

**St. Joseph's CWL January 12, 2026
Celebrating the 200th Anniversary
of the Archdiocese of Kingston
Prayer Service**



Faith Leader 1 – We began our celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston on December 8, 2025, with a Holy Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Patroness of our Archdiocese.

Faith Leader 2 – During this celebration, we invoked Our Blessed Mother to lead us to her Son and transform us in His image.

Faith Leader 3 – The focused theme chosen for the anniversary is from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians (3:10): "To know Christ and the power of His resurrection". This phrase captures a beautiful sentiment and prayer in St. Paul's heart as he writes to his followers in the city of Philippi while he was in prison.

Reader 1 – An icon is a spiritual work of art created after many hours of prayer, fasting, and contemplation of scripture. The lengthy process is referred to as the writing of an icon.

Reader 2 – Iconography is sacred art. Every detail on the surface of the icon has a purpose and meaning. This is why an icon is the Bible in colours, following the Byzantine tradition.



Reader 3 – To commemorate the 200th anniversary, an icon was written on the theme:

"To know Christ and the power of His resurrection."

It was consecrated and installed at the Holy Mass on December 8th. We are invited to spend time before the icon, read and contemplate the images, and accept the invitation to come to know Christ and the power of His resurrection.

Prayer of Faithful-Intercessions

Reader 4 – May God the Father hear our prayers as we offer thanksgiving for the 200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston. Lord, in your mercy...

All-Hear our Prayer

Reader 5 – For Pope Leo and Bishop Michael, as they lead us through the many challenges of the new year, 2026, that they may be filled with the love of our Lord Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy...

All-Hear our Prayer

Reader 6 – For all who are enduring suffering at this time, whether from illness, or deprivation of the goods of the earth or of friendship, may they follow the path of Jesus, joining with His sufferings, and knowing the fullness of His glory. Lord, in your mercy...

All-Hear our Prayer

Reader 7 – For those in our families and Church communities who have died, may they know new life in Jesus, and may their fidelity continue to bring hope to us and to all who share this journey. Lord, in your mercy...

All-Hear our Prayer

Prayer All

Guided by the Holy Spirit, may we, and all in the global community, live in love and unity of heart, moving more surely towards World Peace, especially in places where different values and beliefs create open conflict and hate, as seen today in the middle East and in Nigeria, where, last fall, children were kidnapped from St. Mary's Catholic school. May we be inspired to build a just and merciful society, to seek deeper understanding and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, the Christ. Lord, in your mercy...

All-Hear our Prayer

Reflection by Sister Nancy, CWL Spiritual Co-advisor.