

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

“Why be envious because I am generous?”

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.)
Susan Lett, Parish Secretary

Parish Organizations

Catholic Women's League

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Ministry to Sick & Homebound

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Ministry to Seniors (Cards)

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Parish Engagement

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Funeral Choir

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Junior Liturgy

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

God is generous in showing mercy to the whole of humanity. Today we give praise and thanks for such immense love revealed to us in Jesus.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

We are not to hesitate in turning our hearts to God, who is rich in mercy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Paul exhorts us to recognise that Christ is our very life and that, living according to this calling, we give our all.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

We are called to rejoice in God's generosity towards the whole of humanity.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 21 September

5:15 p.m. Dr. Mary Gwizdal – Leona Ruckpaul

Tuesday, 22 September

9:00 a.m. Agnel Joseph Monteiro – Alison Bogle

Wednesday, 23 September

9:00 a.m. Celia Joyce O. Caedo – Peter & Gigi Purcell

Thursday, 24 September

9:00 a.m. Martin Cinzar – Helen Cinzar & Family

Friday, 25 September

5:15 p.m. Mario & Anna Valconi – Lucia Carfa

Saturday, 26 September

5:15 p.m. Manuel Couto – Rene & Patrick Murphy

Sunday, 27 September

9:00 a.m. Lenore & Paul Majoros – Gerry & Bev Majoros

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 Harry MacDonald.

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; 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

You too, go into my Vineyard

Today Jesus tells us a story that, at first hearing, seems rather unfair. A landowner goes out early in the morning and hires workers for his vineyard. He goes out again at nine, at noon, at three, and even at five o'clock. At the end of the day, he pays everybody the same wage.

Those who worked from morning until evening naturally complain: "We have borne the day's burden and the heat." Humanly speaking, we understand their complaint. They are thinking: "If I worked more, I deserve more."

But Jesus is teaching us that the Kingdom of God does not operate according to our calculations of deserving. The landowner says, "Are you envious because I am generous?"

That question goes straight to the heart.

Sometimes the greatest obstacle to our happiness is not what we lack, but what somebody else has received.

We can be grateful for God's blessings until we see another person receiving something we think they don't deserve. Then our gratitude disappears.

Jesus asks us today: Can you rejoice when God is generous to someone else?

The workers who came late were not paid because they worked more. They were paid because the master was generous

Perhaps some of us feel that we have come very late. Do not be discouraged. It is never too late to answer God's call.

And perhaps some of us are struggling because someone else has received a blessing we wanted. Today God says to us: "Rejoice in my generosity."

Let us therefore ask for the grace to stop comparing, stop competing and stop counting what others receive.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD COLLEC ION Food Bags will be distributed this weekend, September 19-20 for return on the weekend of September 26-27. We have limited bags, if you are able to use a reusable bag from home that would be appreciate. Thank you for your continued support.

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LIVING AND DYING WITH REAL HOPE AND TRUE DIGNITY IN CHRIST

At last weekend masses, Ben Krasna spoke to the congregation on a series of sessions that will be held in November at our parish. There will be a number of presenters and panelists joining us. Session 1: Spiritual aspects of death and dying – November 5; Session 2: Practical consideration of the end of life – November 12; Session 3: Pastoral care for the dying and those who love them – November 19. All sessions are in the evening at 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Mark your calendars and watch our bulletin in October for further information on our sessions.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Archbishop Michael Mulhall wishes to announce the following appointments:

Rev. Roderick McNeil is appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese; Rev. Cosmas Ajawara is appointed Dean of the Central Deanery; Rev. Shawn Hughes is appointed Dean of the Western Deanery; Rev. Stephane Pouliot is appointed Dean of the Northern Deanery.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS • Saturday

September 12th-the CWL Diocesan Council's Annual Spiritual Retreat, hosted by St. Joseph's CWL was a very reflective, successful event. Thank you to Father Stephane Pouliot for presenting to over 100 members, three engaging talks which focussed on Encountering Jesus, and to the 18 CWL St. Joseph's members who collaborated to provide for the needs and nourishments of participants throughout the day.

• **Monday September 14th**, thank you to St. Joseph's CWL members who attended the General Meeting and received an informative update from Michelle Schwarz of Feed the People, about the current status of the encampment, its homeless community and the dedicated volunteers who provide nourishment for up to 140 clients a day. **Outreach Volunteer Registration Forms**, are available 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. • **Monday September 28th**-the 5:15pm mass is being sponsored by the CWL Ontario Council for the intentions of all the CWL members. **At 6:30pm, also on September 28th** St. Joseph's Executive meeting will occur.

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/

Schedule for the weekends of September 26-27, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 26 Sept 5:15pm	H. Couto Sr.N.Hurren	L.Bickerstaffe P. Rosales	I. Stewart C. Bieber A. Kelly R.Lachance	Tim & Stacy
Sun. 27 Sept 9:00am	C.Charbonneau J. Watts	K.Nickerson L. Orellano	I. Stewart M.Turkington R. Audet F. Cuvelier	Children's Choir
Sun. 27 Sept 11:00am	F. Levesque R. McLaren	B. Oliveira C.Kavanaugh	J. McLaren B. Krasna D.Fernandes F. Levesque	Choir
Streaming: D. Eardley				
Junior Liturgy: Maddy				



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