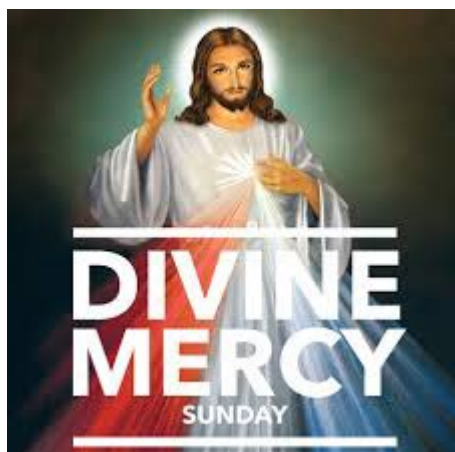


# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026

*"Happy are those who have not seen  
and yet believe."*

### 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

Parish Pastoral Council

Ben Krasna

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Carol Kavanaugh

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Chris Jones & Monna

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Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

Judy Saunders

Ministry at Extencicare

Mary Clancy

Ushers

Ian Stewart

Sacristans

Fran Price

Culture of Life

Ben Krasna

Parish Engagement

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Shirley Kelliher

Junior Liturgy

Kelly Canning

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Kelly Canning

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Youth Choir

Sheila Fowler

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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

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### **Introduction**

The apostle Thomas addressed the risen Jesus as, “My Lord and my God!” It is the fullest expression of faith anywhere in the Gospels and comes like dawn following night after a period of doubt and difficulty in Thomas’ life.

### **First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

An insight into how the early followers of Christ lived in community, continued to worship in the Temple and shared all they had.

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Peter uses the form of a Jewish blessing to praise God for the new life of baptism given through the resurrection of Christ.

### **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

Thomas is not present when the risen Lord appears to the disciples and cannot accept their testimony unless he sees for himself. The Lord appears to him, and he believes. Jesus declares blessed those who have not seen and yet believe.

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## **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

### **Monday, 13 April**

5:15 p.m. Anne Byrne – The Family

### **Tuesday, 14 April**

9:00 a.m. Intention of Robert Holmes – Janis & Family

### **Wednesday, 15 April**

9:00 a.m. Santo Carfa – Lucy & Tony Garofalo

### **Thursday, 16 April**

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the McConville & Jordan Families – Pat McConville & Mike Jordan

### **Friday, 17 April**

5:15 p.m. Intention of Judith Whorley – Inie & John Slievert

### **Saturday, 18 April**

5:15 p.m. Kevin Mulrooney – Colleen Mahoney

### **Sunday, 19 April**

9:00 a.m. Giorgio Alessio – Angela & Angelo Gencarelli & Family

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*Join our online Mass on 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 Hurst; Doreen Saunders; Brian Begbie; Kent Hawley; Bruce Johnson; Joan Bryan; Mel Kane; Gerry Koster; Raymond Doyle.

*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.*

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY** Join us on April 19 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for Hospitality Sunday in our Parish Family Hall. All are welcome!

## **Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

### **Jesus, I trust in You**

At the heart of Divine Mercy Sunday lies a short but profound prayer: “Jesus, I trust in You.” Given to the Church through Saint Faustina Kowalska, these words are not just a devotion; they are a way of life. They express the deepest attitude of the human soul before God—an attitude that opens us to His mercy, His grace, and His transforming love.

To say “Jesus, I trust in You” is to acknowledge that we are not in control. It is a surrender of our fears, our plans, and even our understanding. Trust is difficult because it asks us to let go of certainty. We often prefer what we can see, measure, and manage. Yet faith invites us into something deeper—a relationship in which we rely not on ourselves, but on the goodness of Christ. Trust, therefore, is not weakness; it is a courageous act of placing our lives into the hands of the One who loves us completely.

This trust becomes most meaningful in moments of darkness. It is easy to trust when life is going well, when prayers seem answered, and when everything feels secure. But the true test of trust comes in suffering, confusion, and waiting. When doors close, when prayers appear unanswered, when God seems silent—this is where the prayer “Jesus, I trust in You” takes on its deepest meaning. It becomes an act of faith that goes beyond feelings. It says: even here, even now, I believe You are present, You are good, and You are working for my salvation.

In the end, this simple prayer becomes a lifelong journey. It is repeated in moments of joy and in moments of sorrow, in times of clarity and in times of confusion. It becomes the quiet rhythm of a heart that has learned to rely on God. And as this trust deepens, it begins to overflow into our relationships with others. We become more patient, more forgiving, more compassionate—because we have experienced mercy ourselves.

To say “Jesus, I trust in You” is to open the door of our hearts to Divine Mercy. It is to move from fear to faith, from control to surrender, and from isolation to communion with God. It is, ultimately, to allow Jesus to be who He truly is in our lives—not a distant figure, but a living Savior whose mercy is always greater than our need.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION** Join us at 3:00 p.m. (the hour of Mercy) this **Sunday, April 12, 2026** (second Sunday of Easter) to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, there will also be opportunity to adore our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a special day when we reflect on God’s mercy, love and forgiveness which he grants to all those who are willing to ask for it.

**ENROLLMENT SUNDAY** This Sunday, April 12 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass we welcome our candidates of Confirmation. We ask that you keep our candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of May.

This week’s bulletin is sponsored by:



**NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MASS** Join us on April 26, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. as the Nigerian Catholic Community from around the Archdiocese gather to celebrate Easter with Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Potluck to follow in the Parish Family Hall. All are welcome.

**FLORES DE MAYO** The Filipino Canadian Community invites you to celebrate Flores de Mayo, in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary, Sunday, May 17, 2026, here at St. Joseph's, beginning with Procession and the Rosary (led by children) at 2:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 3:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Parish Family Hall. All are welcome!



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

- General meeting is Monday April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Family Hall, speaker is councilor Jeff McLaren (Water & Wastewater of Kingston).
- Birthright Collection, April 7 – May 1. List of items can be found on the collection boxes or donate monetary funds in the collection basket.
- On Tuesday May 5th-8:00am-8:00pm, the CWL parish-wide Palliative Care Day of Prayer will occur. Join us in prayer, focusing on End-of-Life Care.
- **Our 12th Annual Fancy Hat Tea Party is on Saturday, May 9, 2026.** Tickets go on sale before and after all Masses the weekends of April 11/12 and April 18/19 and at the Parish Office on Monday, April 13 at 9a.m. and will be available until 4p.m., Tuesday, May 5. Tickets \$20 each! Gently-used items for the Silent Auction or smaller ones for door prizes are now being accepted. Contact Angel or Denise ([irvined435@gmail.com](mailto:irvined435@gmail.com)) Please note that items not chosen may be stored for another event or donated to a charity thrift store.

**CARD COMMUNITY** Looking to spend a relaxing and fun afternoon with other senior? Come, join St. Joseph's card players every Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Organize a table of four to play your favorite game (Euchre/Bridge/Rummy/Canasta) or submit your name as a spare for the existing tables. Tea, coffee and a light snack provided. If interested contact Mary Clancy @ 613-544-4190 or Judy Saunders @ 613-544-5838. Last Wednesday was our first week back and what a fantastic afternoon.

**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](mailto:kingstonmflbus@proton.me) For more information about the March, see [www.campaignlifecoalition.com](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com) and click on March for Life.

**200<sup>th</sup> 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. Buffet luncheon following Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall 588 Division Street. For shuttle bus information please see the

bulletin board at the main entrance. All are welcome to celebrate joyful occasion



**DONATING 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.

**COMMUNITY**

**ST. THOMAS MORE FISH FRY** The grade 7/8 students of St. Thomas More are hosting a 'Mike Mundell Fish Fry' on Friday, May 15, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic School Gym (234 Norman Rogers Dr.). Take Out or Eat In. Tickets are \$20 (2 pieces of fish, a side and a drink). Students and staff will be selling tickets on the weekend of May 2-3, 2026 at the church entrance.

**OPUS DEI EVENING REFLECTION** He is Risen! That changes everything! Like a mini-retreat, this evening of reflection is offered by Opus Dei members for people wanting to find holiness through their daily work and relationships. Newcomers welcome. Learn more at [opusdei.org](http://opusdei.org).

For Women: Tues., April 21, 7-9pm, St. Joseph's Church  
For Men: Wed., April 22, 7-9pm, Holy Family Church

**Schedule for the weekends of April 18-19, 2026**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Sat. 18 Apr. 5:15pm</b>	H. Couto J. Saunders	D. Lomboy B. Oliveira	TBD	Stacy & Tim
<b>Sun. 19 Apr. 9:00am</b>	M. Addai C. Charbonneau	K. Nickerson G. Lesperance	TBD	Theresa & Annette
<b>Sun. 19 Apr. 11:00am</b>	R. McLaren F. Levesque	C. Kavanaugh A. Krasna	TBD	Choir
<b>Streaming: R. McDonald</b>				
<b>Junior Liturgy: No Junior Liturgy</b>				



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** Christ is risen! As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we are reminded that God's mercy and love extend to every one of us. This Easter season, let that joy move us to serve those around us. Knights of Columbus councils across the country have been answering that call. Here at St. Joseph's, our Brother Knights remain committed to supporting our parish and neighbours in need through prayer, charity, and fraternity. As we continue through this holy season, we invite all Catholic men to consider joining our council. Together, we can deepen our faith and strengthen our community.



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