

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church

## Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

*He has Risen!*



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### 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 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 – 1:00 p.m.),  
Susan Lett, Parish Secretary

### Parish Organizations

Parish Finance Committee  
Parish Pastoral Council  
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#### Parish Schools

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**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
**March 31, 2024**

**Introduction**

On this Easter Day we gather as a community to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We give grateful thanks for this happy day, and for the opportunities we have been given to pass the love and hope of the Risen Christ to all we meet.

**First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43**

God does not have favourites; the resurrection is for everyone.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

Now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

**Gospel: John 20:1-9**

Jesus has risen from the dead – nothing will ever be the same again.

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**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 1 April**

5:15 p.m. Nigel Bogle – Alison Bogle

**Tuesday, 2 April**

9:00 a.m. Aniceta McLean – Marietta & Amado Marcial

**Wednesday, 3 April**

9:00 a.m. Moira Ottenhof – Stephen Ottenhof

**Thursday, 4 April**

9:00 a.m. Bill Murray – Gerry & Annetta Mazzeo

**Friday, 5 April**

10:00 a.m. Kingsdale Chateau  
5:15 p.m. Bill Reason – Mary & Herman Overvelde

**Saturday, 6 April**

5:15 p.m. Maria Carquez – Cecelia Melo

**Sunday, 7 April**

9:00 a.m. Ron Smith (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) – Mary, Leslie, Brayden & Bayleigh  
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*To join our online Mass each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. visit [www.stjosephskingston.ca](http://www.stjosephskingston.ca).*

**OUR PARISH**

**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: Marcus Hacault; Donna and Joe V.; Raymond Doyle; June Alley; Peter McEnergy; Teresita Mekarski.

*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.*

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**CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT CEREMONY**

Candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in May are invited to attend Enrolment Sunday on April 7, 2024 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY** will take place on Sunday, April 14, 2024 following the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Please join us in the parish hall for fellowship and to help celebrate our First Communion candidates.

**FIRST COMMUNION** On April 14, 2024 we welcome the children receiving First Communion to our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS** The General Meeting is on Monday, April 8 at 7p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Speakers are Jane Watts and Denise Irvine, talking about the CWL initiative, *Recycling Works: Items to Keep Out of the Landfill* • The sign-up sheets for the Fancy Hat Tea Party in May will be available then • Donations for St. Vincent de Paul are being accepted at the office or in the donation bins at each entrance until April 15, then we change and collect for *Birthright*, until May 20. Monetary donations can be put into an envelope marked *CWL Birthright* and dropped into the Mass collection baskets or at the office • The Executive meeting is on Monday, April 15 at 7pm in the Parish Hall!

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA** A bus will leave Kingston for the National March for Life on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from St. Joseph's parking lot at 392 Palace Road at 7:00 am to arrive on time for Mass at St. Patrick's Basilica, 220 Kent St. at 10 am. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For more information about the March, see [www.campaignlifecoalition.com](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com) and click on March for Life. You can reserve your seat by registering in person with Susan at St. Joseph's Parish Office Monday-Friday 8:30 am-12noon and 1:00 pm-4:30 pm OR by e-transfer at [kingstonmflbus@proton.me](mailto:kingstonmflbus@proton.me)

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION** Please join us at 3:00 p.m. (the hour of Mercy) on April 7, 2024 (second Sunday of Easter) to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, there will also be opportunity to adore our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a special day when we reflect on God's mercy, love and forgiveness which he grants to all those who are willing to ask for it.



**NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MASS** Join us April 14, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. as the Nigerian Catholic Community from around the Archdiocese gather to celebrate Easter with a Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Potluck to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL FISH FRY** Save the date! Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in support of the Morgan Foundation. Tickets are \$20.00 and will be sold at St. Joseph's, before and after all the masses on the weekend of April 13-14 and April 20-21.

## **Easter: A Time of Renewal, Hope and Love**

On Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of the Christian faith. It is a time of profound reflection, renewal, and hope.

Easter reminds us of the victory of light over darkness, of life over death. It symbolizes the triumph of love, forgiveness, and redemption. Just as Jesus emerged from the tomb, overcoming death, we are reminded of the possibility of new beginnings, transformation, and spiritual rebirth in our own lives.

In a world often marked by suffering, injustice, and uncertainty, Easter offers us reassurance and strength. It reminds us that even in our darkest moments, there is always the promise of resurrection, of new life emerging from the ashes of despair.

Ultimately, the message of Easter is one of profound hope—that no matter what challenges or trials we may face, there is always the promise of new life, both in this world and in the eternal kingdom of God. It is a message that transcends time and culture, offering comfort, guidance, and inspiration to all who embrace it.

Easter, the holiest day in the Christian calendar, beckons us to delve deep into the profound mystery of resurrection and redemption. As the dawn breaks on Easter Sunday, hearts across the globe are stirred with a blend of reverence, jubilation, and introspection. It is a time to reflect on the timeless message that Easter carries—a message of hope, renewal, and eternal love.

Moreover, Easter challenges us to embody the message of love and reconciliation that lies at its core. Just as Jesus extended forgiveness to those who crucified him, we are called to extend grace and compassion to those who have wronged us. Easter reminds us that true liberation comes not from holding onto grudges or seeking vengeance, but from extending forgiveness and seeking reconciliation with one another.

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate this sacred day, let us not only rejoice in the resurrection of Christ but also reflect on the deeper meaning it holds for each of us. Let us contemplate the ways in which we can embody the spirit of Easter in our daily lives—by extending compassion to others, by seeking reconciliation and forgiveness, and by embracing hope even in the face of adversity.

May this Easter be a time of spiritual renewal and transformation for us all, as we embrace the message of love, grace, hope and salvation that lies at the heart of this holy day. Amen.

Happy Easter to you and your families.

Fr. Cosmas



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