

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**January 18, 2026**

*"Behold, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world!"*

### ***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

Lectors

Carol Kavanaugh

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Carol Kavanaugh

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Chris Jones & Monna Splinter

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

Judy Saunders

Ministry at Extendicare

Mary Clancy

Ushers

Ian Stewart

Sacristans

Fran Price

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Ben Krasna

Parish Engagement

Mary Clancy

Funeral Choir

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Junior Liturgy

Kelly Canning

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Altar Servers

Theresa Whalen-Witjes

Music Ministry

Sheila Fowler

Youth Choir

### ***Parish Schools***

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613-542-1575

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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

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### **Introduction**

Jesus reveals that God conquers the world, not through violence but through love. "All we are saying is give peace a chance!"

### **First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

God's Servant is a "light for the nations", bringing salvation to the world.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

Paul is called to be an apostle – one who is sent with the Good News about Jesus.

### **Gospel: John 1:29-34**

John the Baptist sees Jesus and declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

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### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, 19 January**

5:15 p.m. Agustine Quintana – Lorna & Fernando Asuncion

#### **Tuesday, 20 January**

9:00 a.m. Dr. Jan McConville – Mike Jordan & Pat McConville

#### **Wednesday, 21 January**

9:00 a.m. Dennis Mendar – Karin Long

#### **Thursday, 22 January**

9:00 a.m. Angus Grant – Nuvoloni Family

#### **Friday, 23 January**

5:15 p.m. Mary St. Pierre

#### **Saturday, 24 January**

5:15 p.m. Antonio Almeida – The Family

#### **Sunday, 25 January**

9:00 a.m. Intention of Raymond Kwak – Stella & Felix Kwak

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*Join our online Mass Sunday at 11:00 a.m. visit [www.stjosephskingston.ca](http://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; Doreen Saunders; Brian Begbie; Richard Devette; Kent Hawley; Bruce Johnson; Joan Bryan; Mel Kane; 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.*

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

## **Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

### **Encountering Jesus**

On this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, John the Baptist points to Jesus and proclaims Him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. With this simple declaration, John teaches us that the heart of faith is not drawing attention to ourselves but recognizing and revealing Christ.

Jesus is presented not as a distant judge but as the One who carries our sins, our failures, and our hidden wounds, offering mercy and freedom.

John's admission that he did not fully know Jesus at first reminds us that familiarity with religion is not the same as a living relationship with Christ. Many believers know prayers and church practices yet struggle to recognize Jesus in daily life. This Gospel calls us to move from knowledge to encounter, allowing Jesus to become real in our choices and attitudes.

Like John, we are sent to point others to Christ through practical Christian living—through forgiveness instead of bitterness, honesty instead of compromise, and faithfulness in ordinary responsibilities. True conversion is not achieved by human effort alone but through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we behold the Lamb of God in the Eucharist, we are invited to trust Him completely and allow Him to take away whatever weighs us down and lead us into new life.

**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. Great opportunity for students to get involved and earn volunteer hours. With a good number of volunteers you would only be needed once a month. Training will be provided.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION**

Sunday classes will begin this 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.

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## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

**NEWS** The Executive Meeting is Monday, January 26 at 7pm in Room A at the Diocesan Centre. • The Annual fee for CWL

Membership 2026 continues to be \$35, if you missed the signup, please place the fee into an envelope marked "CWL Membership 2026", include your name on the envelope and place it in the offering basket during any Mass. Not yet a member? Consider joining us to help increase our focus on Faith, Service and Social & Ecological Justice in our Parish, and with local communities and charities.



### OPTIONS FOR DONATING TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

We have enlisted the help of a donation platform called Pllenty 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.

**PARKING LOT ENTRANCE** During the week, please do not use the north side entrance to the parking lot. With the Parish Hall construction there are delivery trucks, and large construction equipment blocking this lane.

**CHURCH WASHROOMS** We experienced plumbing issues relating to the sewer line in the church. During this time, the one washroom in the church, is open to elderly and handicap parishioners. All other parishioners are asked to use the temporary washroom in the new parish hall. Please follow the signs through the sacristy. During the week, parishioners are asked to use the washroom in the parish office area.

### 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](mailto:paty@stmaryscathedral.ca)

**OCTOBER 2026 PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH FR. JUSTIN & FR. PRICE** Join Fr. Justin and Fr. Price on a faith-filled pilgrimage to the Holy Land

from **October 5-15, 2026**. Walk in the footsteps of Our Blessed Lord, deepen your understanding of Sacred Scripture, and experience prayer, mercy, healing, and spiritual renewal in the places where the Word became flesh. Space is limited to 40 pilgrims, with 13 already reserved, so early registration is encouraged. Further information can be found on our parish bulletin board.

### **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE April 20 – May 1, 2026**

Join us this Easter season for a grace-filled pilgrimage to **Medjugorje**, with a 2-night stay in beautiful **Dubrovnik**.

**Cost:** \$2,830 CAD (double) • **Single:** +\$350

**Includes:** Flights, hotels, daily breakfast & dinner, transfers, parish-trained guide, daily Mass & excursions.

**Payments:** \$500 deposit, \$1,500 due Jan 30, final payment due Mar 6, 2025 (e-transfer) *Travel insurance not included.*

**Info & Registration:** Karen Shannon – 613-848-5833

[Karen.Shannon@queensu.ca](mailto:Karen.Shannon@queensu.ca)

### **VERONICA'S VAIL OVERNIGHT SHELTER**

#### UPDATE

Veronica's Veil has opened for the season. Thank you to all who answered our call to volunteers. We are open from **January 1st to April 30<sup>th</sup>**. We can always use volunteer's to fill in when needed, if you are willing to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Ann Lyng at [veronicasveil@stmarys.ca](mailto:veronicasveil@stmarys.ca).

### **Schedule for the weekends of January 24-25, 2026**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
<b>Sat. 24 Jan. 5:15pm</b>	M.MacVicar J. Saunders	P. Rosales B. Oliveira	I. Stewart P. Scott A. Kelly R. Lachance	Stacy & Theresa
<b>Sun. 25 Jan. 9:00am</b>	G.Lesperance C.Charbonneau	M. Tudin C. Purcell	I. Stewart M.Turkington R. Audet F. Cuvelier	Sheila & Youth Choir
<b>Sun. 25 Jan. 11:00am</b>	R.McDonald C.Kavanaugh	B. McIver A. Krasna	J. McLaren J. Akhtar D.Fernandes F. Levesque	Choir
<b>Streaming: D. Eardley</b>				
<b>Junior Liturgy: H. Gencarelli</b>				



### **KNIGHTS CORNER:**

As we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time and the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are called to witness like John the Baptist, who pointed to Christ as the "Lamb of God."

For the Knights of Columbus, this is a call to our first principle: Charity. Just as John the Baptist prepared the way, Knights serve as a visible sign of Christ's presence through acts of service. By fostering unity within the Church and our communities, we fulfill our mission to protect the faith and serve those in need. Catholic men in our parish can feel that unity, by joining us today. What are YOU waiting for? Follow us on Facebook at St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670, Kingston.

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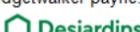
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