

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026

"So he went to stay with them"

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
Patrick Greenwood

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Parish Ministries

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Introduction

Jesus walks with each of us in our journey through life. We do not always recognize him, but he is always there, supporting us and challenging us as he thinks best for us. During our Mass today we reflect on this great gift of his steadfast presence.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-23

God raised Jesus to life, and all his disciples are witnesses to that.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

It is through Christ that we have faith in God, who raised him from the dead.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The risen Lord walks with his disciples and talks to them on the road.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 20 April

5:15 p.m. Mary St. Pierre

Tuesday, 21 April

9:00 a.m. Intention of Terry Holmes – the Family

Wednesday, 22 April

9:00 a.m. Special Intention of Victor Robert Cleyn –
Colin & Karen MacDougall

Thursday, 23 April

9:00 a.m. Geraldine St. Onge – Frank & Lorraine
Carter

Friday, 24 April

5:15 p.m. Morrie-Anne Mignault (1st Anniversary) –
Colleen Purcell

Saturday, 25 April

5:15 p.m. Anne Garrett (4th Anniversary) – Leon
Garrett

Sunday, 26 April

9:00 a.m. Mario Castro – Judithe Castro
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Join our online Mass on next Saturday, April 25 at 5:15 p.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 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 this Sunday, April 19 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for Hospitality Sunday in our Parish Family Hall. All are welcome!

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Walking with Jesus

The Gospel of the Third Sunday of Easter presents the journey of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus—a story that speaks directly to our daily lives. These disciples are walking away from Jerusalem in disappointment. Everything they hoped for in Jesus seems lost. This reflects moments in our own lives when faith feels confusing, prayers seem unanswered, and hope fades.

Yet, it is precisely in this moment that Jesus draws near and walks with them, though they do not recognize Him. This teaches us an important lesson: Christ is often present in our lives even when we are unaware. A simple but practical step is to pause each day and reflect, asking, “Where was God present to me today?” Learning to notice His presence changes how we live.

As they walk, Jesus listens to their struggles and then explains the Scriptures, helping them understand that suffering was part of God’s plan. In the same way, when life does not make sense, we need the Word of God to guide us. Making time, even briefly each day, to read and reflect on Scripture helps us interpret our experiences with faith instead of confusion.

Finally, the disciples recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. This points us to the Eucharist, where Christ is truly present. Our participation at Mass, therefore, should be attentive and intentional. When we approach the Eucharist with faith, our eyes too can be opened.

After recognizing Him, the disciples immediately return to Jerusalem, transformed and full of purpose. A true encounter with Christ always leads to action. It calls us to live our faith concretely—through small acts of love, witness, and service. This Gospel invites us to see that Christ is already walking with us, speaking to us, and revealing Himself. If we learn to recognize Him, our lives, like those of the disciples, will be changed from discouragement to renewed hope.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Next weekend, April 26, we welcome our candidates who will be making their First Holy Communion at our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses. Congratulations to all of our candidates and their families.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ST. MARY’S CATHEDRAL

Join us on Saturday, May 30, 2026 for a parish pilgrimage to St. Mary’s Cathedral. We will be leaving St. Joseph’s at 9:00 a.m. for a Rosary walk to the Cathedral. Once we arrive or met those unable to walk, there will be an opportunity for private prayers. Fr. Shawn Hughes will be welcoming us and providing a tour of the magnificent Cathedral. To finish our visit there will be a Eucharistic Celebration at 11:00 a.m.

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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 Monday, April 27 is *Our Lady of Good Counsel* Mass at 5:15p.m., followed by dinner at the Greek Islands. Contact Sue Conway Williamson to sign up. • The Executive Meeting moves to Tuesday, April 28, at 7p.m. in the Parish Hall. • The Birthright Collection is from April 7 to May 1. Donation suggestions are listed on the collection boxes by each entrance to the church. Monetary donations are also accepted. • Our *Palliative Care Day of Prayer* is on Tuesday, May 5 this year, from 8a.m. to 8p.m. Sign-up sheets will be out the weekends of April 25/26 and May 2/3. • **Our 12th Annual Fancy Hat Tea Party is Saturday, May 9, 2026.** Tickets are on sale at all Masses this weekend and then only at the Parish Office weekdays from 9a.m.-12p.m. / 1p.m. to 4p.m. until Tuesday, May 5.

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 For more information about the March, see www.campaignlifecoalition.com and click on March for Life.

COMMUNITY

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER **Friday, May 8th** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall (490 Days Road) Join us for a delicious Fish Fry Take-Out Fundraiser in support of the Social Planning Council of Kingston. Meal pickup times available: 4:30-6:00 pm and 6:00-7:30 pm. Tickets are being sold at St. Joseph's main entrance this weekend April 18-19. Further information on this event can be found on the entrance bulletin boards.

HEALING SERVICE *"I am the Lord, your Healer"* (Exodus 15:26). Jesus is alive! We have seen Him heal illness and injuries in our day. Join us to encounter the healing love of our Risen Lord on **Thursday May 7, 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm** at **St. Paul the Apostle Church** (1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd, Kingston). The evening will open giving praise to God and proclaiming His Word, followed by corporate prayers for physical healing, and an opportunity for individual healing prayer. Free and open to the public. More information at: <https://encounterschool.org/kingston>

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.

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 25-26, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 25 Apr. 5:15pm	S. Ottenhof Sr. Kearney	L.Bickerstaffe M.McLaughlin	I. Stewart D.Mazzolin R.Lachance S. Harrigan	Tim
Sun. 26 Apr. 9:00am	P. Evaristo J. Watts	C. Purcell M. Tudin	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet P. Oliquano	Youth Choir
Sun. 26 Apr. 11:00am	D. Naimool B. McIver	R. McLaren F. Levesque	B. Krasna F. Levesque F. Ambrogi F. Asuncion	Choir

Streaming: S. Lett (5:15 p.m. April 25)

Junior Liturgy: No Junior Liturgy



KNIGHTS CORNER: As Knights of Columbus, we are called to be men of unity: faithful Catholics committed to service, charity, and respect for the dignity of every person. On this Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reminds us of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, whose hearts burned within them as they encountered Christ. We are called to that same spirit of faith, hope, and love. Let us answer that call through prayer for Pope Leo XIV, for our civic leaders, and through charitable words and actions that bring peace where there is division. All Catholic men are warmly welcome to join us as we build unity in our parish family, one act of service at a time.

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