

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

*"For we saw his star when it rose
and have come to worship 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

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Junior Liturgy

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” indicates an important moment of realization. We use it to describe the story of the Wise Men because their star-led journey to Bethlehem did indeed reveal something fundamental to our faith: that Christ birth is God’s message of saving love for all the world.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The prophet describes the coming Saviour as a beacon. People of all nationalities will be drawn to his light.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

The Spirit has made it clear: the promise of salvation is meant for everyone.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The birth of Christ did indeed draw people from every corner of the globe. Visitors from the East were amongst the first to welcome our Saviour.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 5 January

5:15 p.m. Clair & Wilma Kearns

Tuesday, 6 January

9:00 a.m. Humbertos Fernanda Dias – Manual & Yasmin Dias

Wednesday, 7 January

9:00 a.m. Amado Marcial – Lolita Quintana

Thursday, 8 January

9:00 a.m. Manuel Carquez – Cecilia Melo

Friday, 9 January

5:15 p.m. Ken Lillis (11th Anniversary) – Sharon, Scott & Andrea Lillis

Saturday, 10 January

5:15 p.m. Frank Coffey – Pat & Rene Murphy

Sunday, 11 January

9:00 a.m. William Murphy (13th Anniversary) – Brenda Murphy

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

Hearts Changed by Epiphany

The Epiphany reveals a God who does not hide Himself. He shines forth. The child of Bethlehem is not only the Savior of Israel but the light of all nations. The Magi, foreigners and seekers, represent every human heart that longs for truth, meaning, and hope. Guided by a star, they remind us that God always provides light for those who sincerely seek Him.

Yet the journey to Christ is not without struggle. Herod also hears of the newborn King, but instead of joy, he is disturbed. This contrast reveals an important truth: the same Christ who draws some closer can unsettle others. When Christ enters our lives, He challenges our false securities, our selfish ambitions, and our comfort with darkness. Epiphany asks us: do we receive Christ with openness like the Magi, or do we resist Him like Herod?

When the Magi finally encounter Jesus, they do three powerful things: they rejoice, they fall down in worship, and they offer gifts. This is the heart of Christian discipleship. Joy flows from encountering Christ. Worship is the only fitting response to His presence. And gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—symbolize the offering of our whole lives: our talents, our prayer, our suffering, and our love.

Finally, the Gospel tells us that the Magi returned home “by another way.” No one truly encounters Christ and remains the same.

Epiphany is not just about seeing the light; it is about being changed by it. As baptized Christians, we are now called to become stars ourselves—reflecting Christ’s light in our families, workplaces, and communities.

May this Epiphany renew our desire to seek Christ, courage to worship Him sincerely, and grace to walk a new path, transformed by His light.

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.

THANK YOU to all of our Ushers, Musicians and Choir members, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Counters, and Streaming volunteers for all of your extra help during the Christmas and New Year’s celebrations.

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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. 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. Annual Fee continues to be \$35. Please join us again to help increase our focus on Faith, Service and Social & Ecological Justice, in our Parish and local communities and charities. • CWL's January General Meeting will be on Monday January 12, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Diocesan Centre. All members are welcome to join us. • May your 2026 be full of blessings, and may the virtues of Hope and Peace be in abundance, throughout the year.

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 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 if 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

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

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The Franciscans: Is God Calling You? The Gospel and the "following of Jesus Christ" were not idealistic but rather "dynamic values" for St. Francis and his followers. People inspired by the Gospel values that they saw in Francis wanted to follow him. These values are the substance of Franciscans today: the Poor Clares, the Secular Franciscans (for women and men, single or married), and the Friars. Is God "calling" you or "inviting you to be a part of the Franciscan mission? Order? Please send an email to **Friar Reto Davatz** at FrRDavatz@archkingston.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 10-11, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 10 Jan. 5:15pm	M. Sivilotti M. MacVicar	M. McLaughlin M. Thomas	I. Stewart R. Lachance P. Scott S. Harrigan	Tim & Stacy
Sun. 11 Jan. 9:00am	A. MacKinnon C. Jones	M. Marcial C. Purcell	F. Cuvelier I. Stewart M. Turkington R. Audet	Megan
Sun. 11 Jan. 11:00am	R. McLaren F. Levesque	A. Krasna B. McIver	B. Krasna F. Asuncion J. McLaren F. Levesque	Choir

Streaming: C. Jones

Junior Liturgy: Will return in the New Year



KNIGHTS CORNER: The Grand Knight, Officers and all Knights of your St. Joseph's Council offer their very best wishes for a prosperous, happy and safe New Year, filled with blessings for you and your families. We would like to also extend a challenge to men over 18 in the parish. You've read in this bulletin and seen at numerous parish events the good deeds our Council is doing. We donated \$50,000 to charities in 2025, and that doesn't even address the hundreds of hours of volunteer work we've done (as a Council Team) too! And we can do more, with your help. This is the year you should join. We offer the first year free of dues, friendship, fraternity, faith and good works. What's not to like? Follow us on Facebook at St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670, Kingston.



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