	K. Colwell B. Tezem	B. Krasna F. Levesque D. Fernandes F. Asuncion	Choir

Streaming: S. Fragoso

Junior Liturgy: J. Goudreau



KNIGHTS CORNER: Knights Corner: The first order of business this New Year is to advise all concerned that the meetings to have occurred on the 6th will now be on the 13th January as we postponed due to weather. But, that's not to say there isn't a lot going on behind the scenes. At the coming meeting we will be voting upon our updated bylaws that guide our Council, remind us of how certain appointments or processes work, and keep us on the "straight and narrow". We'll also do our annual review of our Safe Environment Policy which helps us in working with and dealing with people from vulnerable groups and is utterly important to maintain the high standards the Knights are known for. Lastly, we're also looking for Knights to pay their annual dues for 2026 - so this is an OPPORTUNE TIME TO JOIN! On that note, you might be interested to find out that we waive dues for first year Knights, so see any Knight today to become part of our team! Follow us on Facebook at St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670, Kingston.

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