

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2026

“Do not be afraid”

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

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Junior Liturgy

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

"Do not be afraid," says Jesus. The Eucharist is our assurance that, since God has given us everything, there is nothing we need to fear.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Surrounded by malice and threat, Jeremiah still retains confidence in God's promise.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Humans brought sin into the world, but divine grace comes to us through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

There is no need to be afraid; we are totally and for ever in God's care.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 22 June

5:15 p.m. Clair & Wilma Kearns

Tuesday, 23 June

9:00 a.m. Kathleen & Malcolm Johnstone – Ian Johnstone

Wednesday, 24 June

9:00 a.m. Patrick McCue – Pat McConville & Mike Jordan

Thursday, 25 June

9:00 a.m. Edgardo Vingculado Torres – Marietta Marcial

Friday, 26 June

5:00 p.m. Memorial Mass for Chief Sir Fidelis E. Ajawara

Saturday, 27 June

5:15 p.m. Bernice Quinlan – Katherine Quinlan

Sunday, 28 June

9:00 a.m. Primo Santin – Teresina Santin

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; Brian Begbie; Kent Hawley; Bruce Johnson; Joan Bryan; Mel Kane; Gerry Koster; Raymond Doyle; Marie Ubdegrove; Ann Marie Flood; Teresitha Sy; Marcel Fleury.

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.

BIRTHRIGHT Thank you to all parishioners who took a baby bottle home on Mother's Day. Reminder baby bottles were to be returned Father's Day, June 21st. Empty or full, please return.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Today's readings speak to a reality that every Christian experiences: fear. Fear of rejection, fear of criticism, fear of failure, fear of standing alone, and sometimes even fear of living our faith openly.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples three times: "Do not be afraid." He knows that following Him will not always be easy. The disciples would face opposition, misunderstanding, and persecution. Yet Jesus assures them that they are never abandoned by God.

The prophet Jeremiah understands this struggle. He remained faithful to God's message, but people mocked him and plotted against him. He felt isolated and discouraged. Yet he could still say, "The Lord is with me like a mighty champion." Jeremiah teaches us that courage is not the absence of fear; courage is trusting God in the midst of fear.

Many people today hide their faith because they are afraid of what others may think. We may hesitate to pray in public, speak about our beliefs, defend Christian values, or invite someone back to church. Jesus reminds us that our faith is not something to be hidden. The Gospel is meant to be lived openly through our words, actions, and witness.

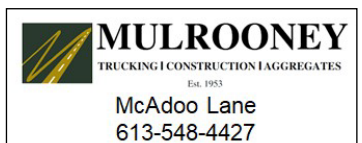
Perhaps each morning this week we can begin the day with a simple prayer: "Lord, I place my fears in Your hands. Help me to trust You and to witness to You with courage."

Jesus' message today is clear: Do not be afraid. You are precious in God's eyes. He knows you, loves you, and walks with you. Therefore, live your faith with confidence and joy.

THANK YOU! The rain didn't dampen the spirits, what a wonderful picnic! Thank you to the Pastoral Council for organizing our celebration, to the CWL for their hard work behind the scenes, the Knights of Columbus for set up and barbecuing, thank you to Theresa for making sure we had everything needed, and of course for leading the line dancing. To Dennis for the voice behind the microphone, to the wonderful Filipino dancers, to Colin adding the Scottish flare on the bagpipes and finally all our parish family members thank you for sharing your culture, traditions and fabulous food. Can't wait until next year's picnic!

MEMORIAL HOLY MASS You are invited to a memorial Holy Mass for Chief Sir Fidelis E. Ajawara, KSM, father of Father Cosmas on **Friday, June 26, 2026 at 5:00 PM** St. Joseph Catholic Church. Reception to follow in the Parish Family Hall.

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS • Our Executive Meeting is on Monday June 22nd at 7:00pm in the Parish Family Hall. • Look forward to receiving CWL's upcoming Newsletter.

COMMUNITY

RETIREMENT OF FRIAR DAVID COLLINS Please mark your calendar for **Sunday June 28 from 1:00pm to 3pm**, when we will gather to honor and thank our beloved pastor, Friar David, who is retiring after faithfully serving our parish community for over 22 years. This drop-in reception will be at St. John's Parish hall downstairs, with special tribute presentations taking place at 2:00 p.m. Both entrances to the parish hall will be available for access to the hall.

2026 SEMINARIAN DINNER – CELEBRATE OUR SEMINARIANS **Sunday, July 12, 2026** Meet & Greet with cash bar begins at 3:00 PM; programming at 4:30 PM; dinner begins at 5:20 PM **Our Lady of Fatima Hall**. Join us for a 4-course Supreme Chicken Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus of the Archdiocese of Kingston in order to provide financial support towards the training of Seminarians and funds direct to each seminarian to help defray their annual costs. \$60 per plate purchase ensures your opportunity to participate. Full 10-person table sponsorships available Children's meal available for \$25. Ticket link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/seminarian-dinner--2026seminarian-dinner--2026>

SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR – ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PLENARY INDULGENCE - 800TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE Join us for a special day of prayer and pilgrimage during this Jubilee Year marking the 800th anniversary of the passing of St. Francis of Assisi. **Beginning at Holy Family Church on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.** The celebration will begin with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated by Friar Reto Davatz, OFM CONC and Father Jan Kusyk. Following Mass, participants will continue on pilgrimage to St. John the Apostle Church and then to St. Francis of Assisi Church with Father Jan Kusyk where the faithful can venerate the relic of St. Francis, concluding with the Way of the Cross. Come and join us in prayer, reflection, and fellowship as we honour the life and legacy of St. Francis of Assisi.

86TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. ANN IN CORMAC On **Sunday, July 26th**. The Triduum Masses of preparation will be led by Bishop Michael Brehl, Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke from July 23, 24 and 25th at 7:00pm each night. The principal Pilgrimage Mass on Sunday, July 26th will be at 11:00am at the Shrine. The Sacrament of Confession is available throughout the day. A Mass of healing with the Anointing of St. Ann's oil will be celebrated at 2:00pm (**Please bring your own seating**). On site: St. Ann's religious articles, St. Ann's Mass League memberships, food and refreshments vendors. For more information: <https://cormacpilgrimage.com/>

DAY OF REFLECTION You are invited to join the Discalced Secular Carmelites, Mary Queen of Peace, in Kingston for a day of reflection with our Provincial Delegate

Father Rajesh D'Sousa OCD. **Saturday, June 27, 2026** at Our Lady of Fatima Church, **Kingston**. Registration: **8:30am – 9:30am** Coffee and light snacks provided. The day includes prayers, reflections, **Mass at 11:00am**, followed by lunch (provided). We will **conclude by 3:00pm**. Please contact Catherine at 613-542-7260 or catherinkarremans@gmail.com to allow us to plan for lunch.

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY – “SUMMER ENCOUNTER” At the Encounter School of Ministry, the promises of God aren't theory. They become your lived reality—identity, healing, freedom and purpose activated in everyday life. Want to “Taste and See” how you can be transformed from knowing about God to walking in His power? Join us for a “Summer Encounter” **Fri., July 17th** (6:15 pm - 9:30 pm) **Sat., July 18th** (8:30 am – 4:00 pm) **St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall, Kingston**. Experience a community that believes, and experiences, that God still is still moving. To register or for more information visit: <http://encounterschool.org/kingston/>

CHILAWEE TRAILS CAMP FOR GIRLS is run by catholic women wanting to provide a fun, natural environment for girls to develop friendship, character and faith. Girls have the opportunity for daily Mass and rosary. Further information can be found at each of our entrance bulletin boards.

Schedule for the weekends of June 27-28, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 27 June 5:15pm	H. Couto J. Saunders	D. Lomboy P. Rosales	I. Stewart D.Mazzolin A. Kelly R.Lachance	Theresa & Tim
Sun. 28 June 9:00am	J. Watts M. Castro	K. Nickerson A.MacKinnon	I. Stewart M.Turkington R. Audet F. Cuvelier	Youth Choir
Sun. 28 June 11:00am	V. Onwuliri C.Kavanaugh	S. Boisvert B. Oliveira	J. McLaren B. Krasna D.Fernandes F. Levesque	Choir
Streaming: S. Frago				
Junior Liturgy: K. Canning				



KNIGHTS CORNER: In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, “Do not be afraid...” These words are especially fitting as we celebrate Father's Day. Fatherhood - and faithful Christian “manhood”- requires courage: the courage to remain present, act with love, admit when help is needed, and stand firm when life becomes difficult. We give thanks for fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, priests, mentors, and all men who quietly guide, encourage, and support others. We also remember those fathers who have gone before us and those for whom Father's Day may bring mixed emotions. The Knights of Columbus seeks to provide Catholic men with a brotherhood grounded in faith, charity, unity, and service. No man should have to carry his responsibilities alone. To learn more about Council 11670, speak with a Knight or follow St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670, Kingston, Ontario on Facebook.

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