

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Lent March 1, 2026

*"Jesus led them up a high mountain
where they could be alone."*



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

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

Second Sunday of Lent

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Introduction

Many biblical events happen on high mountains, like the temptation of Jesus in last week's Gospel. Today, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain where they are given a glimpse of heavenly glory.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Abraham is called by the Lord to leave his home and to travel to a new land where he and his descendants will be blessed.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

St. Paul had to bear hardships for the sake of the Gospel, relying on the power of God, and invites us to be willing to do the same.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured in heavenly glory, along with the prophets Moses and Elijah.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 2 March

5:15 p.m. Intention of Noreen Mallen – Shirley Kelliher

Tuesday, 3 March

9:00 a.m. Maya Warren – Frank & Martie Cervenko

Wednesday, 4 March

9:00 a.m. Gloria McLaren – Robert McLaren

Thursday, 5 March

9:00 a.m. Clair & Wilma Kearns

Friday, 6 March

10:00 a.m. Mass at Kingsdale Chateau

5:15 p.m. Bill Allen – Faustino & Ilda Raposo

Saturday, 7 March

5:15 p.m. Jose Quintana (7th Anniversary) – Lolita Quintana

Sunday, 8 March

9:00 a.m. Joe Giuseppe Saccon – Josephina Saccon

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Join our online Mass on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. visit www.stjosephskingston.ca.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Peggy Marcus; Dorothy Stanley; Fr. Bill Steacy.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna V.; Rob Hurst; Doreen Saunders; Brian Begbie; Richard Devette; Kent Hawley; Bruce Johnson; Joan Bryan; Mel Kane; Murray Wood; Gerry Koster; Raymond Doyle; Aileen Irvine; Dennis Keefe; Olimpia Sienkiewicz; Lucyna Zbozien.

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

Lord, it is Good that we are Here

On this Second Sunday of Lent, Year A, the Church leads us up a mountain. The Gospel of the Transfiguration presents Jesus taking Peter, James, and John apart by themselves to a high mountain. There, before their eyes, He is transfigured: His face shines like the sun and His garments become dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear, conversing with Him, and a cloud overshadows them. From the cloud comes the voice of the Father: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

This luminous moment is not accidental. It comes at a decisive point in the ministry of Jesus. He has already begun to speak about His coming Passion. The shadow of the Cross is approaching. Before the disciples witness His humiliation, they are allowed to glimpse His glory. Before they see Him disfigured on Calvary, they see Him transfigured on the mountain. The Lord strengthens their faith in advance, so that when scandal and fear come, they may remember what they have seen.

On the mountain, Peter wants to remain in the glory. "Lord, it is good that we are here," he says, proposing to build three tents. He wants to preserve the moment, to stay where everything is radiant and clear. How human that is. We too desire consolation without sacrifice, glory without suffering. But the mountain experience is not the destination. It is preparation. After the vision fades, Jesus leads them back down, and He speaks again of His coming Passion. The light is meant to strengthen them for the darkness that lies ahead.

The Transfiguration assures us that suffering is not the final word. Behind the Cross stands the glory of the Son. Behind sacrifice lies transformation. Lent is not a season of gloom but of hope-filled purification. It reminds us that God is at work even when the path leads through struggle.

May this Lent be a true journey of listening, trust, and transformation, so that when Easter dawns, we too may share more deeply in the light of His glory. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Parents meeting on March 5, 2026 will be in the Church at 6:30 p.m. Any questions, please contact the Parish Office – 613-547-5004. **REGISTRATIONS IS NOW CLOSED.**

CHURCH WASHROOMS are now open! The plumbing has been repaired and we have reopened the Church washrooms. The temporary hall washroom is closed until the completion of our Parish Hall.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS ALL CWL Members and PARISHIONERS • The General CWL Meeting is Monday, March 9th at 7pm in the Diocesan Centre, Room A. **Our Presentation with Patricia Streich, Chair of the Social Planning Council of Kingston and District will begin at 7:45pm.** Patricia is a housing specialist and is an advocate on local housing issues. Welcome all to hear her important Kingston housing information. • **Our CWL and Parish St. Vincent de Paul Collection will run from March 9th to April 1st.** Help "Creating Hope through Action" by 1) Donating items such as **Non-Perishable Foods (pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter etc.), children diapers and wipes, adult diapers of all sizes, tampons, toilet paper, shampoo, body soap etc.** 2) **Making a monetary donation**, sealed in an envelope indicating, CWL - St Vincent de Paul Donation, that can be placed in the weekend Collection Baskets. The full donation list will be on the collection boxes located near each of the church entrances from March 9th-April 1st. Thank you for supporting this vital community resource.



DONATIONING TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH Plenty helps us make it easier for parish family members 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. If you have any questions, call the Parish office during office hours for help.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON A Lenten Parish Mission led by Fr. John O'Brien, SJ, Rector of the Martyrs' Shrine, Midland will take place on March 9 and 10 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. Veneration of the relic of St. Jean de Brébeuf will be the afternoon of March 8, 2026 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be said on Friday evenings, following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. All are warmly invited to this beautiful prayer of the Church.

LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION The Lenten Penance Celebration for St. Joseph's will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2026 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 of our family parish members, and indeed from outside the parish, are most welcome to attend.

MUSICAL AFTERNOON On Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., join us for an afternoon of great music and to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! A musical afternoon featuring Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg and Noah St. Amand (of Turpin's Trail), for those who are Irish, and for those who "wish they were." Light refreshments will be

served in the newly renovated Parish Hall. Proceeds will be donated to our Parish Hall Gather & Grow campaign.

COMMUNITY

AN INTRODUCTION TO PRISON MINISTRY
Saturday, March 28 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM Join us for an intensive one-day training where you will be introduced to the key aspects, skills, and themes surrounding this ministry. Topics include: Call to Prison Ministry, Communication Skills, Boundaries, Restorative Justice, Self-care, Prison Culture...and more. Location: Francis J. Spence Pastoral Centre, Room A **390 Palace Road, Kingston.** To register: Phone Gorett at 613-548-4461 Ext. 112; pastoralservices@archkingston.ca. There is **no fee**, but **registration is required by Wednesday, March 25th, 2026.** Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Mary-Jo at religioused@archkingston.ca.

Schedule for the weekends of March 7-8, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 7 Mar. 5:15pm	C. Jones Sr.L.Kearney	M.McLaughlin L. Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart S. Harrigan R. Lachance D. Mazzolin	Fortune & Tim
Sun. 8 Mar. 9:00am	C. Purcell M. Tudin	G.Lesperance M. Marcial	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier J. Agero P. Oliquano	Megan
Sun. 8 Mar. 11:00am	S. Boisvert V. Onwuliri	K. Colwell T.Donoghue	D.Fernandes J. McLaren F. Levesque F. Asuncion	Choir
Streaming: R. McDonald				
Junior Liturgy: J. Goudreau				



KNIGHTS CORNER: This second week of Lent, we witness the Transfiguration of Jesus. After a first week focused on fasting and temptation, this Gospel reveals the radiant glory of Christ, giving the disciples, and us, a glimpse of the hope that lies beyond the Cross. The Father's voice from the cloud gives a simple, direct command: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him!". How often do we truly listen to Him amidst the noise of the world? As Catholic men and women, we are called to bring the "mountain-top experience" of prayer into the valley of our daily lives. Do we truly clear our minds and listen to the readings and Gospel? Do we concentrate mindfully while saying our prayers after communion and focus on what the Holy Eucharist means to us? The Transfiguration reminds us that Jesus is present in our "transfigured" brothers and sisters - specifically the poor, the unborn, and the vulnerable. Let us use this Lenten season to "turn down the volume of the world" and sharpen our hearing to the voice of the Beloved Son.



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