

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

*"The people dwelling in darkness  
have seen a great light."*

### 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

Knights of Columbus, 11670

Patrick Greenwood

### Parish Ministries

Finance Committee

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

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Carol Kavanaugh

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

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### Parish Schools

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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

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### **Introduction**

Firstly in prophecy, and later in truth, the Light of the World is shining, driving away the former darkness. This light is, of course, Jesus Christ.

### **First Reading: Isaiah 9:1b-4**

On the people who dwelt in a land of deep darkness light has shone; the Lord has multiplied the nation and increased its joy.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

Paul's exhortation to the church in Corinth is, as usual, practical, addressing the divisions that have arisen in the community; as the church is the Body of Christ, it cannot be divided.

### **Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

With the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus moves fully into his ministry and immediately calls his first two disciples; in doing so, he is building his team and laying the foundations of the Church.

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### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, 26 January**

5:15 p.m. Margaret Radley (21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) – Peter & Fran Radley

#### **Tuesday, 27 January**

9:00 a.m. Intention of Fetian – Yeshe Redda

#### **Wednesday, 28 January**

9:00 a.m. Bill, Joan, Ruth & Leo Cook

#### **Thursday, 29 January**

9:00 a.m. Maria Sepe – Josephina Saccon

#### **Friday, 30 January**

5:15 p.m. Martin Elderhorst – Ressa Young

#### **Saturday, 31 January**

5:15 p.m. Intention of Arthur & Helen Santos – Jocelyne & Rene Champlaine

#### **Sunday, 1 February**

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.*

## **Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

### **Come Follow Me**

Jesus' first message in today's Gospel is simple and demanding: "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repentance is often misunderstood as mere sorrow for sin, but it is more than that. To repent means to change direction, to turn away from whatever keeps us in darkness and to orient our lives toward God. The Kingdom of heaven is not just a future reward; it is God's active presence among us now. To repent, then, is to open our lives to that presence.

Immediately after proclaiming the Kingdom, Jesus calls disciples. He meets ordinary men in the middle of their daily work—fishermen casting their nets. He does not begin with long explanations or conditions. He simply says, "Come after me." The response is striking in its simplicity and courage: they leave their nets and follow Him. Those nets represent security, routine, identity, and control. Following Jesus always involves leaving something behind—not necessarily our jobs or families, but our false securities, our selfishness, our fear of change.

This Gospel reminds us that Christianity is not first a set of rules or ideas; it is a relationship and a journey. To be Christian is to follow Christ, to allow Him to reshape our priorities and give our lives a new purpose. Jesus promises to make His disciples "fishers of men." He transforms ordinary lives into instruments of grace. He does the same today. He calls us not because we are perfect, but because He wants to work through us.

**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.

**2025 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** will be available for pick-up in the Parish Office after January 26, 2026. On the weekend of February 7-8 and 14-15, income tax receipts will be available at the main entrance of the church for pick-up after Mass. Remaining receipts will be mailed out on February 23, 2026. If you notice any address errors on your receipt there will be a sheet at the main entrance or contact the parish office.

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

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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 our 2026 Membership continues to be \$35, **so if you missed the signup, please place the fee into an envelope marked with "your name" and "CWL Membership" and place it in the offering basket during any Mass.** We hope you will join us again to help increase our focus on Faith, Service and Social & Ecological Justice, in our Parish and local communities and charities. • Please take time to check out the monthly poster boards for January, featuring the "Year of the Family Program and New Beginnings" and "Joy."



### **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.

## **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.

**BE ACTIVATED** Activate 200 Missionary Disciples in the 200th year of the Archdiocese of Kingston. Join the challenge to Be Activated. Live your faith courageously. Experience transformation. And lead people to Jesus. Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission is offering "ACTIVATE" free of charge. Journey together with a small group for 8 weeks, from early March to the end of April, to pray together, watch and discuss dynamic videos, engage in practical exercises, and encourage one another in growth. Weekly 2-hour sessions (in person or on Zoom) will be scheduled according to participant preference and availability. Register by Friday, February 21 at: <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/be-activated>

**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 VEIL OVERNIGHT WINTER SHELTER FOR HOMELESS MEN** is open for the season until **April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Schedule for the weekends of Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2026**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Sat. 31 Jan. 5:15pm</b>	H. Couto C. Jones	J. Saunders B. Oliveira		Tim & Theresa
<b>Sun. 1 Feb. 9:00am</b>	M. Addai M. Marcial	A. MacKinnon M. Tudin		Megan
<b>Sun. 1 Feb. 11:00am</b>	B. Ows S. Boisvert	R. McLaren F. Levesque		Choir
<b>Streaming: R. McDonald</b>				
<b>Junior Liturgy: H. Gencarelli</b>				



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** Today we celebrate the Word of God and the Conversion of St. Paul. Like Paul, we are called to a radical encounter with Christ that transforms our lives and sends us out as "Pilgrims of Hope".

For the Knights of Columbus, Paul's transformation serves as a model for our principle of Unity. Just as Paul worked to bring diverse communities together under one faith, Knights are called to be men of action who defend the Church and build bridges of charity. By grounding ourselves in the Word, we strengthen the bonds of our brotherhood and our mission to serve the "one Body" of Christ. It's simple to join, so why not make this your 2026 resolution?



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