

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

*“You are the Christ, he said,
the Son of the living God.”*

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

Conway Williamson

Knights of Columbus, 11670

Patrick Greenwood

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

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Ministry to Sick & Homebound

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Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

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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

Sheila Fowler

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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

One component of love that it is easy to forget about is trust. If we do not trust, then we do not allow others to grow, Christ showed his love for St. Peter by entrusting his Church to him..

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

A peg to hang on, a throne to sit on. Often the most important people in God's eyes seem the most abused.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

We don't need to know the mind of God. We just need to know that we are coming to God.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When St. Peter proclaims Jesus as the Christ, he speaks both for humanity and about humanity. Jesus is the meaning of the human race.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 24 August

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Catholic
Women's League – Theresa Miller

Tuesday, 25 August

9:00 a.m. Dr. Michael Fralick – Ann Amos

Wednesday, 26 August

9:00 a.m. Harry Ottenhof (10th Anniversary) –
Stephen Ottenhof

Thursday, 27 August

9:00 a.m. Intention of the Ajawara Family – Shirley
Kelliher

Friday, 28 August

5:15 p.m. Elisio Ponte – Lidia Ponte

Saturday, 29 August

5:15 p.m. Angus Grant (1st Anniversary) – Estelle
Walsh

Sunday, 30 August

9:00 a.m. Santo Carfa – Lucia Carfa
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; Mary Brady; Tina Phillips; Jerry Sambirsky.

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

Who Do you say that I am

Today's Gospel brings us to a very important moment in the relationship between Jesus and his disciples. Jesus asks them a question that is easy to answer: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They give him different answers—John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

Then Jesus makes the question personal: "But who do you say that I am?"

This is perhaps the most important question in the whole Christian life.

It is not enough to know what other people say about Jesus. It is not enough to come to Mass because our parents brought us, because it is our tradition, or because we have always done it. At some point, each of us has to answer Jesus personally: "Who are you for me?"

Peter answers: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Notice that Peter does not simply say, "You are a good man," or "You are a great teacher." He recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. His faith has moved from knowing about Jesus to recognizing who Jesus truly is.

And Jesus tells Peter that this realization did not come simply from human intelligence: "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father."

This reminds us that faith is ultimately a gift. We can study, listen, read Scripture and ask questions, but we also need the grace of God to open our hearts.

"Who do you say that I am?"

If Jesus is truly the Son of God, then that should affect the way I treat my spouse, my children, my parents, my coworkers, my neighbours and even those with whom I disagree.

If Jesus is the Messiah, then I cannot receive him at the altar on Sunday and deliberately create suffering for others on Monday.

If Jesus is the Son of the living God, then my faith must become visible in my life.

Our challenge this week is therefore simple: Move from knowing about Jesus to knowing Jesus.

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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. **Members, please register before August 30th**: by completing online form: <https://forms.gle/acc4Vb27hjEpwiq46> or emailing Nancy Richer at: cwlnancyricher@gmail.com or mailing cheque to Nancy Richer, 11155 Grisdale Blvd, Iroquois, Ont.K0E1K0 or e-transferring \$20. to: kingstoncwlfinance@gmail.com Please inform S. Conway Williamson and/or K. Colwell if you plan to attend and/or if you can assist by providing a treat for break times or assist with hosting duties.

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.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Archbishop Michael Mulhall wishes to announce the following appointments:

Effective 1 September, 2026 - Rev. Jose Ajeesh, OSB, Administrator of St. John the Apostle Parish, Kingston; **Rev. John Albin, OSB**, Associate Pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish, Kingston; **Rev. James Shinto, OSB**, Administrator of Holy Family Parish, Kingston; The Benedict Fathers will reside at St. John the Apostle Rectory. **Effective 15 September, 2026 - Rev. Brent Brennan**, Administrator of St. Patrick's Parish, Railton and St. Barnaby's Parish, Brewers Mills. Father Brennan will reside at St. Mary's Cathedral Rectory. **Rev. Valayathil Kurian Albin**, Associate Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Brockville.

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.

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 29-30, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 29 Aug 5:15pm	H. Couto C. Jones	D. Lomboy P. Rosales	I. Stewart D.Mazzolin A. Kelly R.Lachance	Summer break
Sun. 30 Aug 9:00am	J. Watts M. Castro	M. Tudin J. Kane	I. Stewart M.Turkington R. Audet J. Agero	
Sun. 30 Aug 11:00am	S. Boisvert V. Onwuliri	R. McLaren F. Levesque	J. McLaren B. Krasna D.Fernandes F. Levesque	
Streaming: K. Deptuck				
Junior Liturgy: will resume in September				



KNIGHTS CORNER: Did you know?

When Knights volunteer at charitable Bingo, the proceeds help support our parish and wider community. Council 11670 raised over \$10,000 from April to June through Bingo, and we give everything to local charitable causes.

However, behind these great numbers are Brother Knights giving their time, filling shifts, responding to messages, and keeping the volunteer list organised. The result is real support for others! Bingo may sound simple, but for Council 11670, it has become a practical work of charity. Catholic men looking for a meaningful way to serve, support good works, and build fraternity are warmly invited to join us. Vivat Jesus!

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