

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

*"He cried in a loud voice,
'Lazarus, here! Come out!'"*



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

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Introduction

Lazarus, the friend of Jesus and the brother of Martha and Mary, is at the center of today's Gospel. Lazarus is brought back to life in Jesus' spectacular and final "sign", as miracles are termed in John's Gospel.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Only the Lord can raise the dead to life.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God, the Spirit of Life, has made a home in us.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Jesus gives the blind man new sight and the gift of faith.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 23 March

5:15 p.m. Larry Rochefort – Colleen Purcell

Tuesday, 24 March

9:00 a.m. Paul Dowling – Mary Dowling

Wednesday, 25 March

9:00 a.m. Special Intention – Yeshi Redda

Thursday, 26 March

9:00 a.m. Jack Foley – Kevin & Dorothy Mulrooney

Friday, 27 March

5:15 p.m. Marian Meagher – Robert Mallette

Saturday, 28 March

5:15 p.m. Ioan & Elmer Shortt – Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

Sunday, 29 March

9:00 a.m. Paul Dowling (1st Anniversary) – Mary Dowling

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 Jacques Harvey.

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; Lucyna Zbozien.

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.

LEGION OF MARY Kingston Diocese Curia will be hosting the annual Acies meeting in honour of Our Lady on March 25, 2026 at St. Joseph's Church at 2:00 p.m. A reception to follow in the Parish Family Hall.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Lord , if You had been Here...

The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday of Lent draws us into the deeply human and divine encounter between Jesus and a grieving family in Bethany. The story of Lazarus is not only about death and resurrection; it is about the mystery of God's presence in moments when life feels heavy, delayed, or even lost.

Martha's words to Jesus carry a quiet tension between faith and disappointment: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." They are words many of us have spoken in different forms. We believe, yet we struggle. We trust, yet we question. We pray, yet sometimes we feel unheard. This Gospel does not reject that tension; instead, it enters into it. Jesus does not rebuke Martha or Mary for their grief. He receives it. Even more striking, He shares in it. "Jesus wept." In that moment, we see a God who is not distant or indifferent, but one who is intimately involved in our suffering.

This is a consoling truth for daily life. When we experience loss, disappointment, or confusion, God is not absent. He is present, even when His presence is not immediately visible. Our pain is not ignored; it is held within the heart of Christ. The invitation, then, is not to suppress our struggles but to bring them honestly before Him. Authentic prayer begins not with perfect words, but with a sincere heart.

Yet the Gospel also challenges our understanding of God's timing. Jesus deliberately delays His coming, and by the time He arrives, Lazarus has been in the tomb for four days. From a human perspective, it seems too late. But Jesus is not bound by human expectations. What appears to be a delay is, in fact, part of a greater revelation. They hoped for healing; Jesus reveals resurrection. This reminds us that God's ways often go beyond our immediate desires. There are moments in life when prayers seem unanswered, when situations worsen instead of improve, when silence replaces clarity. In such times, faith means trusting that God is still working, even when His action is hidden.

MASS OF CHRISM You are invited to attend the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Mulhall will preside and bless the Oils for sacramental life of the Church.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026 – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3, 2026 – Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m. & Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026 – Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass

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GRAND OPENING OF OUR PARISH FAMILY HALL

All are invited to our grand opening and blessing of our newly renovated Parish Family Hall on March 22, 2026 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. A light lunch will be served. If you are attending the 5:15 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. masses on March 21-22, please take a tour of our Parish Family Hall and enjoy some light refreshments.

200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on April 18, 2026 at St. Mary’s Cathedral. All are welcome to celebrate joyful occasion.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS ALL CWL Members and PARISHIONERS • 2026 National theme: *"Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission"* • In keeping with our focus, “Blessed be the Poor”, Our CWL and Parish Lenten St. Vincent de Paul Collection is running from March 9th to April 1st. Help “Creating Hope through Action” by 1) Donating Non-Perishable Foods and other items listed on the collection boxes at each entrance in the church, or 2) making a monetary donation sealed in an envelope indicating, "CWL - St Vincent de Paul Donation", and placing it in the weekend Collection Baskets. • The Executive Meeting is on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Parish’s new Board Room. • The 104th Kingston Diocesan Convention is April 25 & 26th at the Quality Inn and Conference Centre, right here in Kingston. Contact Susan Conway Williamson (conwills59@yahoo.ca) to complete your registration. • **The 12th Annual Fancy Hat Tea Party will be taking place on Saturday, May 9th, from 2-4:30pm.** Gently-used or new items for the Silent Auction and Doorprizes are being accepted now, as are donations of sugar/creamer sets or silver teapots. Contact Denise (irvined435@gmail.com) to arrange drop-off or pick up. Items can be brought to meetings as well.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA A bus will leave Kingston for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 14th, 2026**, from St. Joseph’s parking lot at **392 Palace Road at 7:00 am** to arrive on time for **Mass at St. Patrick’s Basilica, 220 Kent St. at 10 am**. The cost is **\$50.00 per person**. You can reserve your seat by registering in person with Susan at St. Joseph’s Parish Office Monday-Friday 8:30 am-12noon and 1:00 pm-4:30 pm OR by e-transfer at kingstonmflbus@proton.me For more information about the March, see www.campaignlifecoalition.com and click on March for Life.



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

SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR – ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI A Special Jubilee Year is being celebrated from **January 10,**

2026 to January 10, 2027, at 7:00pm in commemoration of the 800th anniversary of the passage of St. Francis of Assisi. In Kingston, designated pilgrimage churches include St. John the Apostle, Holy Family, and St. Francois d’Assise. A Plenary Indulgence is available under the usual circumstances. All are welcome to visit when the churches are open for Mass or Adoration on weekdays (Tuesday–Friday) or on weekends.

Schedule for the weekends of March 28-29, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 28 Mar. 5:15pm	Sr.L.Kearney M. Sivilotti	B. Oliveira L.Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart P. Scott A. Kelly R.Lachance	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 29 Mar. 9:00am	C.Charbonneau G.Lesperance	L. Orellano	I. Stewart M.Turkington R. Audet F. Cuvelier	Theresa & Annette
Sun. 29 Mar. 11:00am	B. Ows B. McIver	T.Dononghue A. Krasna	J. McLaren B. Krasna D.Fernandes F. Levesque	Choir
Streaming: J. McDonald				
Junior Liturgy: No Junior Liturgy				



KNIGHTS CORNER: Vivat Jesus! A Call to Charity and Hope. In this Sunday’s Gospel, we witness the ultimate act of fraternal love as Jesus weeps for His friend Lazarus before calling him forth from the tomb. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to embody this same spirit through our first principle: Charity. Just as Jesus commanded the bystanders to "untie him and let him go," we are summoned to help unbind those in our community held captive by poverty, despair, or loneliness. We demonstrate our charity by donating over \$35,000 each year to the Parish and Kingston based charities that support those who struggle with homelessness, food vulnerability, unplanned pregnancies, those approaching their final time on this mortal plane, veterans in need and Special Olympians. The first reading from Ezekiel echoes this promise of restoration, reminding us that God puts His Spirit in us so that we may live. This Lenten season, let our faith be more than words. By serving the "least of these," we witness to the world that Christ is indeed the Resurrection and the Life. Let us work together to remove the stones of indifference from our hearts and bring His light to those waiting for hope. This is why you need to join the Knights now. Together, let's create irreversible charitable momentum.



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