St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026

"Stay awake."

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	Kathi Colwell & Susan Conway Williamson
Knights of Columbus, 11670	Patrick Greenwood

Parish Ministries

Finance Committee	Rev. Cosmas Ajawara
Parish Pastoral Council	Ben Krasna
Lectors	Carol Kavanaugh
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Kavanaugh
Ministry to Sick & Homebound	Chris Jones & Monna Splinter
Ministry to Seniors (Cards)	Judy Saunders
Ministry at Extendicare	Mary Clancy
Ushers	Ian Stewart
Culture of Life	Ben Krasna
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

Parish Schools

St. Thomas More Catholic School – Tina Castro, Principal
234 Norman Rogers Dr., Kingston, ON K7M 2R4 613-542-1575

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction
We gather today in response to God's call to us. The Lord invites us to stay awake and make ourselves ready for the banquet of eternal life.

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
God's wisdom is not distant, but reveals herself to those who are alert to her presence.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Paul offers a word of consolation and hope: the Lord will come from heaven to take us with him.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
The wise are those who prepare for the day of the Lord's coming.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 9 November
5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League – St. Joseph's CWL

Tuesday, 10 November
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Jason Addai – Maame Addai

Wednesday, 11 November
9:00 a.m. Eduardo Almeida – Margaret Almeida

Thursday, 12 November
9:00 a.m. Unborn children of Veronica & Francesco – Ambrosia Family

Friday, 13 November
5:15 p.m. Antonio Almeida – Almeida Family

Saturday, 14 November
5:15 p.m. Richard Devette – Pat & Rene Murphy

Sunday, 15 November
9:00 a.m. Deceased & Living Members of the Agostinelli Family – Maria Agostinelli
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; Tina Phillips; Patricia Sullivan; Charlotte Pater.

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.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for 2026-2027 is now closed.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Keep your Lamp Burning

One of the most common things we say in life is, "I will do it tomorrow." Tomorrow, I will pray more. Tomorrow, I will forgive that person. Tomorrow, I will return to God. Tomorrow, I will become more serious about my faith. Tomorrow, I will repair that broken relationship.

But the problem with tomorrow is that it is never guaranteed. We have today, and we must make good use of it.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of ten virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom. Five were wise and brought extra oil for their lamps, while five were foolish and brought no extra oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became tired and fell asleep. At midnight, the announcement came that the bridegroom was approaching. The wise virgins were ready, but the foolish ones were not.

Jesus concludes with a warning: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The central message of this parable is not that we should live in fear of death or spend our days worrying about the end of the world. Rather, Jesus invites us to live each day with faith, wisdom and spiritual readiness.

The important question is not simply whether we expect the Lord to come, but whether we are preparing ourselves to meet him.

Think about our daily lives. We prepare for many things. Students prepare for examinations. Couples prepare for marriage. Families prepare for the arrival of a child. We save money for retirement and make plans for our future. We understand that important things require preparation.

But how much attention do we give to preparing our souls?

Sometimes we are so occupied with making a living that we forget to prepare for eternal life. We care for our bodies but neglect our spiritual lives. We worry about our bank accounts, homes and possessions, but give little attention to the state of our hearts.

Today's Gospel invites us to examine our priorities.

CHEQUE DONATIONS Bank of Montreal has notified us that all cheques are to match the name on our account for deposit or they will be returned. Please address your cheque to '**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**'. Thank you!

BOOK OF REMEMBERANCE For the month of November a Book of Remembrance will be placed at the main entrance of the Church for you to add the names of family members, friends and loved ones who have recently died.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! This year, St. Joseph's will be partnering with the Salvation Army Kettle Drive this year. Right now we have committed to Mondays and Tuesdays (and we still need help to fill those days completely) but would love to be able to offer more days for them depending on the number of volunteers we get. So it is time to 'step up to the plate' and offer to supervise a kettle for one-hour shifts at Loblaws (Kingston Centre). St. Joseph's contributions run from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on the following dates, November 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, December 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 right now but again if we get more volunteers we can offer other days. If you are able to help please contact Sharon Lillis at 613-549-0559 or sharon.lillis48@gmail.com. Thanking you in advance for your help with this worthwhile endeavour.

FOOD BAGS. 'Birds and Flowers' is a parish initiative that started by a group of parishioners organizing food hampers for the needy in our community in time for Christmas. The tradition continues with the parish providing over 50 hampers to families and individuals in our parish area. If you are able to help, we are collecting non-perisable food items on November 14-15 and December 12-13. Food Bags will be available at all of the entrances next weekend. If you would prefer to make donation by cash/cheque please indicate on your donation or envelope 'Birds and Flowers'.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE - LIVING AND DYING WITH REAL HOPE AND TRUE DIGNITY IN CHRIST **Join us for our second Session**: Practical consideration of the end of life – November 11; and 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* **Our CWL Executive Meeting is on Monday, November 23rd at 6:30pm in the Parish Family Hall**. • If you haven't picked up your CWL Election Envelope yet, they are available at the Parish Office. Please read all information carefully. • Our annual ***CWL Gifts, Crafts, Bake Sale & Christmas Basket Raffles*** sale is on the ***November 28/29 weekend***. Those wishing to donate a Themed Raffle Basket should sign up soon, as we hope to offer at least 10 baskets. Any donated Gift Cards are always welcome. Consider partnering up for even more fun! Contact Sue Conway Williamson or Denise Irvine to get your name on the list. There will be a basket as usual for all members to donate their favourite chocolate. items. Last day to donate is Friday, Nov. 27th in the Parish Family Hall between 10am and 3pm.

LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Are you interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister at weekend Masses? Are you a Lector or Eucharistic Minister and would like some practice and guidance? Come to a practice session, Sunday November 8 or December 6, between the 9am and 11am Masses (ie 10:15 – 10:45 am). Limited spaces, contact Carol Kavanaugh carol@kavanaugh.ca if you'd like to participate and/or observe!

DID YOU KNOW?
We are blessed to have two Holy Hours of Eucharistic Adoration every week on Mondays and Fridays from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He is waiting for you.

COMMUNITY

HOLY CROSS BAKESALE Students and staff from Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School will be selling baked goods following the Masses on the weekend of November 14th and 15th in support of their upcoming Jamaica Mission Trip. All proceeds will directly support the charitable organizations they will be working with in Jamaica, including schools, homes for the elderly, and the construction of a house for a family in need. Stop by the Parish Family Hall after Mass for some wonderful treats. Thank you for your generous support!

COAT DRIVE Looking for a way to help those struggling? With the colder weather approaching and the increasing number of homeless in our community St. Rita's Drop-In Center at St. Mary's Cathedral is collecting winter coats, boots, scarves, hats, toques, gloves, mitts, or backpacks. Donations can be dropped off at the Drop-In Center on Brock Street Monday to Friday between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Pick up can be arranged by emailing coatdrive@stmaryscathedral.ca

Schedule for the weekends of Nov. 14-Nov 15 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 14 Nov 5:15pm	S. Ottenhof M. Marcial	M.McLaughlin J. Saunders	TBD	Stacy & Theresa
Sun. 15 Nov 9:00am	A. Ehi-Ekome N.Ehi-Ekome	M. Tudin K.Nickerson		Annette
Sun. 15 Nov 11:00am	S. Naimool S. Boisvert	T. Donoghue F. Levesque		Choir
Streaming: R. McDonald				
Junior Liturgy: S. Conway-Williamson				

KNIGHTS CORNER As Remembrance Day approaches, we pause to honour those who served, sacrificed, and gave their lives in service to our country.
Did you know? Patriotism is one of the four principles of the Knights of Columbus and the Fourth Degree's particular principle. For the Knights, patriotism is more than displaying a flag. It means being a faithful citizen, serving the common good, respecting others' sacrifices, and helping build a country marked by justice, solidarity, and charity.
This Remembrance Day, we thank our veterans, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, their families, and all those whose service has helped safeguard the freedoms we enjoy.
Catholic men seeking faith, fraternity, and service are warmly invited to join us. Vivat Jesus!



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