

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

*"Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."*

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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**

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 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 Extencicare  
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

#### **Parish Schools**

St. Thomas More Catholic School - Sandra Fragoso, Principal  
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613-542-1575

St. Paul's Catholic School - Chantal Courneyea, Acting Principal  
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### **Introduction**

A wise and good leader is also a bridge. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us the meaning of leadership as he bridges his disciples' gap between ignorance and understanding.

### **First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**

People whose intentions are not good will put good people to the test.

### **Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3**

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, consideration, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

### **Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.

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### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, 23 September**

5:15 p.m. Bill, Joan, Ruth, Leo Cook

#### **Tuesday, 24 September**

9:00 a.m. Intention of Nuvoloni Family – Roger & Susan Audet

#### **Wednesday, 25 September**

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Theresa Sarabura – Toni Alexandrowicz

#### **Thursday, 26 September**

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

#### **Friday, 27 September**

5:15 p.m. Teresita Mekarski – Rowena & Michael Strong

#### **Saturday, 28 September**

5:15 p.m. Brad Wright – Colleen Purcell

#### **Sunday, 29 September**

9:00 a.m. Marie Mullin (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) – Terry Holmes  
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*Join our online Mass Sunday's at 11:00 a.m. visit [www.stjosephskingston.ca](http://www.stjosephskingston.ca).*

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased Margaret Payne.

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna V.; Raymond Doyle; Peter McEnergy; 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.*

**WORKSHOP FOR LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** On October 10<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

#### **Seeking true Greatness**

In today's Gospel, we witness a very human moment between Jesus and His disciples. As they travel together, Jesus reveals to them the deep mystery of His impending suffering, death, and resurrection. But, while Jesus speaks of His sacrificial mission, the disciples are caught up in something very different: they argue among themselves about who is the greatest.

The passage begins with Jesus once again foretelling His passion, death, and resurrection: "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death he will rise" (Mark 9:31).

As we reflect on this, we can see ourselves in the disciples' shoes. How often do we struggle to understand the deeper mysteries of our faith? How often do we, like them, hesitate to ask questions because we are afraid of the answers or because those answers challenge our understanding of success and greatness?

As we go about our daily lives, we are called to remember this teaching of Jesus. We are called to seek greatness, not as the world defines it, but as Jesus defines it: through service, humility, and love.

Let us examine our hearts and ask ourselves: Where do I seek recognition or status? Who are the "children" in my life—those who are vulnerable or overlooked—whom I can serve with Christ-like love?

And as we receive the Eucharist today, may we be nourished with the grace to follow Jesus more

### **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 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 [www.stjosephskingston.ca](http://www.stjosephskingston.ca) REGISTRATION CLOSING OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**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 [stjoseph.kingston@archkingston.ca](mailto:stjoseph.kingston@archkingston.ca)

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**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS** The CWL Executive meeting is Monday, September 23rd at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** Food collection this weekend will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society, and if you would prefer to donate by cash or cheque, envelopes are available in the pews or at the entrances. Cheques can be made payable to St. Joseph's Church – indicating 'St. Vincent de Paul'.

**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.

**NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA** The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on 28-29 September 2024. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Thank you for your continued support.

**COMMUNITY**

**INTRODUCTION TO PRISON MINISTRY** Saturday, November 2; 9:30 am-4:30 pm Francis J. Spence Pastoral Centre (390 Palace Road, Kingston) Are you interested in Prison Ministry but don't know where to begin? During an intensive one day training, you will be introduced to the key aspects, skills and themes surrounding this ministry. For more information contact Mary-Jo at [ReligiousEd@archkingston.ca](mailto:ReligiousEd@archkingston.ca). To register, phone Gorett: 613-548-4461 ext. 112 or e-mail [pastoralservices@archkingston.ca](mailto:pastoralservices@archkingston.ca). **There is no fee, but registration is required by Monday, October 28.**

**"Come and See" (Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission) Mon. September 23, 2024; 6:15 – 9:30 pm St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall** For three evenings you can "come and see" for yourself what the excitement is all about. No charge! At the Encounter School you will grow in intimacy with God and learn and practice tools to demonstrate the love of God in your sphere of influence. Bring a friend and share the opportunity to be transformed by the power of the Gospel. Email [kingston@encounterschool.org](mailto:kingston@encounterschool.org) to let us know you will "come and see". The first 10 people to respond and attend will receive a free copy of "Supernatural Saints" by Patrick Reis. Classes are held at St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall. During the "come and see"

period, you can discern if you're called to enroll in the full program which runs until May. Applications are still being accepted.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA'S ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR:** Saturday, October 5, 2024; 9:30 am –12:00 pm Newburgh Hall, 2 Factory St, Newburgh ON. There will be home baking, vegetables, preserves, crafts, a fish pond, silent auction, Touch and Take (wrapped items, item unknown) (for children & adults), and more. Many door prizes & tickets draws! Our Lottery Raffle Ticket draw will take place at Noon. Lots of munchies -Muffins, donuts, fruit breads, fruit, cheese, tea, coffee, and juice. Admission is \$5.00. Come and join us. For more information contact Susan (613)378-6185 or Veronica (613)358-2949.

**DECLUTTER DONATION DAY (KINGSTON FUNDRAISER FOR REFUGEES)** Saturday, September 28; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm James Braden Nissan (790 Gardiners Road) Sanctuary Refugee Sponsorship at St. Paul the Apostle Church sponsors refugee families escaping the ravages of war and civil conflict. In 2024-25 we are approved to sponsor two more families, our fourth and fifth sponsorships. Your clothing and houseware donations are sold to the FUNDrive For Charities program, with 100% of the proceeds going to help the families. For more information, please contact Cathy at [Cathy.Robichaud@gmail.com](mailto:Cathy.Robichaud@gmail.com).

**Schedule for the week of September 28-29, 2024**

|  | <b>Lectors</b>            | <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>   | <b>Ushers</b>   | <b>Music</b> |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>Sat. 28 Sept. 5:15 pm</b>                         | M. McVicar<br>H. Couto    | J. Saunders<br>L. Bickerstaffe | I. Stewart<br>P. Scott<br>R. Lachance<br>D. Mazzolin        | Stacey & Tim |
| <b>Sun. 29 Sept. 9:00am</b>                          | M. Addai<br>M. Castro     | A. MacKinnon<br>C. Purcell     | I. Stewart<br>F. Cuvelier<br>S. Fiorentino<br>M. Turkington | Youth Choir  |
| <b>Sun. 29 Sept. 11:00am</b>                         | R. McLaren<br>R. McDonald | P. Rosales<br>C. Kavanaugh     | B. Krasna<br>A. Parmar<br>D. Fernandes<br>L. Garrett        | Choir        |
| <b>Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) H. Gencarelli</b> |                           |                                |   |              |

**KNIGHTS CORNER:** Have you heard about the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest? Each year, the KofC invites those in Grades 8-12 to write unique essays on topics of interest. This year's topic is: What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues? This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics (public, private, parochial or home schools) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. The essay should be 500-750 words on the topic, Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic. All details are available at [www.kofc.org/essay](http://www.kofc.org/essay) and the essay guide is at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/catholic-citizenship-essay-contest/4202-essay-guide.pdf> Interested students should advise the Council in advance if they intend on making a submission via email to [2kofc11670@gmail.com](mailto:2kofc11670@gmail.com) and have their completed essay to the Council not later than 30th September 2024.



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