

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

“Imagine a sower going out to sow”

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.

Summer Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.;
(closed 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.)
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Susan Lett, Parish Secretary

Parish Organizations

Catholic Women's League

Kathi Colwell & Susan

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

Parish Pastoral Council

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Carol Kavanaugh

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Chris Jones & Monna

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Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

Judy Saunders

Ministry at Extending Care

Mary Clancy

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Sacristans

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Culture of Life

Ben Krasna

Parish Engagement

Mary Clancy

Funeral Choir

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Junior Liturgy

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Sacramental Preparation

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Music Ministry

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

Jesus, who is the Word of God, gives himself to us; and Jesus' own words take root in us, producing by God's grace the fruits of good works and holiness.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

God's word succeeds in what it is sent to do.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

We ourselves and the whole of creation retain the hope of freedom and glory.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Christ, the Word of God, the seed of the sower, produces an astonishing crop.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 13 July

5:15 p.m. Dorathy Stanley – Karen Bruder

Tuesday, 14 July

9:00 a.m. Mirella Mezzarabbe – Sandra Saccon

Wednesday, 15 July

9:00 a.m. Fidelis Ajawara – Rita Swanson, Terry Harnum, Michelle Niefer

Thursday, 16 July

9:00 a.m. Richard Devette – Annette Devette

Friday, 17 July

5:15 p.m. Betty Gunhouse – Roger & Susan Audet

Saturday, 18 July

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

Sunday, 19 July

9:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Paolo Graziotto – 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 especially Marcel Fleury.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna V.; Rob Hurst; Brian Begbie; Kent Hawley; Bruce Johnson; Mel Kane; Gerry Koster; Raymond Doyle; Dorothy Mulrooney; Tanya Bhudu; Harry MacDonald; Terry Walsh.

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

What Kind of Soil is my Heart

Every farmer knows that the quality of the seed is important, but even the best seed cannot produce a harvest if it falls on poor soil. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the seed is the Word of God. The seed is always good. The real question is not, "Is God's Word powerful?" The question is, "What kind of soil is my heart?"

Many people come to Mass every Sunday. They hear the same readings, receive the same Eucharist, and yet they leave unchanged. Why? Jesus says it depends on the condition of the heart.

Some hearts are like the path. God's word never sinks in because they are distracted by phones, worries, entertainment, or resentment. The word is heard but never welcomed.

Some hearts are rocky ground. They are enthusiastic when life is easy but abandon prayer when suffering comes. Their faith has no deep roots.

Some hearts are filled with thorns. The Word grows, but anxiety, the pursuit of wealth, and endless busyness choke it. We can become so occupied making a living that we forget to make a life with God.

Finally, there is the good soil. Good soil is not perfect soil. It is a heart that is humble, receptive, and willing to change. Such a heart allows God's Word to bear fruit—in forgiveness, kindness, generosity, patience, and love.

THANK YOU FRIAR RETO Friar Reto's last Monday Mass is on July 20. 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.

AUTOMATIC DEBIT Automatic Debit is available for those St. Joseph's family members wishing to have their Sunday Offering and/or Building Fund Collection debited directly from their bank account on a monthly basis. Those who wish to begin Automatic Debit are asked to visit the parish office to complete the necessary paperwork or pick up a form at the welcoming desk at the main entrance of the church.

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CHILDREN'S BULLETIN Bulletin activity sheets for children can be found at the main entrance each weekend during the summer. Please take one!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS St. Joseph's CWL will be hosting Kingston Diocesan Council's **Annual Spiritual Retreat- Saturday September 12, 2026 -9:00am-2:00pm, in our Parish Church and Hall.** The Retreat, entitled, **Encountering Jesus**, will focus on themes of **Welcoming, Encountering and Evangelizing.** Cost is \$20.00 which includes 3 talks, refreshments and lunch. Your presence at this spiritual renewal is a gift to our sisterhood. Please register before August 30th: Complete the online form: <https://forms.gle/acc4Vb27hjEpwjq46> or email Nancy Richer at: cwlnancyricher@gmail.com or mail cheque to Nancy Richer, 11155 Grisdale Blvd, Iroquois, ON, K0E 1K0 **\$20.00** Fee can also be e-transferred: kingstoncwlfinance@gmail.com **Hosting:** Contact Sue CW at: conwills59@yahoo.ca if you can provide a treat for break times or assist with hosting duties.

COMMUNITY

BEDFORD SOCIAL Sunday, August 9 4:00–7:00 p.m. **Featuring an old-fashioned BBQ!** Thank you in advance for your consideration and support of this cherished parish tradition! For further information contact *Co-Chairs of the 2026 Bedford Social* **Dave & Monique Brunet** – 613-536-9409 **Anne Madden** – 613-484-3677.

17th Annual Women's Fall Retreat Saturday, October 24, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic High School 2755 Hwy. 43, Kemptville, Kemptville. Join us for the 17th Annual Women's Fall Retreat! This year's guest speaker is Melanie Rabishaw. In celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston, our theme is "*To know Christ and the power of His resurrection*" (Philippians 3:10). Come renew your faith, refresh your spirit, and enjoy fellowship with other women. Registration: **\$50.** For further information and to register visit https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/womens-fall-retreat?utm_source=chatgpt.com

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:** frbrianmcnally@gmail.com (613-464-2908) **Registration:** hart.daniel64@gmail.com (613-899-9514) or rmiron2019@gmail.com (613-218-6497)

COME AND SEE SPIRITUAL SPEAKER SERIES Jesus invited His first followers to learn about Him by spending time with Him, saying, "**Come and See**" (John 1:39). Today, we are also invited to grow in our relationship with Jesus in the same way. Just as the first disciples went out after meeting Jesus and spread the news that they had found the Messiah, we too are called to share our faith and love of Christ with others. As part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston, a special spiritual Speakers' Series has been planned for August 13–15, and all are welcome to

come and see and spread the Good News. Find out more about the events planned at each of our entrance bulletin board

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/>

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/>

Schedule for the weekends of July 18-19, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 18 July 5:15pm	H. Couto Sr.N.Hurren	J. Saunders L.Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart D.Mazzolin R.Lachance P. Scott	Summer break
Sun. 19 July 9:00am	A.Ehi-Ekome N.Ehi-Ekome	M. Marcial J. Kane	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier M.Turkington P. Oliquano	Megan
Sun. 19 July 11:00am	J. McDonald R. McDonald	S. Boisvert T.Donoghue	D.Fernandes F. Asuncion B. Krasna J. Ferreira	
Streaming: K. Deptuck				
Junior Liturgy: will resume in September				



KNIGHTS CORNER: As the World Cup continues, we can be proud of Canada's strong showing. Although our run ended in the Round of 16, the team gave us moments of unity, effort, and hope. Sport reminds us that success is not only measured by the final score, but by teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. Council 11670 seeks to bring that same spirit into parish life. Our Knights support parish and Catholic school events, local charities, practical projects, and seminarians. This weekend, Knights will also join others at the annual Seminarian Dinner in support of vocations. Whether on the field, in the parish, or in the wider community, everyone has a part to play. Catholic men seeking a practical way to serve are warmly invited to join us. Vivat Jesus!

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