

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter *April 26, 2026*

*"The one who enters through the gate
is the shepherd of the flock"*

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

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Eucharistic Ministers

Carol Kavanaugh

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

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

Mary Clancy

Funeral Choir

Shirley Kelliher

Junior Liturgy

Kelly Canning

Sacramental Preparation

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Kelly Canning

Music Ministry

Theresa Whalen-Witjes

Youth Choir

Sheila Fowler

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

The Lord is a shepherd and he calls and cares for each one of us. We, too, are called to be shepherds and care for one another.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

In a loud voice, Peter proclaims that the one who was crucified is the Christ.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Christ Jesus leaves an example. Through his wounds we are healed.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus uses the images of shepherd, sheep and sheepfold to show his love for us.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 27 April

5:15 p.m. Our Lady of Good Counsel – St. Joseph's
Catholic Women's League

Tuesday, 28 April

9:00 a.m. Jose Madigal – Lolita Quintana

Wednesday, 29 April

9:00 a.m. Robert Holmes Sr. (12th Anniversary) – the
Holmes Family

Thursday, 30 April

9:00 a.m. John Benateau – Jerry & Annetta Pattenden

Friday, 1 May

5:15 p.m. Lionel & Norma Beaudoin – Pauline Scott

Saturday, 2 May

5:15 p.m. Peter Goudreau – The Family

Sunday, 3 May

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

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Beatrice Costello; Patrick McCue.

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; Marie Ubdegrove.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION This 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.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Jesus Our Good Shepherd

Today the Church gives us one of the most comforting and revealing images of Jesus: the Good Shepherd. In the Gospel (John 10:1-10), Jesus does not simply say He has sheep—He says the sheep know His voice. That is where everything begins.

Because faith is not first about rules, structures, or obligations—it is about recognition. It is about hearing a voice and knowing: this is the One who loves me.

Jesus says, “The sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” This is deeply personal. God does not deal with us as a crowd, but as individuals. He calls you by name. Not in general, not vaguely, but personally, intentionally, lovingly.

And yet, if we are honest, many voices compete for our attention today. The voice of culture, the voice of fear, the voice of success, the voice of pleasure, the voice of anxiety. These voices promise life, but often lead to confusion, emptiness, or restlessness.

That is why Jesus makes a clear distinction:

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

So the question becomes very practical:
Whose voice are we listening to?

The Good Shepherd does not shout over the noise. His voice is often gentle, steady, persistent. We hear it in Scripture, in prayer, in the quiet movements of conscience, in the teachings of the Church, and even in moments of suffering where God draws us deeper.

But to recognize His voice, we must become familiar with it. A sheep does not recognize the shepherd by accident—it learns the voice by staying close.

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.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MASS

Join us this Sunday, 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.

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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 from 2-4pm. **Tickets have SOLD OUT** and we thank all who will be attending and working this lovely event. Silent Auction donations being accepted by Denise I. (irvined435@gmail.com or phone: see membership list).

AN INVITATION TO FORMER MEMBERS OF GOOD THIEF PARISH: You are warmly invited to attend the blessing and re-dedication of the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, previously mounted at Good Thief, and now installed at Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, in Madoc. The Celebration will begin with a Eucharistic Celebration at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday May 3rd, presided over by Archbishop Mulhall, and it will be followed by a reception in our Parish Hall. We are deeply grateful to have this statue, so lovingly cared for at your former parish over many years.

TUESDAY FAMILY COFFEE BREAK Each Tuesday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, you are invited to our Parish Family Hall for Coffee/Tea and a light snack. All are welcome!

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>

GARAGE AND BAKE SALE Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall (3 Briscoe street, Amherstview) is having a Garage and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 9th 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. All are welcome!

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.

Schedule for the weekends of May 2-3, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 2 May 5:15pm	M.MacVicar M. Sivillotti	J. Saunders L.Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart P. Scott A. Kelly R.Lachance	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 3 May 9:00am	G.Lesperance C. Purcell	L. Orellano M. Marcial	I. Stewart M.Turkington R. Audet F. Cuvelier	Annette & Theresa
Sun. 3 May 11:00am	R.McDonald J.McDonald	B. Tezem T. Donoghue	J. McLaren B. Krasna D.Fernandes F. Levesque	Choir
Streaming: C. Jones				
Junior Liturgy: H. Gencarelli				



KNIGHTS CORNER: This Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the ways our council puts faith into action through charity. We are proud to support Ryandale Transitional Housing and The Food Sharing Project with donations of \$1,000 each. These gifts reflect what it means to follow the Good Shepherd: caring for the vulnerable, feeding the hungry, and leaving no one behind.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we give thanks for all who answer God's call to serve, and we warmly invite Catholic men of the parish to join our council. Vivat Jesus!



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