

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026

"Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith.'"

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 and Baptism preparation class 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

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

Knights of Columbus, 11670

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Parish Ministries

Finance Committee

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

Parish Pastoral Council

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Ministry to Sick & Homebound

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Ministry at Extending Care

Mary Clancy

Ushers

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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

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St. Thomas More Catholic School – Tina Castro, Principal (as of Sept. 1, 2026)

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

The Church's mission, like Christ's, is a mission to the whole world.

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Foreigners will be brought to God's house in Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Paul hopes that his mission to the Gentiles will ultimately lead to the conversion of the Jews.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

The persistent faith of a pagan woman wins the healing of her sick child.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 17 August

5:15 p.m. Joseph Sammon – Shirley Kelliher

Tuesday, 18 August

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Paras &
Magsano Families – Rowena & Michael
Strong

Wednesday, 19 August

9:00 a.m. Redda Abraha (23rd Anniversary) – Yeshi
Redda

Thursday, 20 August

9:00 a.m. Manuel Valente – Matilde Valente

Friday, 21 August

5:15 p.m. Olive Mary Holmes (56th Anniversary) –
The Holmes Family

Saturday, 22 August

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

Sunday, 23 August

9:00 a.m. Walter Nuvoloni – Maria Nuvoloni &
Family
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 Sharon Dennis; Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald.

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; 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.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Lord, I just need a scrap of Your grace today

At first glance, the encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman in the Gospel of Matthew this Sunday makes us deeply uncomfortable. Here is a mother in complete distress, desperately begging for her tormented daughter, and Jesus responds with silence. When He finally speaks, His words sound sharp, almost dismissive: He explains that He was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel, adding that it isn't right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.

Yet, Jesus was not trying to crush this woman; He was giving her faith a stage to shine. He was drawing out a trust so fierce that it would break through cultural barriers and theological assumptions. Notice how the woman reacts. She doesn't get offended or storm away in anger. She accepts her position with profound humility and turns Jesus's own image back to Him with loving, brilliant wit. She agrees that she isn't entitled to the main meal, but reminds Him that even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the master's table.

For our daily lives, this Gospel offers profound encouragement for those moments when God seems silent. We have all prayed prayers that seemed to bounce off the ceiling, asking for relief from anxiety, the healing of a loved one, or the restoration of a relationship, only to be met with quiet. The Canaanite woman teaches us that God's silence is not a rejection; it is an invitation to draw closer, to persist, and to lean into prayer with deeper trust.

She also reminds us that we don't need to have our spiritual lives perfectly polished before approaching Christ. We don't need eloquent words or a flawless track record. All we need is the humility to approach Him and say, "Lord, I just need a scrap of Your grace today." That fraction of faith is more than enough for Him to work wonders.

CHURCH ORGAN AND PIANO Please take care while you or children are in the area where our Church Organ and Piano are located. A few weeks ago, a piece was broken off the electric piano and now requires repairs.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS An important Reminder for all CWL Members:

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. Members, please register **before August 30th**: by completing online form: <https://forms.gle/acc4Vb27hjEpwj46> or emailing Nancy Richer at: cwnancyricher@gmail.com or mailing cheque to Nancy Richer, 11155 Grisdale Blvd, Iroquois, Ont.K0E 1K0 or e-transferring \$20. to: kingstoncwlfinance@gmail.com Please inform S. Conway Williamson and/or K. Colwell if you are attending and/or if you can assist by providing a treat for break times or assist with hosting duties.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY Join us after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. **this weekend**, August 16 for Hospitality Sunday in our Parish Family Hall. This is a great opportunity to meet your Parish family, enjoy a light snack and refreshment. All are welcome!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you someone, or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic, or was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact the parish office at 613-547-5004. Sessions will begin in October.

COMMUNITY

CELEBRATE 200 YEARS OF FAITH AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH!

You are invited to join us as we celebrate a remarkable milestone—the **200th Anniversary of St. Francis Xavier Parish**. For two centuries, St. Francis Xavier Parish has been a place where generations have gathered to worship, celebrate the sacraments, and grow in faith. We are grateful for God's countless blessings throughout these 200 years. Join us on **Sunday, September 13, 2026**, our anniversary celebration will include: **200th Anniversary Mass 3:00 p.m. St. Francis Xavier Church**, 66 Church Street, Brockville. Following the Mass, everyone is invited to join us for our **200th Anniversary Dinner** at the Brockville Country Club. **Dinner tickets:** \$60 per person. Tickets may be purchased through the **St. Francis Xavier Parish Office** by calling **613-342-2993** or by emailing stfrancisxavier@archkingston.ca.

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 22-23, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 22 Aug 5:15pm	M. Sivilotti M. MacVicar	L. Bickerstaffe M. McLaughlin	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin R. Lachance P. Scott	Summer break
Sun. 23 Aug 9:00am	N. Ehi-Ekome A. Ehi-Ekome	A. MacKinnon M. Marcial	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier J. Agero P. Oliquano	
Sun. 23 Aug 11:00am	R. McDonald J. McDonald	A. Krasna C. Kavanaugh	D. Fernandes F. Asuncion B. Krasna J. Ferreira	
Streaming:				
Junior Liturgy: will resume in September				



KNIGHTS CORNER: Did you know?

Council 11670's charitable work continues to support real needs close to home. Recent and approved support includes \$2,000 to the Algonquin and Lakeshore Education Foundation, which helps feed children at lunch hour in schools; \$5,000 to St. Joseph's Parish; \$2,000 to Birthright; and \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity. These gifts reflect the first principle of the Knights of Columbus: charity. For our council, charity is not an abstract idea. It means helping students, supporting parish life, standing with families, and strengthening organizations that serve our neighbours. We are grateful to everyone whose time, prayers, and support make this work possible. Catholic men seeking a practical way to serve our parish and community are warmly invited to join us. Vivat Jesus!

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