

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2026

"Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?"

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

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.)
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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

As we gather today to celebrate the mercy and generosity of our God, let us nurture compassion and reconciliation in our own lives.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

The Lord deplores resentment and anger, which can be readily found in sinners. Mercy and forgiveness are found in God's faithful followers.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus uses the parable of the unmerciful servant to urge forgiveness and mercy.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 14 September

5:15 p.m. Aileen Irvine – Cheryl Fleming

Tuesday, 15 September

9:00 a.m. Rose McCluskey – Shirley Kelliher

Wednesday, 16 September

9:00 a.m. Raymond St. Pierre (53 Anniversary) – The Family

Thursday, 17 September

9:00 a.m. Intention of Friar David Collins – Sheila & Bernie Allard

Friday, 18 September

5:15 p.m. Fidelis Ajawara – Marietta Marcial

Saturday, 19 September

5:15 p.m. Teresinha Medeiros – Victor Medeiros

Sunday, 20 September

9:00 a.m. Primo Santin – 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 Mary Brady; Bernard Allard.

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; Tina Phillips; Jerry Sambirsky; Patricia Sullivan.

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.

WASHROOMS Please make sure you are turning off the taps when you leave the washroom in the Church. Thank you.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Forgive from the Heart

There is something very human about keeping records of what people have done to us. Someone says something hurtful, and we remember it. Someone disappoints us, and we keep the incident in our minds. Sometimes we even remember the exact date, the words that were spoken, and who was present.

Peter comes to Jesus today with a question that many of us might ask: "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Peter probably thought he was being generous. Seven times is a lot! But Jesus responds: "Not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Jesus is not asking us to count how many times we have forgiven someone. He is teaching us that forgiveness is not supposed to have a limit.

The reason becomes clear in the parable. A servant owes his master an enormous debt. He cannot possibly repay it. The master has compassion and forgives the entire debt. But that same servant goes out and finds someone who owes him a much smaller amount. Instead of showing the mercy he himself received, he grabs the man and demands payment. The tragedy is that he received mercy but refused to give mercy.

And this is where the Gospel becomes very practical for us.

We are all people who have received mercy. Before we think about the people who have hurt us, Jesus wants us to remember how much God has forgiven us.

Every time we come to confession, every time we pray, "Lord, have mercy," every time we ask God to forgive our failures, we acknowledge that we too are debtors before God.

How can I continuously ask God to forgive me while refusing to forgive another person?

Sometimes we want God's mercy for ourselves and God's justice for everyone else.

We say, "Lord, please understand my weakness," but when another person makes a mistake, we say, "How could he or she do such a thing?"

The Gospel challenges us to become people who receive mercy and then become instruments of mercy. Forgiveness does not mean pretending that nothing happened. Forgiveness means that I refuse to allow the wrong that was done to me to control the rest of my life. Forgiveness is not primarily a gift we give to the offender. It is also a gift we give ourselves. Lord, teach us to forgive as you have forgiven us.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY This Sunday, September 13 after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass join us in the Parish Family Hall for Hospitality Sunday. If you are interested in joining our Hospitality Ministry, contact the Parish office. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY CARDS Each Wednesday in our Parish Family Hall. Tables of four are welcome to join. If you are interested in becoming a spare, call the Parish Office – 613-547-5004.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS •

Monday September 14th at 7:00pm-is our next General Meeting in the Parish Family Hall; All members are welcome; an email has been sent from D. Irvine, that includes the meeting agenda and draft minutes from the May 11, 2026 General Meeting. Thanks to K. Nickerson, Faith Ministry Chair, who has prepared a very meaningful Prayer Service entitled: A Meditation on the Seven Sorrows of Mary (Lady of Sorrows Feast Day-September 15, 2026). Our Speaker Series returns with Guest Presenter, Michelle Schwarz, from Feed the People Program, who will update us on: The Encampment and the Homeless. **This Presentation, beginning at 7:50pm, is open to all parishioners and is followed by our social time, Conversation and Refreshments. Please plan to join us.**

- **Outreach Volunteer Registration Forms**, are at back of church on CWL table; fill out form if you can reach out to help another CWL member & place form in collection basket.

ORDER 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.

ROSARY RALLY FOR CANADA will be held before the statue of Mary on the east side of St. Joseph's Church on Saturday October 10th, 2026 at NOON.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH LIFE CHAIN will take place for one hour after the 11am Mass on Sunday Oct. 4th, followed by a potluck picnic social. You are invited to be a part of an important pro-life witness. At this location and hundreds of others across North America, we will form a "Life Chain," and pray silently for the hour. Everyone is welcome to peacefully, publicly, and safely call upon our community to protect human life from conception to natural death. Let's advocate for the innocent; as Christ Himself reminds us, "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me" (Mt 25:40).

COMMUNITY

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY MASS Saturday, **September 26th, 2026 at 11 a.m.**; Keeley Road, Sydenham, Ontario. Refreshments to follow at the Byrne Parish Centre, **3977 Sydenham Road**. Please remember to **bring a lawn chair**.

RETIREMENT PICNIC FOR FR. JOHN HIBBARD St. Paul the Apostle Parish is hosting a retirement celebration for Fr. John Hibbard on Sunday, September 27th immediately following the 11 am mass at the parish. (1111 Taylor Kidd

Blvd, Kingston) It will be a potluck picnic. Anyone interested in attending are invited to RSVP and find more information at the following link: <https://shorturl.at/jWFQB> or on the parish website: www.stpaulkingston.com/

BLESSED SACRAMENT CWL Join us from Saturday, **Sept. 19th at 9:00 am to Sunday, Sept. 20th at 5:00 pm** for a Virtual Silent Auction! From the comfort of your home, place your bid on a large variety of items. You may view items at any time prior to the auction. New items are added daily, so check back often! To join the auction, go to this link: <https://www.32auctions.com/CWL2026Fall>

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAID) MAID: Medical Assistance in Dying has been legal throughout Canada for many years. At first, it was seen as an exception, now it is often recommended and encouraged to patients by medical personnel in health care facilities. Catholics and all believers in God need to be aware that it is against the commandment: "Thou shall not kill." You are invited to understand the Catholic Church's stand, the issues that are involved and the role of suffering. Presenter: Father John Hibbard. Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, **Amherstview on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm.**

Schedule for the weekends of September 19-20, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 19 Sept 5:15pm	J. Saunders C. Jones	M. McLaughlin D. Lomboy	I. Stewart C. Bieber A. Kelly R. Lachance	Tim & Stacy
Sun. 20 Sept 9:00am	N. Ehi-Ekome A. Ehi-Ekome	C. Purcell J. Kane	I. Stewart M. Turkington R. Audet F. Cuvelier	Megan
Sun. 20 Sept 11:00am	B. McIver D. Naimool	S. Boisvert A. Krasna	J. McLaren B. Krasna D. Fernandes F. Levesque	Choir
Streaming: S. Frago				
Junior Liturgy: TBD				



KNIGHTS CORNER Did you know?

Traditionally, a "knight" was a mounted soldier of high standing, often of noble birth, formally recognised after training and service. Today, the word can mean many things: a title of honour, a chess piece, a sports team, or a member of the Knights of Columbus. To our knowledge, no one in Council 11670 was knighted by a sovereign. What we do have is a group of Catholic men seeking to grow in faith and serve through good works, practical deeds, and donations to parish and community causes. For us, the nobility is not in our birth, but in the cause: charity, unity, fraternity, and service.

Everyone is invited to support our work. Catholic men seeking a practical way to serve are warmly invited to join us. Vivat Jesus!

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