

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026

"The wedding hall was filled with guests"

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

The kingdom of heaven is like a wedding feast to which the Lord invites us, not because we are worthy but because he loves us and wants us to be his guests.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The prophet recounts what God has done for us, inviting us to God's banquet and causing us to rejoice.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

In the hardships of his life, St. Paul knows that God gives him strength.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The wedding feast is ready, and we have been invited to it.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 12 October

5:15 p.m. Grace Neddow (3rd Anniversary) – The Family

Tuesday, 13 October

9:00 a.m. Joe & Adele Saccon – Sandra Saccon

Wednesday, 14 October

9:00 a.m. Gerry Wright (1st Anniversary) – his friends at St. Joseph's

10:30 a.m. Mass at Extendicare

Thursday, 15 October

9:00 a.m. Intention of Tommy & Mary Morin on their 55th Wedding Anniversary – Kitty & Family

Friday, 16 October

10:30 a.m. School Mass

5:15 p.m. Terry Walsh – Elaine Watier

Saturday, 17 October

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

Sunday, 18 October

9:00 a.m. Mary St. Pierre – The Family

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 Jerry Sambirsky; Meghan Yates; Michael Allen Easton; Marcelina Emengga.

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.

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

Remember the Giver

Today, as we celebrate the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time and Thanksgiving weekend, the Church invites us to reflect on two important realities: God's generous invitation to us and our response to His goodness. Thanksgiving is more than a celebration of the harvest, a family meal, or a day when we gather around a table filled with food. It is an opportunity to pause, look at our lives, and recognize how much we have received from God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of a king who prepares a wedding feast for his son. Everything is ready. The food has been prepared, the table has been set, and the invitation has been sent out. Yet, to the king's surprise, those invited refuse to come. Imagine preparing a special meal, inviting your family and friends, and making every arrangement to welcome them, only to discover that they are too busy to come. How would you feel? You would probably feel disappointed, not because you needed their presence to enjoy the meal, but because your invitation was an expression of love that they chose to disregard.

This is the picture Jesus gives us of God's relationship with humanity. God continually invites us into His presence, into His love, and into the joy of His Kingdom. Yet, we sometimes become so occupied with the business of living that we forget the One who gives us life.

We are busy working, raising families, paying bills, pursuing careers, managing responsibilities, and planning for the future. These things are important, and God does not condemn us for attending to them. The problem arises when our daily activities leave no room for God. We can become so occupied with the blessings that we forget the One who blesses us. Let us not be so busy with the gifts that we forget the Giver. Let us not be so satisfied with our own abundance that we forget those who are hungry. And let us not accept God's invitation with our lips while keeping our hearts far from Him.

FR. COSMAS WILL BE AWAY FROM OCTOBER 20-26

Father Cosmas will be at the Vatican from October 20 to 26 to participate in meetings related to his recent appointment by the Vatican as a Collaborator and Mission Animator for the Vatican's Church of the Sheaves initiative, which focuses on equipping the clergy and the faithful throughout the world for mission and fostering an exchange of missionary gifts among local Churches. During his absence, we welcome Father Tim Shea and thank him for his generous assistance in covering the Masses. Please Note: On Monday, October 26, there will be no Benediction. Confessions will be heard from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY Join us this Sunday, October 11 after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses for Hospitality Sunday in our Parish Family Hall. All are welcome!

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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. **Session 1 and Session 3 are in the evening at 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Session 2 is at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** Mark your calendars and watch our bulletin in October for further information on our sessions.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS Our Executive Meeting is Monday, October 26th at 6:30pm in the Parish Family Hall • The Parish Chain of Life Event was well attended last Sunday. Thanks to all who gave their time and presence so willingly. • Our October Poster boards are all about "The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass" this month and Fr. Cosmas encourages **all parishioners** to check out this important topic, not just our CWL members.

BAPTISM AT ST. JOSEPH'S Are you planning on having your child baptized at St. Joseph's Parish? Baptism take place on Sunday's following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Up to two families per Sunday, 30 days notice is required, and we ask that parents are registered at St. Joseph's Parish. We have a wonderful Baptism Sacramental Preparation team with instructions once a month, usually on a Tuesday evening. For further information contact the Parish office.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Every parish across the world will celebrate World Mission Sunday next weekend, 17-18 October 2026. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. Please be as generous as possible to the collection for the Propagation of the Faith, for more than 1,120 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and some of our Canadian dioceses depend on the World Mission collection.

THANK YOU! To our Ushers, Altar Servers, Musicians, Choir members, Lectors and Eucharistic Minister for your dedication and service at St. Joseph's Parish. And a special thank you to our Streaming team for bringing Mass to the homebound.

COMMUNITY

ST. RITA'S DROP-IN CENTRE Monday–Friday, 1:00–3:30 pm St. Mary's Cathedral Outreach to the homeless and poor of the city. 1:00-3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. Providing safety, great food, showers, and good Christian hospitality and dignity. Inquiries: paty@stmaryscathedral.ca

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.

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.

SPIRITUALITY, RELIGION AND PSYCHOTHERAPY: LEARNING FROM JESUS Anne Hanley will lead a presentation on, "Spirituality, Religion and Psychotherapy; learning from Jesus." The role of religion and spirituality in psychotherapy has received growing attention in the last two decades, with a focus on understanding the ways that religion and spirituality relate to our "wellness". Join us at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall in Amherstview Wednesday, **October 28th at 7 pm..** All are welcome. Light refreshments. Sponsored by The CWL. NO need to register.

Schedule for the weekends of October 17-18, 2026

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 17 Oct 5:15pm	M. Marcial S. Ottenhof	L. Bickerstaffe M. McLaughlin	I. Stewart S. Harrigan A. Kelly C. Bieber	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 18 Oct 9:00am	M. Tudin C. Charbonneau	J. Kane G. Lesperance	I. Stewart M. Turkington R. Audet F. Cuvelier	Megan
Sun. 18 Oct 11:00am	S. Boisvert B. McIver	L. Carfa A. Krasna	J. McLaren B. Krasna D. Fernandes F. Levesque	Choir

Streaming: C. Jones

Junior Liturgy: K. Canning



KNIGHTS CORNER One of the things a new Knight receives when joining the Knights of Columbus is a rosary. During the Exemplification ceremony, each new member receives one and is encouraged to carry it and pray it often. That small gift says something important about who we are. The Knights may be well known for charitable donations, community projects, and lending a hand around the parish, but our work is meant to begin with faith and prayer. As October begins, a month traditionally associated with the Holy Rosary, it is a good reminder for all of us to make time for prayer amid the busyness of everyday life. Catholic men seeking faith, fraternity, and a practical way to serve are warmly invited to join us. Vivat Jesus!

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