

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026

“May He enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope His call holds for you.”

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

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Knights of Columbus, 11670

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord assures us of the promise that the gates of heaven are open and that Jesus has gone before us to prepare a home to which we are invited through grace and mercy.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Jesus ascends into heaven from where he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

The Holy Spirit is poured into the hearts of the baptized that they may respond with joy and hope.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sends the apostles to the ends of the earth to preach the Gospel and baptize.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 18 May

5:15 p.m. MASS IS CANCELLED

Tuesday, 19 May

9:00 a.m. MASS IS CANCELLED

Wednesday, 20 May

9:00 a.m. MASS IS CANCELLED

Thursday, 21 May

9:00 a.m. MASS IS CANCELLED

Friday, 22 May

5:15 p.m. MASS IS CANCELLED

Saturday, 23 May

5:15 p.m. Teresinha Medeiros – Lisetta Medeiros

Sunday, 17 May

9:00 a.m. Ellen Mangan (1st Anniversary) – Mary Ellen Anderson

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.

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

I am with you Always

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord is often misunderstood as the moment Jesus “left” the earth. But in reality, the Ascension is not about absence; it is about presence, mission, and hope. Jesus returns to the Father, yet He remains with His people in a new and deeper way. That is why before ascending into heaven, He tells His disciples in Gospel of Matthew: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... and behold, I am with you always.”

Imagine the feelings of the disciples that day.

They had walked with Jesus, eaten with Him, listened to His teachings, and witnessed His Resurrection. Now He was ascending before their eyes. Humanly speaking, they could have felt abandoned or afraid. Yet instead of despairing, they eventually became courageous witnesses who transformed the world. What changed them? They believed the promise of Christ: “I am with you always.”

That promise is still true today. Christ is still with His Church. He is present in the Eucharist, in prayer, in Scripture, and in every act of love and mercy. Many people today feel alone, confused, or overwhelmed by life's pressures — economic difficulties, family struggles, sickness, disappointment, grief, and uncertainty about the future.

The Ascension reminds us that Jesus has not abandoned us in these struggles. He walks with us even when we do not immediately feel His presence.

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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PARISH MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE On June 14, 2026 join us for our annual Parish Multicultural celebrations. Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a potluck picnic. Together in Christ, United in Diversity! This is an opportunity to gather together and celebrate each other and have some fun!



UPDATES – PARISH FAMILY HALL FUNDRAISING AND CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING

We are up to 75% of our fundraising goal for the Parish Family Hall fundraising. Thank you to all who have donated! You will notice that the installation of our air conditioning units are well underway. They should be in operation by the end of May. Now we just have to pray for warmer weather!

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026

is making blessing bags for people in our community. We are asking for your help to create these blessing bags by bringing in donations or items such as: Gum, Wipes (wet ones or baby), granola bars or small packaged snacks, small toys, used books, bottled water, toothpaste and tooth brushes, soap (unscented), hand sanitizer (unscented), deodorant, and feminine hygiene products. These bags will be made on the 24th of May! We are so grateful for your consideration and donations.

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 The Executive Meeting is on Monday May 25th at 7:00pm. • We thank everyone who contributed so generously to our CWL Birthright

Collection of beautiful Baby and Mom items as well as monetary donations. • Over 70 CWL Members and Parishioners participated in our *12 Hour Palliative Care Day of Prayer*. Your prayers for the sick, and for the families and caregivers supporting the sick, were greatly appreciated. • A big thank you to all who organized and all who attended our very successful *CWL Fancy Hat Tea Party*. A wonderful time was had by all! • On Monday June 8th, plan on attending 5:15pm Mass, followed by our CWL Presentation of Service Pins and our Pot Luck Supper in the Parish Family Hall.

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. This weekend, **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. If you missed picking up a bottle last weekend, bottles can be found at the main entrance table.

KINGSTON 200 YEARS OF FAITH

Celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston with this inspiring article from *The Catholic Register*: <https://www.catholicregister.org/item/3721-historic-kingston-endures-200-years> Discover how our faith community continues to grow and “endure” with hope.

COMMUNITY

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)

Schedule for the weekends of May 23-24, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 23 May 5:15pm	J. Saunders M.MacVicar	P. Rosales D. Lomboy	I. Stewart D.Mazzolin A. Kelly R.Lachance	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 24 May 9:00am	C. Purcell P. Evaristo	M. Marcial L. Orellano	I. Stewart M.Turkington R. Audet F. Cuvelier	Megan
Sun. 24 May 11:00am	F. Levesque R.McDonald	B. Oliveira C.Kavanaugh	J. McLaren B. Krasna D.Fernandes F. Levesque	Choir
Streaming: D. Eardley				
Junior Liturgy: J. Goudreau				



KNIGHTS CORNER:

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Before ascending to the Father, Jesus commissions His disciples: “Go and make disciples of all nations.” That mission belongs to each of us, lived out in many ways through faith, family, service, and witness. As Knights of Columbus, Council 11670 seeks to answer that call by serving our parish family and neighbours in need. For Catholic men who feel called to deepen their faith and serve alongside others, the Knights offer one meaningful way to do so. We warmly invite you to learn more about our council. Speak to any Knight after Mass or follow us on Facebook: St. Joseph’s Knights of Columbus Council 11670, Kingston, Ontario. Vivat Jesus!

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