

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024

"The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life."

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Robert Wojcik, Deacon

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 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 (Summer Hours)

Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.;

Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Susan Lett, Parish Secretary

Parish Organizations

Parish Finance Committee
Parish Pastoral Council
Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus, 11670
Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers
Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)
Ministry at Extencicare
Ushers
Sacristans
Culture of Life
Social Justice & Outreach Liaison
Funeral Choir
Junior Liturgy
Sacramental Preparation
Altar Servers
Youth Group
Music Ministry
Youth Choir

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Parish Schools

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

St. Paul's Catholic School - Chantal Courneyea, Acting Principal
266 McMahon Ave., Kingston, ON K7M 3H2
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Introduction

Each day we are being asked to serve the Lord. Are we willing to accept Jesus' teaching and promises so that we may enter the Kingdom of God?

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

The people chose to serve the Lord and recognized all that God had done for them.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Christ is the head of the Church and each of us are faithful members of the one body.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Jesus' teachings can be difficult to accept. Do we, like St. Peter, recognize him as the Holy One of God?

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 26 August

5:15 p.m. Harry Ottenhof (8th Anniversary) – Stephen Ottenhof

Tuesday, 27 August

9:00 a.m. Charles Jefferies – Anne Lafave

Wednesday, 28 August

9:00 a.m. Elisio Ponte & Extended Family Members – Lidia Ponte & Family

Thursday, 29 August

9:00 a.m. Dillon Sawyer – Liane Provencher

Friday, 30 August

5:15 p.m. Intentions of Jessie Northmore – Joseph Sammon

Saturday, 31 August

5:15 p.m. Bob Chippier – Pat & Rene Murphy

Sunday, 1 September

9:00 a.m. Julian Ferre Bamba

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Join our online Mass 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 Terry Stafford; Beverly Tuepah; Sr. Peggy Malcolm.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna and Joe V.; Raymond Doyle; June Alley; Peter McEnery; Joanne Koster; Mary Jackson; Paul Dowling; Bernard Ipo; Rob Hearst; Sophie Wolfe; Rev. Mac Burke.

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

Choosing to stay with Christ

In today's Gospel, we witness a moment of crisis among Jesus' disciples. After hearing Jesus' teaching about eating His flesh and drinking His blood, many disciples find His words hard to accept. They murmur, saying, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" This moment of discomfort reveals a significant truth about following Jesus: the path of discipleship is not always easy, and the teachings of Christ often challenge our understanding and comfort zones.

Jesus does not back down or soften His message to make it more palatable. Instead, He confronts them with the reality of what it means to follow Him, fully aware that some will choose to walk away. This scene is a powerful reminder that the call to discipleship involves embracing the full message of Christ, even when it is difficult to comprehend or live out.

The Gospel presents us with a moment of decision. When faced with the challenging teachings of Jesus, we must decide whether we will stay with Him or turn away. The disciples' reaction represents a broader truth about the human condition: we are free to choose our response to God's call.

For those who found Jesus' words too difficult, the decision was to leave. But for the Twelve, led by Peter, the decision was to stay. Peter's response, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life," is a profound expression of faith. It acknowledges that while they may not fully understand everything Jesus says, they trust that He is the source of eternal life. This decision to stay with Jesus, despite the difficulties, is at the heart of true discipleship.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

If you have a child in grade 2 or higher who wishes to receive these Sacraments, there will be a parents' meeting on October 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION If you have a child in grade 8 or higher who wishes to receive this Sacrament, there will be a parents' meeting on October 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For anyone not able to attend the dates above, there will be a meeting on October 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. (Sacrament of First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion and Confirmation)

Parents are required to attend one of the meeting dates above.

Any questions, please contact the Parish Office – 613-547-5004

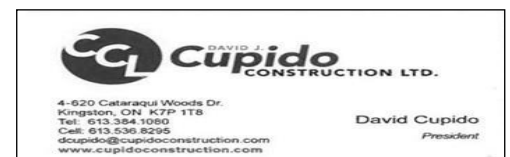
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to register www.stjosephskingston.ca

REGISTRATION CLOSING OCTOBER 7TH, 2024

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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ST. JOSEPH'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY We are pleased to present our congregation with the opportunity to celebrate our 60th anniversary of the dedication of our Church and to commemorate this historic moment by being part of a photo directory. The photos will be taken from September 3 to September 13, 2024 starting at 2:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and on the Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **To book your appointment call Sharon Lillis at 613-549-0559.**

ST. JOSEPH'S EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL YEAR

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY

As part of the parish Eucharistic Revival year program – We will be visiting St. Joseph's Oratory on Saturday, September 21, 2024. **BUS IS NOW FULL.** If you wish to be put on a waiting list please contact Susan at the Parish Office.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS A NOTE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS:

The Executive Meeting is on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Centre (note change in location). Our parish photo of the CWL Executive will be taken at 6:30 p.m. at the Church • Our CWL is supporting a **Yard Sale Fundraiser** for the **FEED THE PEOPLE** food program on **Saturday, September 7th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,** at the **56 Francis Street SENIOR'S CENTRE in the North Parking Lot.** We are asking for donations of gently-used items (*no mattresses or bed frames*), a non-perishable food item to fill a large basket as a Raffle Prize and baked goods/cold drinks to sell to our parched and hungry buyers. If you would like to help out by doing set-up (8 a.m.) or working the sales tables or the Baked Goods / Raffle Tickets Table (9 a.m.-2 p.m.), please contact Denise at demci42@mail.com or 613-546-1927. Goods can also be dropped off to Denise at 5 Francis Street, corner of Churchill St. anytime after 9 a.m. **All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to participate.**

REASSIGNMENT OF DEACON BOB WOJCIK

Archbishop Michael Mulhall has approved the reassignment of Deacon Bob Wojcik to St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Kingston as of September 1, 2024. Deacon Bob has been serving our parish community since 2011. I have been fortunate to have Deacon Bob helping in many ways, assisting with the Liturgy, various Sacramental Celebrations, sitting on various committee's representing our Parish, assisting with our ministry in our Parish School and School masses. He has been invaluable to me as I serve my ministry at St. Joseph's Parish. On the weekend of September 14-15, Deacon Bob will be present at each of our Masses, there will be a reception in our Parish Hall after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This will give us an opportunity to say goodbye and express our gratitude to Deacon Bob and Margaret-Anne for all they have done in our Parish. Thank you Deacon Bob and Margaret-Anne – Fr. Cosmas.

COMMUNITY

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MORE than a Bible Study, the Encounter School is a place to journey together with like-minded believers to EXPERIENCE the transforming POWER of the GOSPEL for holiness, healing, freedom and mission. In each of the four quarters from September to May, you will explore the richness of Scripture and Tradition, grow in intimacy with God, and learn and practice tools to demonstrate the love of God in your

sphere of influence. Classes are held Monday evenings (6:15 – 9:30 pm) at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston. Apply now at <https://encounterschool.org/kingston> or contact Miriam at kingston@encounterschool.org for more information.

SINGERS Give your child the gift of music. Registration is now open for our second season of engaging weekly rehearsals and exciting performing opportunities. The Trinitas singers are an acclaimed faith-filled and supportive choir for children ages 7-16. You can hear the choir at www.youtube.com/@TrinitaSingers or visit <https://www.facebook.com/TrinitaSingers>. For more information please contact Jeffrey Moellman at trinitas.singers@gmail.com.

ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS Saturday, September 14; 11 am Keeley Road, Sydenham, Ontario A cemetery Mass is being held in memory of our deceased family members. Please bring a lawn chair. Refreshments to follow at the Byrne Parish Centre, 3977 Sydenham Road.

ST. RITA'S DROP-IN CENTRE 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

Schedule for the week of August 31-September 1, 2024

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday 31 Aug 5:15 p.m	M. MacVicar C. Jones	P.Scott D. Lomboy	TBD
Sunday 1 Sept 9:00 a.m.	M. Tudin M. Castro	M. Marcial C. Purcell	TBD
Sunday 1 Sept 11:00a.m	F. Levesque R. McLaren	T. Donoghue P. Rosales	TBD



KNIGHTS CORNER: Our Council is doing very well in terms of our hundreds of volunteer hours each month, having donated in excess of \$30,000 annually to local charities in the past few consecutive years, and our support of all Parish activities. Things are going well for us thanks to the diligence of our Council members. There is one thing we could use YOUR help with though: increasing our membership. We would really enjoy seeing more Parish men join our Order, which was founded on and still lives the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. It isn't difficult to join, just be a Catholic man over 18 and a member of our Parish. Annual dues are not significant, and have actually dropped to \$40 and we meet on the first Tuesday of the month for approximately 90 minutes. We don't expect new members to take on anything too strenuous, but stand with us and help your Parish, your community and those in need. And, given the social aspect of our Order, you just might have fun doing it. We will be conducting a recruiting weekend this fall, so keep an eye out for our bulletin insert, but you don't have to wait until then. Speak to any Knight in the Parish about what being a Knight means to them, and how you can join, and help.



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