

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026

***“If he or she listens to you, you have
regained your brother or sister”***

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

Our minds need to be renewed by God's grace; then we can begin to understand the significance of the cross of Christ and of our own cross, too.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Speak to those who are wicked so that they may repent.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Love is the answer to every one of our commandments.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother listens to you, then you have won him back.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 7 September

5:15 p.m. Bernarbit Espinoza – Berlinda Cabaling

Tuesday, 8 September

MASS IS CANCELLED

Wednesday, 9 September

9:00 a.m. Walter and Anna Speagle – Cathy Perrin

Thursday, 10 September

9:00 a.m. Leslie Deszpoth – Christel Deszpoth

Friday, 11 September

5:15 p.m. Luigi Nuvoloni – Maria Nuvoloni

Saturday, 12 September

5:15 p.m. Manuel Couto – Lisetta Medeiros

Sunday, 13 September

9:00 a.m. Luc Richard (5th Anniversary) – Chantal Richard

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 Edwin Marc Baldia.

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; 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.

MASS ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 8 AT 9:00 A.M. IS CANCELLED.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY Next week, September 13 after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass join us in the Parish Family Hall for Hospitality Sunday. This is an opportunity to meet parish family members and to have a light refreshment. All are welcome!

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

The truth Shall Set you Free

There is a saying that goes, "A true friend tells you the truth, even when the truth is difficult to hear." Today's readings remind us that one of the responsibilities of Christian love is not only to encourage one another but also, when necessary, to correct one another.

In the first reading, God tells the prophet Ezekiel, "I have appointed you as watchman for the house of Israel." A watchman has a responsibility to warn people when danger is approaching. If he sees the danger but remains silent, he cannot claim that it was none of his business. God expects him to speak.

This message is very relevant to our lives today. We often see people we love making choices that are hurting them, their families or their relationship with God, but we remain silent. We say, "It is his life." "It is her business." "I don't want to get involved." Sometimes we are afraid that speaking the truth will make us unpopular. Sometimes we simply don't want the trouble that comes with confronting someone.

But Jesus reminds us today that Christian love sometimes requires us to speak.

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Notice how practical Jesus is. He does not say, "Tell everyone what your brother has done." He does not say, "Discuss it with your friends." He does not say, "Put it on social media." He says, "Go and tell him his fault between you and him alone."

How many problems would be solved if we followed this simple teaching?

Someone hurts us, and instead of going to the person, we tell somebody else. Then that person tells another person, and before long, a private disagreement has become public gossip. Sometimes the original problem was small, but our conversations make it much bigger.

Jesus teaches us a better way: talk to the person, not about the person.

But there is another important lesson here. When we correct someone, our intention must be love, not revenge. There is a difference between correcting someone because we care about them and attacking someone because we are angry with them.

We should ask ourselves before confronting another person: "Am I trying to help this person, or am I simply trying to make them feel bad?" If our motivation is revenge, we may need to pray first and calm our hearts. Christian correction should seek restoration, not humiliation.

This applies especially in our families. Parents sometimes need to correct their children. Husbands and wives sometimes need to tell each other difficult truths. Friends sometimes need to say, "What you are doing is not good for you." A priest may sometimes have to respectfully challenge a parishioner. A parishioner may sometimes need to respectfully challenge a priest. This is part of living together as a Christian community. May the Lord give us the courage to speak when we should speak, the wisdom to know how to speak, the humility to accept correction, and above all, the love that seeks not to destroy one another but to help one another find our way back to God.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS St. Joseph's CWL- hosting Kingston Diocesan Council's **Annual Spiritual Retreat- Saturday September 12, 2026 -9:00am-2:00pm**, in Parish Church and Hall. Members. Registration is full. Please inform S. Conway Williamson/K. Colwell if you can provide a treat for break times or assist with hosting duties. • **Outreach Volunteer Registration Forms**, 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 14th at 7:00pm**-is our next General Meeting in the Parish Hall. All members are welcome!

WASHROOMS In recent months there has been a number of occasions where the taps in the washroom have been left on and water running all day and night. This is extra stress on our water pump and our bill. Please make sure you are turning off the taps when you leave the washroom. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY CARDS Card's returns on Wednesday September 9 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. This is great fun and an opportunity to socialize with some wonderful parish family members and friends!

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.

THANK YOU FROM BIRTHRIGHT Our heartfelt thanks go out to all who participated in our annual "*Change for Life*" baby bottle campaign. We surpassed our goal and raised over \$46,000 which will help us in our mission to assist women facing unplanned or difficult pregnancies. St. Joseph parishioners were very generous this year and contributed \$2544.00. We are blessed with your continued support. We need volunteers. If you would like more information, please call us at 613-546-5433 or email infor@kingstonbirthright.ca

JOURNEY – ARCHDIOCESAN PUBLICATION The latest edition is available to view online at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

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.

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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 12-13, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 12 Sept 5:15pm	M.MacVicar S. Ottenhof	J. Saunders L.Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart D.Mazzolin A. Kelly R.Lachance	Tim & Stacy
Sun. 13 Sept 9:00am	G.Lesperance P. Evaristo	K.Nickerson A.MacKinnon	I. Stewart J. Agero R. Audet F. Cuvelier	Annette
Sun. 13 Sept 11:00am	J.McDonald R.McDonald	B. Oliveira B. Tezem	J. McLaren B. Krasna D.Fernandes F. Levesque	Choir
Streaming: J. McDonald				
Junior Liturgy: TBD				



KNIGHTS CORNER: St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670 have donated a series of booklets, *Building the Domestic Church Series*, for you to take home, enjoy and return when you are finished. Booklets can be found

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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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