

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026

"Son, go out and work in the vineyard today."

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

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

A rather alarming extract from Matthew's Gospel is presented to us today to mediate on; namely the fact that tax collectors and prostitutes may be entering heaven before us.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

The Lord's ways are fair and just; ours are not.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Though Christ was in the form of God, he emptied himself.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Two sons were asked by their father to go out and work. One says he will not go, but later changes his mind; the other says yes, but does not go.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 28 September

5:15 p.m. Intention of all CWL Members in the
Kingston Archdiocese – Diocesan CWL
Council

Tuesday, 29 September

9:00 a.m. Marie Mullin (5th Anniversary) – Terry &
Dave Holmes

Wednesday, 30 September

9:00 a.m. Intention of Tom McDonough – Yeshi
Redda

Thursday, 1 October

9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving – Krasna Family

Friday, 2 October

10:00 a.m. Mass at Kingsdale
5:15 p.m. Mirta Biscaro – Patrizia Dessanti

Saturday, 3 October

5:15 p.m. Sr. Mary Ellen Killeen (12th Anniversary) –
Brenda Murphy

Sunday, 4 October

9:00 a.m. Anne Garrett – Joseph & Florence Lynch
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 Maria DiPietrantonio; Phyllis Pallister; Helen Drumm; Sr. Sheila Bowes, RHSJ.

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.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Yes, Lord, and I will Act

My dear brothers and sisters, the Gospel today presents us with a very simple story, but it contains a very important lesson for our Christian life. A father goes to his first son and says, "Son, go out and work in the vineyard today." The son answers, "I will not." But later, he changes his mind and goes. The father goes to the second son and gives him the same instruction. This son says, "Yes, sir," but he does not go. Jesus then asks, "Which of the two did his father's will?" The answer is obvious: the first son.

What Jesus is teaching us is that there can sometimes be a difference between what we say and what we do. It is easy to say the right things. We can say, "Yes, Lord," in our prayers. Christianity is not simply about saying the right words. It is about allowing our words to become actions. We can say, "I forgive you," while continuing to carry resentment in our hearts. We can say, "I love my family," but never make time for them. We can say, "I care about the poor," but never help someone who is struggling. We can say, "I want to grow spiritually," but never pray, never read Scripture and never make time for God. We can say "yes" to God with our lips while saying "no" to Him with our lives.

But there is another side to this Gospel that is very encouraging. The first son initially said no, but later changed his mind and went to work. This reminds us that a bad beginning does not necessarily mean a bad ending. Perhaps we have made mistakes. Perhaps we have wandered away from God. Perhaps there have been moments when we have said "no" to God. But God always gives us the opportunity to begin again.

This is one of the most beautiful things about our faith. God does not define us simply by our past. He looks at what we are willing to become. You may have failed yesterday, but you can begin again today. You may have stopped praying, but you can pray again. You may have been away from the Church, but you can come home. You may have hurt someone, but you can seek forgiveness. You may have carried anger or resentment for years, but you can take the first step toward reconciliation.

Today, therefore, let us not simply say, "Yes, Lord." Let us say, "Yes, Lord, and I will act." Let our prayers become actions. Let our faith become visible. Let our love become practical. Let our repentance become a new way of living. When God sends us into His vineyard, may we not only say yes with our lips, but may we actually go and do His will. Amen.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD COLLECTION Food Bags will be collected this weekend of September 26-27. Thank you for your continued support.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS AND BOOKS Please do not drop off or leave books and religious items in the entrance area of the church especially on the new stand.

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LIVING AND DYING WITH REAL HOPE AND TRUE DIGNITY IN CHRIST

Join us for our series Living and Dying with Real Hope and True Dignity in Christ presented in the month of November. We welcome a number of presenters and panelists. 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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS • 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

HARVEST MINI BAZAAR – ST. PATRICK'S NAPANEE

Saturday, **October 17th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon** St. Patrick's Church Hall, **179 West St., Napanee** Thomas St. Entrance Morning Coffee & Sweet Treats – \$5.00/person. Homemade Pies, Butter Tarts, Squares, Cookies, Breads, Muffins & More! Grocery Hampers Silent Auction Grand Draw Tickets Grand Draw at 12:00 Noon; Euchre: **6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall – \$5.00/person.**

TRANSITUS SERVICE – ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI An Invitation to attend the Transitus Service, a solemn memorial of St. Francis of Assisi's passing over from his earthly life to the Glory of God in Heaven, on **Saturday, October 3rd, at 7pm at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Belleville.** Third Order Secular Franciscans invite and welcome all to pray and remember the beauty and holiness of St. Francis' last hours, most especially in this year of Jubilee as declared by Pope Leo XIV in honour of the 800th year anniversary of St. Francis' death.

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 pm.** Together, these intentions are lifted to the Divine Light that permeates the universe as we pray and work for peace—for our world and for future generations. Sister Pauline Lally, SP & Valerie Kelly, PA

Schedule for the weekends of October 3-4, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 3 Oct 5:15pm	N. Torres M. MacVicar	M. McLaughlin J. Saunders	I. Stewart C. Bieber A. Kelly R. Lachance	Tim & Theresa
Sun. 4 Oct 9:00am	A. Upton C. Purcell	G. Lesperance A. MacKinnon	I. Stewart M. Turkington R. Audet F. Cuvelier	Megan
Sun. 4 Oct 11:00am	L. Carfa B. Ows	F. McIver K. Colwell	J. McLaren B. Krasna D. Fernandes F. Levesque	Choir
Streaming: R. McDonald				
Junior Liturgy: T. Castro				



KNIGHTS CORNER September brings people back into familiar rhythms: school, work, parish activities, and community life. It is a good time to ask where we can give a little more of ourselves. For Council 11670, service is not always about grand gestures. Sometimes, it is as simple as organising soccer and basketball competitions for children at our local Catholic schools, providing sports equipment, and celebrating their achievements. We are especially proud to see one of our young parish family members become a national champion in her age group! These activities bring smiles to our faces while encouraging young people to stay active, develop their skills, and enjoy friendly competition. Together, we are helping build a stronger parish and community. Everyone is invited to support these efforts in whatever way they can. Catholic men seeking faith, fraternity, and a practical way to serve are warmly invited to join us. Vivat Jesus!

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