

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026

*"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure
hidden in a field."*

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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Parish Ministries

Finance Committee

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

Parish Pastoral Council

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Carol Kavanaugh

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Chris Jones & Monna

Splinter

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

Judy Saunders

Ministry at Extending Care

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

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Introduction

What do we truly value in our lives? Let us cherish the beauty of human life, the splendour of creation and the joy of living in the love of God the creator.

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

God offers Solomon a gift and is pleased when he chooses the gift of wisdom and discernment.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

God works in all things for good and intends us to be images of the Son.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

The kingdom of God is compared to a treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price and a plentiful haul of fish.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 27 July

5:15 p.m. Paul & Cathy Bly – Peter Bly & Family

Tuesday, 28 July

9:00 a.m. Josephine Powers – Jim & Deni Lavers

Wednesday, 29 July

9:00 a.m. Mary Salisbury (2nd Anniversary) – Heather Salisbury

Thursday, 30 July

9:00 a.m. Bob Saunders – Pamela Black

Friday, 31 July

5:15 p.m. Ken Stewart – Kay Stewart

Saturday, 1 August

5:15 p.m. Leona Cotman (5th Anniversary) – Maureen Plunkett

Sunday, 2 August

9:00 a.m. Healing for Hilda – Emmanuel

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; Mel Kane; Gerry Koster; Raymond Doyle; Tanya Bhudu; Harry MacDonald; Terry Walsh; Rita Carpenter; Mary Brady; Tina Phillips.

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. You will find the area near the altar is cooler, with the main area of the church temperature is set a little warmer.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

The greatest treasure in your life

Today's Gospel gives us three images: the treasure hidden in a field, the pearl of great price, and the fishing net. All three ask us one important question:

What is the greatest treasure in your life?

The man who found the treasure and the merchant who found the pearl both sold everything with joy because they had discovered something infinitely more valuable. Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of God is worth more than anything else we possess.

But what does that mean in everyday life?

Many people spend their lives chasing wealth, success, popularity, or comfort. None of these things is wrong, but if they become our greatest treasure, they can leave us empty. Jesus invites us to make God our first priority.

Choosing the Kingdom often requires sacrifice. It may mean forgiving someone instead of holding a grudge, making time for prayer when we are busy, being honest when dishonesty seems easier, or helping someone in need instead of thinking only of ourselves. Every sacrifice made for Christ is never a loss—it is an investment in eternal life.

The final image of the fishing net reminds us that one day God will judge every life. His mercy is available now, but we must respond by living faithfully each day.

Today, let us pray for the wisdom of Solomon to recognize what truly matters and the courage to choose Christ above everything else.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS St.

Joseph's CWL Outreach Committee is happy to begin implementing our **CWL Pilot Project, "Each One, Reach One."** Goal is to **ignite**

hope by reaching out to our members who long for companionship and to brighten their days with regular phone calls, written communication, friendly visits, drives to church or meetings or in need of prayers. We have developed an **Outreach Volunteer Registration Form** which we are asking each member to complete. Members will receive an email with more details about the **Outreach Program** as well as the **Volunteer Registration Form**. **Forms**, also located on CWL table at the back of the church, when completed, can be marked **CWL Outreach** and placed in Collection Baskets.

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Last weekend Parish family members were invited to add questions to the questionnaire that was in your bulletin, online or Flocknote. Please return to the baskets at the entrances or add to the collection basket by August 9, 2026.

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.

COMMUNITY

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). Join us on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, guest speaker Kim Zember 'When I Finally Surrendered to God's Radical Love' Vespers to follow with a social in the Parish Family Hall. A special invitation to youth, young adults and the young at heart, Friday, August 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto will be speaking, 'Knowing and Loving the Beloved' followed by Taize prayer liturgy at St. Mary's Cathedral. On Saturday, August 15 at 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass will be celebrated on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Mary's Cathedral.

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.

SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR – ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

A Special Jubilee Year is being celebrated from **January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027, at 7:00pm** in commemoration of the 800th anniversary of the passage of St. Francis of Assisi. In Kingston, designated pilgrimage churches include St. John the Apostle, Holy Family, and St. Francois d'Assise. A Plenary Indulgence is available under the usual circumstances. All are welcome to visit when the churches are open for Mass or Adoration on weekdays (Tuesday–Friday) or on weekends.

A SILENT PEACE VIGIL In a time marked by violence, division, and conflict, many people are asking how they can respond in a meaningful way. The Sisters of Providence and Providence Associates invite you to join them for a silent, prayerful vigil in solidarity with all those affected by violence. **In front of Kingston City Hall, Ontario Street Every Monday 12 noon – 12:30 p.m.**

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 **Thu., Aug. 20, 6:45 pm – 9:00 pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 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: <https://encounterschool.org/kingston>

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL Encounter is a place to journey together with like-minded believers to EXPERIENCE the transforming POWER of the GOSPEL. Classes begin **Mon. Sep. 14, 2026**, and run weekly on **Mondays (6:30 – 8:30 pm) at St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall, Kingston.** Apply now at <https://encounterschool.org/kingston/>. Have questions? Email kingston@encounterschool.org or "Come and See" for yourself on **Sat. Sep. 12, 8:30am to 4:00 pm.** No charge. Sign up here: <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/2026-esm-come-and-see>

Schedule for the weekends of August 1-2, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 1 Aug 5:15pm	C. Jones J. Saunders	P. Rosales M. McLaughlin	I. Stewart C. Bieber A. Kelly R. Lachance	Summer break
Sun. 2 Aug 9:00am	C. Purcell M. Addai	J. Kane M. Tudin	I. Stewart M. Turkington R. Audet F. Cuvelier	
Sun. 2 Aug 11:00am	F. Levesque R. McLaren	K. Colwell S. Boisvert	J. McLaren B. Krasna D. Fernandes F. Levesque	
Streaming: J. McDonald				
Junior Liturgy: will resume in September				



KNIGHTS CORNER: Did you know? The Knights of Columbus began in 1882, when Blessed Michael McGivney gathered a group of Catholic men in the basement of his church. Their purpose was simple and practical: to strengthen faith, support families, and care for one another in times of need.

Here at St. Joseph's, Council 11670 carries that same spirit forward. We may not be meeting in a church basement these days - the St. Joseph "Family Room" suits us just fine - but the mission remains the same: Catholic men gathering in faith, fraternity, charity, and service.

From supporting parish activities and Catholic school events to helping local charities, seminarians, and families in need, the Knights continue to serve where we are needed. Catholic men seeking a practical way to grow in faith and serve alongside others are warmly invited to join us. Vivat Jesus!

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