

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026

*“Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it”*

### 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

Knights of Columbus, 11670

Patrick Greenwood

### Parish Ministries

Finance Committee

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

Parish Pastoral Council

Ben Krasna

Lectors

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Eucharistic Ministers

Carol Kavanaugh

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Chris Jones & Monna

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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**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 28, 2026**

**Introduction**

We gather for our Sunday Eucharist, as Catholics have done throughout the ages, rejoicing that the Lord will speak to us, will offer himself in Holy Communion.

**First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**

In response to a couple who generously provide him with food and lodging, the prophet Elisha promises that, despite their advanced years, they will soon have the son they have longed for.

**Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

In baptism we joined Christ in his death, and so we will join him in his risen life and be alive in him forever.

**Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42**

Following Jesus means taking up the cross; a reward awaits those who welcome his disciples.

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**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 29 June**

5:15 p.m. Mirella Mezzarebba – Sandra Saccon

**Tuesday, 30 June**

9:00 a.m. Bob Saunders – Pamela Black

**Wednesday, 1 July**

9:00 a.m. Grace Neddow – The Family

**Thursday, 2 July**

9:00 a.m. Mary St. Pierre

**Friday, 3 July**

5:15 p.m. Glen MacDonald – Marlene Narsisse - Mair

**Saturday, 4 July**

5:15 p.m. Richard Stoparczyk – George & Ella Stoparczyk

**Sunday, 5 July**

9:00 a.m. Venancio Dos-Santos – Henry Santos

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*Join our online Mass on Sunday's at 11:00 a.m. visit [www.stjosephskingston.ca](http://www.stjosephskingston.ca).*

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Ann Marie Flood; Teresita Sy.

**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; Marcel Fleury; Dorothy Mulrooney.

*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.*

**AIR CONDITIONING** Our air conditioning is up and running! The entrance doors will remain closed when our air conditioning units are on. We appreciate your patience while we try to find a comfortable temperature that will work for everyone.

**Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

**Christ before all Others**

The Gospel today presents us with some of the most challenging words of Jesus. He tells us that whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter more than Him is not worthy of Him. At first, these words may sound difficult or even unsettling. Jesus is certainly not asking us to love our families less. Rather, He is teaching us that He must be the center of our lives. When Christ occupies the first place in our hearts, every other relationship becomes stronger, purer, and more life-giving. Love for God does not compete with love for others; instead, it transforms and perfects it.

Reflecting on today's Gospel Reading, each of us can ask a simple question: Is Christ truly first in my life? We often say that we love God, but our priorities reveal what matters most to us. Do we make time for prayer? Do we participate faithfully in the Eucharist? Do we allow our faith to influence the way we speak, work, and treat others? Putting Christ first does not necessarily mean doing extraordinary things. It means allowing Him to guide the ordinary choices we make each day.

This week, let us put today's Gospel into practice in one concrete way. Let us intentionally perform one act of kindness without expecting anything in return. Let us forgive someone who has offended us, visit someone who is lonely, welcome a stranger, encourage someone who is discouraged, or simply spend quality time with our family without distractions. These small acts of love are precious in God's sight because they become visible signs of Christ's presence in the world.

**THANK YOU FRIAR RETO** Some of you may have already heard that Friar Reto will be leaving Kingston in a few weeks. He has been appointed to help out at a parish in Don Mills. Since Friar Reto arrived in Kingston, we have been very blessed to have him at St. Joseph's celebrating our Monday evening masses. A sincere thank you to Friar Reto, personally and on behalf of our parish family at St. Joseph's Parish. Wishing you all the best, and please keep in touch with your St. Joseph's family.

**BIRTHRIGHT** Thank you for your generous participation in the "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign. Only 9 bottles left to be returned. If you have one at home, please return it to the church as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support of our moms and babies.

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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

Congratulations to our Prayer Buddies, the Grade 8 Students of St. Paul and St. Thomas More Catholic Schools who graduated on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Special mention goes to the 2 students from each of these feeder schools who were awarded the CWL Bursaries at their Graduation Ceremonies and will be attending Regiopolis Notre Dame Catholic High School in September. \*Best wishes also to Principal, Ms. Sandra Fragoso (St. TM) who is retiring and to Principal, Ms. Chantal Courneya (St. Paul) who is transferring to Ecole Catholique Cathedrale. CWL appreciated our great partnership with you both. \*CWL members, look forward to hearing more about our CWL Outreach Pilot Program-“Each One, Reach One,” as we circulate Outreach Volunteer Registration Forms-Who can YOU reach out to brighten their day with a call, visit, written note or a smile?

**COMMUNITY**

**SANCTUS SUMMER CAMP** St. Paul the Apostle Parish is planning a summer camp for kids Gr. 1-7. We are running the same week of camp, twice, July 13-17 and July 20 - 24 from 9:30 - 2:30. It will be a fun faith-filled week filled with crafts, games, songs, activities, etc! It is \$150/camper with a discount for multiple kids for the week! Poster is at all of our entrances, scan the QR code to register.

**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>

**2026 ENTERPRISE ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE AND RAFFLE** Saturday, July 11, 2026 Serving from 4pm to 7pm, at Annunciation Parish Hall (664 Church Rd, Enterprise). Serving rain or shine. Dine in or Take away There will be **Mass at Annunciation Church, 669 Church Rd at 4:00pm** Prices **\$20 Adults; \$15 students age 6-13; Free for children 5 and under.** Raffle draw and Silent Auction table available. Music will be provided. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the live music after eating. All are welcome.

**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/>

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**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 July 4-5, 2026**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
<b>Sat. 4 July 5:15pm</b>	C. Jones M.MacVicar	D. Lomboy P. Rosales	I. Stewart D.Mazzolin A. Kelly R.Lachance	Summer break
<b>Sun. 5 July 9:00am</b>	P. Evaristo C.Charbonneau	L. Orellano G.Lesperance	I. Stewart M.Turkington R. Audet F. Cuvelier	
<b>Sun. 5 July 11:00am</b>	R. McLaren F. Levesque	C.Kavanaugh B. Tezem	J. McLaren B. Krasna D.Fernandes F. Levesque	
<b>Streaming: D. Eardley</b>				
<b>Junior Liturgy: will resume in September</b>				



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** Summer brings a change of pace. Families travel, routines slow down, and many make time for rest and recreation. These are welcome gifts, but our call to faith, charity, and service does not take a summer break. Council 11670 remains active throughout the summer. Our Knights gladly assist with family parish and Catholic school events, encourage and support seminarians, contribute to local charities, and take on practical projects when needed.

As we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, we are reminded that God remains present in every season. Wherever summer takes us, we are called to carry our faith with us and care for those around us. Catholic men seeking a practical way to serve are warmly invited to join us in faith, fraternity, and charity. Vivat Jesus!

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