

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Fifth Sunday of Easter *May 3, 2026*

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

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

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara
Ben Krasna

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

God builds the Church today, with us as the living stones and Jesus Christ as the keystone. In us, and through us, God reaches out to our world with compassion and love.

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

The ministry of deacons is established for the care of those who are poor, in order to free the apostles for the ministry of the Word.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-9

Close to Jesus, we are a holy priesthood, offering with Jesus the spiritual sacrifices he has made acceptable to God.

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He leads us to the Father's house, where there is a place for all of us.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 4 May

5:15 p.m. Antonio Almeida – The Almeida Family

Tuesday, 5 May

9:00 a.m. Intention of Stacey – Yeshi Redda

Wednesday, 6 May

9:00 a.m. Intention of Dwight Neddow – St. Joseph's CWL

Thursday, 7 May

9:00 a.m. Jose Madrigal – Marietta Marcial

Friday, 8 May

5:15 p.m. Jose Adriano Costa – Esmeralda Medeiros

Saturday, 9 May

5:15 p.m. Gerry Plunkett (10th Anniversary) – Maureen Plunkett

Sunday, 10 May

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Castro & Mederios Families – Judithe Castro

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.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Do not Let your Hearts be Troubled

In today's Gospel, Jesus Christ speaks words that touch the deepest part of our human experience: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." These are not empty words. They are spoken to people who were confused, afraid, and uncertain about the future. The disciples sensed that something was about to change, and they felt lost.

That is not far from our own reality. There are moments in life when the heart is troubled—when health fails, when family tensions arise, when plans collapse, or when the future feels unclear. Even in faith, we sometimes experience doubt or dryness. Jesus does not pretend these struggles do not exist. Instead, He invites us into something deeper: "Have faith in me."

Faith, then, is not simply believing that God exists. It is trusting that Christ is present even when we do not understand what is happening. It is choosing to rely on Him when everything else feels uncertain.

When Thomas asks, "Lord, how can we know the way?," he gives voice to a question we all ask at different moments of our lives. We want clarity. We want direction. We want certainty. And Jesus responds with a powerful and personal answer: "I am the way and the truth and the life." He does not point to a map. He points to Himself.

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.

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!



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!

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

NEWS This is the final weekend for our Birthright collection. The boxes will be collected after 11am Mass on Sunday. • **Our Palliative**

Care - Day of Prayer is on Tuesday, May 5 this year, from 8a.m. to 8p.m. Sign-up sheets are at each entrance. • 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 social event and fundraiser. Please note that some donated items may not be used at this time.

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.

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.

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. 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: http://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.

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 rrmiron2019@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 9-10, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 9 May 5:15pm	Sr.L.Kearney C. Jones	M.McLaughlin P. Rosales	I. Stewart A. Kelly R.Lachance D.Mazzolin	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 10 May 9:00am	M. Castro M. Marcial	K. Nickerson A.MacKinnon	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier M.Turkington P. Oliquano	Megan
Sun. 10 May 11:00am	B. McIver V. Onwuliri	S. Boisvert K. Colwell	D.Fernandes F. Asuncion F. Ambrogi J. Ferreira	Choir
Streaming: J. McDonald				
Junior Liturgy: S. Conway Williamson				



KNIGHTS CORNER: This Fifth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reminds us that Christ has prepared a place for each of us. As Knights of Columbus, we honour that promise by preparing a place of welcome and support for those around us. Council 11670 remains active in service to our parish family and community, guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity that define our Order. In a world that often divides, we choose to build bridges and extend a hand to those in need. As we continue through this joyful Easter season, we invite all Catholic men of the parish to learn more about what it means to be a Knight. Catholic men of the parish family are warmly invited to join the Knights of Columbus. *Vivat Jesus!*



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