

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter *May 10, 2026*

Happy Mother's Day!

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

Knights of Columbus, 11670

Parish Ministries

Finance Committee
Parish Pastoral Council
Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers
Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara
Ben Krasna
Carol Kavanaugh
Carol Kavanaugh
Chris Jones & Monna
Splinter

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

Altar Servers

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 Spirit of God is the life force of the Church and of every Christian person. It is by God's grace that we live good lives and love one another.

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A Samaritan town responds to the healing power of the Gospel.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

St. Peter urges us to give faithful witness to the Lord.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

We are not orphans. The Spirit lives in us.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 11 May

5:15 p.m. Intention of Emily Moss – the Krasna Family

Tuesday, 12 May

9:00 a.m. Jose Madrigal – Belen & Chito Alvarez & Family

Wednesday, 13 May

9:00 a.m. Mary St. Pierre

Thursday, 14 May

9:00 a.m. Intention of Joseph Bak (90th Birthday) – Toni Alexandrowicz

Friday, 15 May

5:15 p.m. Grace Neddow – Dwight Neddow

Saturday, 16 May

5:15 p.m. Larry Rochefort – Rosemary & Hermano Couto

Sunday, 17 May

9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving – the Krasna Family
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 Neil Whitley; Fidelis Ajawara.

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.

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!

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

The leave-taking

The parting of friends is never easy. But some partings are harder than others. The most painful parting of all happens when someone dies. What makes this parting different from all others is the finality of it.

It was the night before Jesus' death. For some time he had been giving the apostles hints of his death. Now he talked to them openly about it. Except he didn't speak of death in the way we tend to do – in the sense of life ending. He spoke of his death as a going away, 'going to the Father'. But all the apostles heard was the fact that he was leaving them.

There is a leaving which is necessary because it is for the good of the one leaving. For example, a person is leaving to return home or leaving to take up a better job somewhere else. This is certainly true here. Jesus' leaving is for his own good. He is returning to his Father. To return to the Father is to go home. It is to go to honour and glory.

Jesus did not leave his disciples orphaned or desolate. By their faith they were able to 'see' him, and through their obedience to his commandments, they were drawn into a loving communion with him.

Nowhere do we feel so close to him as when we receive him in the Eucharist. When we receive the Eucharist we are not just in communication with him, but in communion with him – a holy communion. Here he nourishes our hearts with his love. The food of the Eucharist gives us the strength to do his word and to live as his disciples.

Reflection is from New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies by Flor McCarthy, SDB

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. To help us plan for the day, If you are interested in joining us, there is a sign-up sheet at the main entrance.

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!



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DEATH OF FIDELIS AJAWARA On May 5, 2026 Father Cosmas received the sad news of the passing of his father, Fidelis. Father Cosmas will be away for a week to be with his family. Thank you to Father Amato, Father McNally, Father Shea and Father Ogbuagu for filling in for Father during his time away. Please continue to pray for Father Cosmas and his family.

FREE ITEMS We have a number of pews and wooden card tables available for free. Pick up will be on an upcoming Sunday, date will be announced in the bulletin. Pick up is at the north side of the Church, at the storage unit between 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. No delivery available and no holds.

PRIEST RETREAT the annual Priests' Retreat is May 18 to May 22, 2026. During this time all masses are cancelled.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

NEWS Our General Meeting is on Monday, May 11 at 7p.m. in the Parish Family Hall. • We'd like to pre-thank all those who participated in making our 12th Annual Fancy Hat Tea Party a fun event as always; workers and guests alike! • A reminder that those interested in attending the 2026 National Convention being held in Halifax NS on August 9-12 – written intentions need to be submitted to one of our Co-Presidents. • Please check out our May Poster Boards featuring *Mary – Mother of the Poor* Prayer Service.

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 bus is now full.

HOLY LAND SALE Bethlehem's Christian community relies on selling handcrafted olive wood religious artifacts to visiting pilgrims, forming its primary income. Declining tourism has hit them hard in recent years, leading some Christians to leave The Holy Land, posing a threat to key sites like the Church of The Nativity. Mark your calendars for **May 16th & 17th**, we are hosting a sale featuring beautiful artifacts at St. Joseph's Church. Your purchase will not only enrich your collection but also contribute to strengthening the Christian presence in The Holy Land.

BIRTHRIGHT Change for Life campaign begins on Mother's Day. If you want to make a difference in this **CHANGE FOR LIFE** campaign, please take a bottle, add your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet, fill it with coins, paper money or cheques and return it on Father's Day weekend. The money we raise will enable us to offer positive assistance and aid to pregnant women and girls who find themselves facing a difficult or un planned pregnancy. Thank you for your support.

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.

8TH ANNUAL RIDEAU CANAL MEN'S RETREAT

Tues. - Thur., August 4-6, 2026 Cost: **\$100** For Catholic men 18 years and older (*plus teenage sons with their fathers*). Travelling by canoe, kayak or pontoon boat from Seeley's Bay to Upper Rideau Lake, with overnight tenting at Davis Lock and along McNally's Bay. Canoes and paddles supplied, along with meals. Daily Mass, Rosary, etc. **Information:** fbrianmcnally@gmail.com (613-464-2908) **Registration:** hart.daniel64@gmail.com (613-899-9514) or riron2019@gmail.com (613-218-6497)

SAVE THE DATE - REGI '86 REUNION

The class of Regiopolis-Notre Dame 1986 is celebrating their 40th Reunion on **May 16, 2026**, in Kingston. All members of the classes of 1985, 1986 and 1987 (and former staff members and teachers) are invited to participate. For more information, please visit the class Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/regi1986reunion2026> or email: regi86reunion@gmail.com

Schedule for the weekends of May 16-17, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 16 May 5:15pm	Sr.N.Hurren H. Couto	J. Saunders L.Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart R.Lachance P. Scott D.Mazzolin	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 17 May 9:00am	C.Charbonneau M. Tudin	A.MacKinnon G.Lesperance	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier M.Turkington R. Audet	Theresa & Annette
Sun. 17 May 11:00am	R. McLaren J.McDonald	B. McIver T.Donoghue	B. Krasna J. Ferreira J. McLaren F. Levesque	Choir
Streaming: S. Frago				
Junior Liturgy: No Junior Liturgy				



KNIGHTS CORNER: This Sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus promises His disciples that they will not be alone: the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to remain with them. That promise still strengthens the Church today. As Knights of Columbus, we trust that the same Spirit guides our work of charity, unity, fraternity, and faithful service to our parish family.

On this Mother's Day, we also give thanks for all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures whose love, sacrifice, and steady presence reflect God's care in our lives. May the Holy Spirit bless and strengthen them.

All Catholic men of the parish are warmly invited to join our council in serving Christ and His Church. Vivat Jesus!

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