

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## *Easter Sunday*

**April 5, 2026**

*"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb...and we don't know where they have put him."*

### **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 & Baptismal Preparation course is 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

Knights of Columbus, 11670

#### **Parish Ministries**

Finance Committee

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara  
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Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Mary Clancy

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

Ian Stewart

Ministry at Extencicare

Fran Price

Ushers

Ben Krasna

Sacristans

Mary Clancy

Culture of Life

Shirley Kelliher

Parish Engagement

Kelly Canning

Funeral Choir

Junior Liturgy

Sacramental Preparation

Kelly Canning

Altar Servers

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Music Ministry

Youth Choir

Sheila Fowler

#### **Parish Schools**

St. Thomas More Catholic School - Sandra Fragoso, Principal  
234 Norman Rogers Dr., Kingston, ON K7M 2R4  
613-542-1575

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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 5, 2026

### **Introduction**

Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed. We gather on this day of resurrection to praise God for the life, hope and joy that this day gives us.

### **First Reading: Acts 10:34, 34-43**

Peter preaches the good news. God has raised Jesus to life.

### **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

We have been brought to true life with Christ. Our life is now hidden in him.

### **Gospel: John 20:1-9**

Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb. The beloved disciple sees and believes.

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### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, 6 April**

5:15 p.m. Maria Carquez – Cecelia Melo

#### **Tuesday, 7 April**

9:00 a.m. Ron Smith (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) – Mary Smith

#### **Wednesday, 8 April**

9:00 a.m. Moira Ottenhof (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Stephen Ottenhof

10:30 a.m. Mass at Extencicare

#### **Thursday, 9 April**

9:00 a.m. Clair & Wilma Kearns

#### **Friday, 10 April**

10:30 a.m. School Mass

5:15 p.m. Steven Black – Pamela Black

#### **Saturday, 11 April**

5:15 p.m. Chuck Scott – Pat & Rene Murphy

#### **Sunday, 12 April**

9:00 a.m. Gloria McLaren (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) – Robert McLaren

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*Join our online Mass Sunday's 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.*

**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.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION** Join us at 3:00 p.m. (the hour of Mercy) **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.

**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.

**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



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** The Grand Knight, Executive and all Knights from your St. Joseph's Council 11670 offer our most sincere wishes for a blessed and peaceful Easter to all of our fellow parishioners. Easter provides yet another opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the needs of others, and reminding ourselves of Jesus' response when he was asked "And who is my neighbour?" If you're a Catholic man, and you want to help those in our Parish and City, now is the time. Speak to any Knight, and join us today!

## Easter Message 2026



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! He is truly Risen! Alleluia!

On this most sacred and joyful day of Easter, the Church throughout the world lifts up her voice in triumphant praise, proclaiming the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death. Today, we stand before the empty tomb not as spectators of a past event, but as participants in a living mystery—a mystery that continues to renew, restore, and transform our lives.

The Resurrection is the foundation of our faith and the source of our hope. Everything we believe as Christians finds its meaning in this truth: that Jesus, who suffered, died, and was buried, has risen in glory. The darkness of Good Friday has given way to the radiant light of Easter morning. What seemed like defeat has become victory; what appeared to be the end has become a new beginning.

In the face of the many challenges that surround us—uncertainty about the future, struggles within our families, personal burdens, illness, grief, wars and the weight of sin—Easter speaks a word of assurance and hope. It reminds us that God is always at work, even when all seems lost. The stone that sealed the tomb has been rolled away, and with it, every obstacle that stands between us and the fullness of life God desires for us.

As a parish family, especially in this special year we have dedicated to deepening our identity as an ecclesial family, we are invited to rediscover what it means to belong to one another in Christ. Easter is not only a personal celebration; it is a communal one. We rise together. We believe together. We journey together as one body in the Lord.

Let this Easter be a moment of renewal for each of us and for our parish as a whole. Let us renew our commitment to prayer, making space each day to encounter the Risen Lord who speaks to us in the silence of our hearts. Let us deepen our love for the Eucharist, where the same Jesus who rose from the dead gives Himself to us as the Bread of Life. Let us return with sincerity to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, allowing the mercy of God to lift us up and restore us.

At the same time, Easter calls us beyond ourselves. The joy we celebrate today is not meant to be kept to ourselves, but to be shared. We are sent forth as witnesses of hope in a world that is often searching for meaning and longing for light. In our homes, let there be more patience, forgiveness, and understanding. In our parish, let there be a deeper spirit of unity, welcome, and service. In our community, let us be instruments of peace, reaching out especially to those who are lonely, struggling, or in need.

My dear brothers and sisters, Easter assures us that God's final word is not suffering, not sin, not death—but life, grace, and glory. No matter what we carry in our hearts today, the Risen Christ meets us there. He calls us by name, just as He called Mary in the garden. He invites us to trust, to hope, and to begin again.

May the light of the Risen Christ shine in your hearts and dispel every darkness. May His peace fill your homes and strengthen your families. May His joy renew our parish and make us a true sign of His living presence in the world.

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!  
With prayers and blessings,

Your Pastor  
Fr. Cosmas Ajawara



**DONATING TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH** Plently 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.

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