# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2024

"But what about you?" Jesus asked. "Who do you say I am?"

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#### 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

Weekday

Saturday: Sunday:

Monday

5:15 p.m. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. Tuesdav 9:00 a.m. Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Thursday 9:00 a.m.

5:15 p.m. Friday 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 noon - 1:00 p.m.) 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 Extendicare Ushers Sacristans Culture of Life Parish Engagement

Social Justice & Outreach Liaison **Funeral Choir** Junior Liturgy Sacramental Preparation Altar Servers Youth Group Music Ministry Youth Choir

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara Ben Krasna Kathi Colwell & Susan Conway Williamson Patrick Greenwood Carol Kavanaugh Carol Kavanaugh Chris Jones & Monna Splinter Judy Saunders Mary Clancy Ian Stewart Fran Price Ben Krasna Mary Clancy & Stephen Harrigan Jane Watt Shirley Kelliher Sandra Fragoso Alison Bogle Kelly Canning Vacant Theresa Whalen-Witjes Sheila Fowler

#### **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 613-542-6101

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#### Introduction

We are missionaries called to spread the Good News of Jesus to others. We are invited to model our lives on the pattern of Christ and share in the suffering and cross of Christ who died and rose to glory.

#### First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

The anonymous servant of the Lord faces terrible persecution on account of his preaching. He does not resist.

#### Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Faith leads to good actions; love in action is the mark of the Christian.

#### Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus tells his followers that they will have to carry their cross and lose their lives in love to serve him.

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#### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 16 September 5:15 p.m. Helena Kulich – Toni Alexandrowicz Tuesday, 17 September 9:00 a.m. Kevin Mulrooney – Dorothy Mulrooney Wednesday, 18 September

9:00 a.m. John Murray – Arlene Fraser

Thursday, 19 September

9:00 a.m. Teresita Mekarski – Samahang Filipino Canadian ng Kingston

Friday, 20 September

5:15 p.m. Albert & Wendy Menard – Karin Long

Saturday, 21 September

5:15 p.m. Teresinha Medeiros – Hermano & Rosemary Couto

#### Sunday, 22 September

9:00 a.m.Helena Kulich – Aniela Lukaszuik11:00 a.m.People of the Parish

Join our online Mass Sunday's at 11:00 a.m. visit <u>www.stjosephskingston.ca</u>.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Dorothy Mulroney (sister-in-law to Dorothy Mulrooney).

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna and Joe V.; Raymond Doyle; Peter McEnery; Mary Jackson; Paul Dowling; 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.

<u>SPECIAL THANK YOU</u> St. Joseph's Parish is very blessed that one of our parishioner loves flowers! This month she wanted to decorate the Altar in honour of Mary, and it looks beautiful. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

#### Fr. Cosmas Reflection

#### But Who do you say that I am

In the Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples the critical question: "Who do people say I am?" and then makes it personal: "But who do you say that I am?" This question, asked of Peter and the disciples, is one that each of us must answer. Peter responds, "You are the Christ," recognizing Jesus as the Messiah, but his understanding is incomplete. When Jesus speaks of His impending suffering, death, and resurrection, Peter rebukes Him, unable to accept that the Messiah must suffer.

This interaction highlights two important lessons for us: Knowing Christ requires faith and relationship: Peter's declaration that Jesus is the Christ was inspired by faith, yet he struggled to accept the full meaning of Jesus' mission. Our faith journey is similar. We may profess Jesus as Lord, but do we understand what this means for our lives? Knowing Christ is not just intellectual or doctrinal but involves a personal relationship and a willingness to embrace His mission and the challenges it brings.

The Gospel reading of this Sunday invites us to reflect on our understanding of who Jesus is, our willingness to accept the cross in our lives, and the true cost of discipleship. May we have the courage to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Jesus, trusting that in losing our lives for His sake, we will find true and eternal life.

#### SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST

**<u>COMMUNION</u>** 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 6:30 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 6:30 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 6:30 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

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN visit our website to register <u>www.stjosephskingston.ca</u> REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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**ST. JOSEPH'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** Thank you to Sharon Lillis for all of her work organizing the photo appointments for our directory. Anyone that did not have the opportunity to book an appointment but would like to have a picture included in our directory, you can submit a photo to the Parish Office. There is a cost of \$20 to submit a photo, with this fee you will receive a free directory. For further information on how to submit a photo, contact the Parish Office. Deadline to submit a photo is September 20, 2024.

**LOOKING FOR PHOTOS** We are looking to include pictures in our directory of various parish events or family milestones that have been celebrated at St. Joseph's Church. If you can help us with this, submit your photos to st.joseph.kingston@archkingston.ca

**WORKSHOP FOR LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC** <u>MINISTERS</u> On October  $10^{th}$  at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall we will be offering a workshop for all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers in our parish. If you would like to register for the workshop please contact the Parish Office by October  $4^{th}$ .

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS THE CWL Executive meeting is Monday, September 23rd at 7pm in the Parish Hall. • We - and Michelle Schwarz - would like to thank all the CWL members and families who came forth to support the Giant Yard Sale Fundraiser this past Saturday on behalf of the FEED THE PEOPLE Food Program. As well as helping with pricing and sorting, our volunteer members came out at 7am Saturday morning, knowing the weather was going to be terrible, and helped set-up, sell, and clean-up the Yard Sale area at the Seniors Centre North parking lot. Cold and wet we carried on and raised around \$2,400 at our last tally. Wow. Thank you all so much for making the Yard Sale possible; it couldn't have taken place without you. A special thanks for everyone loading up their vehicles and taking the leftover goods to Taleize and other community-minded Thrift Stores. Talk about Creating Hope through Action, indeed!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** Parishes in Kingston have been asked to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kingston with a special collection on September 22<sup>nd</sup> in honour of the Feast of St. Vincent on September 27<sup>th</sup>. As you can imagine more and more people rely on St. Vincent's to cope with the realities of life. Because there is an increasing demand, St. Vincent's needs our help. There will be two ways in which you can help this month, our monthly food drive (bags available at our entrances) or through this collection. Special envelopes will be available in the pews this weekend if you would prefer to donate cash or cheque (payable to St. Joseph's Church indicating St. Vincent de Paul). Thank you for your continued generosity!

**JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY** Love to sing, or play a musical instrument consider joining our music ministry at St. Joseph's Church. If you are interested in joining our music ministry contact the Parish Office or speak with Theresa Whalen-Witjes after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

**YOUTH CHOIR** will have the first practice on **Sunday**, **September 22** following the 11 o'clock mass from 12:15 until 1:30. We will sing at the 9 o'clock mass on **Sunday**, **September 29.** Children 8 years of age and older are welcome to participate. The commitment is one practice a month after mass and then singing at one mass at the end of each month. If you have further questions please contact Sheila Fowler through the parish office. **ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH LIFE CHAIN** will take place after the 11am Mass on Sunday Oct. 6th followed by a potluck lunch. Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Abortion kills children" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. As Our Lord asked of His disciples: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mk 14:37) All parishioners are invited to participate.

#### **COMMUNITY**

#### Nine-Day Prayer Campaign for Peace and Reflection Evenings

The Justice and Peace Commission of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kingston and the Anglican Diocese of Ontario is sponsoring a nine-day prayer campaign for peace. All are invited to join us to pray the Peace Prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi for nine days **starting on Thursday, September 26.** Please join us in person for evenings of reflection and prayer. Consider bringing a friend.

- Monday, October 2; 7:00 pm at St. George's Cathedral (270 King St E, Kingston) for a reflection by Bishop William Cliff and Evensong
- Wednesday, October 4; 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, 279 Johnson St, Kingston, ON for a reflection by Archbishop Michael Mulhall and Taizé Prayer

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 21 Sept. 5:15 pm	C. Jones M. Sivilotti	Sr.L.Kearney D. Lomboy	I. Stewart P. Scott R. Lachance D. Mazzolin	Stacey & Tim
Sun. 22 Sept. 9:00am	C. Purcell J. Watts	M. Marcial M. Tudin	I. Steward F. Cuvelier S. Fiorentino R. Audet	Megan
Sun. 22 Sept. 11:00am	F. Levesque C. Kavanaugh	K. Colwell T. Donoghue	B. Krasna L. Garrett J. McLaren I. MacKenzie	Choir
Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) J. Goudreau				

Schedule for the week of September 21-22, 2024



**<u>KNIGHTS CORNER:</u>** Your Knights of Columbus Council is very proud of our efforts in putting charitable donations right back in to our Parish and community. Our Treasurer recently did a brief "look

back" to see how we've been doing. Examining the past seven years, we were happily astounded to see that since July 2017, we have given a total of \$151,209! Of that impressive figure, Food Banks and Drop-in Centres made up \$73,843, Hospice and New Providence Manor \$15,000 and Birthright Kingston \$14,000, with the remaining \$48,366 going toward individuals for motorized wheelchairs, basketballs and soccer balls purchased for our supported schools (St. Paul and St. Thomas More Catholic Schools) and finally to sponsor a local athlete to go to the Special Olympics in Toronto. This is in addition to thousands of volunteer hours spent in the Parish and community where our assistance is needed. We don't plan on resting, but this strengthens our resolve and motivates us to do even more. Sound interesting to you as a Catholic man? Want to contribute? It's easy - join the Knights and work alongside your fellow parishioners!

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