

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2024

*"If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen!"*

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**Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor**

### **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  
266 McMahon Ave., Kingston, ON K7M 3H2  
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Kelly Canning  
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**Introduction**

We gather today in community, giving thanks for all that we have received, and committing ourselves to pass on the Gospel of Christ to all we meet.

**First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7**

God will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf.

**Second Reading: James 2:1-5**

Belief in Christ means that we should treat everyone equally. God does not favour the rich over the poor and neither should we.

**Gospel: Mark 7:31-37**

Jesus heals both the body and the soul. He enables us all to see and hear more clearly.

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**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 9 September**

5:15 p.m. Mario Castro – Judite Castro

**Tuesday, 10 September**

9:00 a.m. Audrey & Jack Lacey

**Wednesday, 11 September**

9:00 a.m. Luigi Nuvoloni – The Family

**Thursday, 12 September**

9:00 a.m. Immacolata Garofalo (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Tony & Lucy Garofalo

**Friday, 13 September**

10:30 a.m. School Mass

5:15 p.m. Cesare Repetti (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) – Vince Cesarina Kidd

**Saturday, 14 September**

5:15 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Shafer – Dianna & Randy Conroy

**Sunday, 15 September**

9:00 a.m. Fr. Stanley Bak, OMI – Toni Alexandrowicz

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 especially Venancio Dos-Santos.

**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.*

**THANK YOU DEACON BOB WOJCIK** On the weekend of September 14-15, join us for a reception in our Parish Hall after the 11:00 a.m. Mass to say goodbye and express our gratitude to Deacon Bob and Margaret-Anne for all they have done in our Parish.

**Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

**Ephphatha—Be opened**

In today's Gospel taken from Mark 7:31-37, Jesus heals a man who is deaf and mute. He takes the man aside, away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphatha," meaning "Be opened." Immediately, the man is healed, and he begins to speak plainly.

The healing of the deaf and mute man is not just a physical healing; it is symbolic of a deeper spiritual truth. Jesus' actions in the Gospel demonstrate God's desire for all of us to be open to His grace, love, and truth. Each of us, in our own way, experiences spiritual deafness or blindness, moments where we are closed off to God's presence and to others around us.

As followers of Christ, we are called to be instruments of His healing. We are invited to bring others to Jesus, especially those who feel excluded, unheard, or marginalized. We do this through acts of kindness, compassion, and being present to those in need. Like Jesus, we are called to touch the lives of others with love, to speak words of healing and encouragement, and to bring them closer to God.

This Gospel invites us to reflect on our own openness to God. Are there areas in our lives where we need to be healed, where we need to allow God's grace to "open" us? And how are we bringing others to experience this same healing? Let us pray for the grace to be open to God's voice and to be instruments of His love and healing in the world.

"Ephphatha—Be opened" is not just for the man in the Gospel; it is for all of us. Let us allow Christ to open our hearts, our ears, and our lives to the transformative power of His love.

**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.

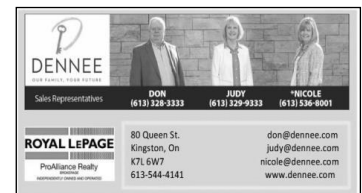
For anyone not able to attend the dates above, there will be a meeting on October 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. (Sacrament of First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion and Confirmation)

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.**

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**ST. JOSEPH'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** We are pleased to present our congregation with the opportunity to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> 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** \*The **General Meeting** for all members and guests is on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This meeting is being held in the Archdiocesan Centre due to Parish Hall being used for the Photo Directory. \*The **CWL Speaker Series** returns this meeting with the topic, **Mental Health & Self Care.** We are very happy to welcome presenter, Kaleb Verk, Counsellor with Resolve Counselling Services, Kingston. Kaleb, who has worked with children and youth, adults, couples, families, military families and offender population, has much to share on the topic of the importance of caring for ones own mental health. Parishioners are welcome to attend this timely session. \*Executive Committee Members are reminded that our group photo is scheduled for 6:30pm on September 9<sup>th</sup> in Parish Hall. Arrive by 6:25pm.

**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>. The work and mission of St. Vincent de Paul Society is to care for the poor, and all who are in need in our community. 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 or through this collection. Special envelopes will be available in the pews the weekend of September 14-15 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!

**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.

**COMMUNITY**

**ANNUAL GARAGE AND BAKE SALE (Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League)** **Saturday, September 14; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Bake sale until 12noon)** **Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Amherstview** Please join us Saturday, September 14. The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual garage sale from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Catholic Women's League bake sale takes place from 9:00 am to Noon. Don't miss out!

**ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH FISH FRY** **Friday, September 20, 5:00-7:00 pm** **St. Paul the Apostle Parish** Come and enjoy battered cod and fries by Mundell's, with salad, dessert, hot and cold drinks. Dine in, on the patio (weather permitting), or take out. Adults \$20, children 12 and under \$10; tickets available at the door. Sponsored by KofC and CWL. Everyone Welcome! For more information, call Shaun 613-634-4229

**MARYSVILLE FALL BBQ AND YARSALE (Hosted by CWL)** **Saturday, September 21; 10:00 am- 2:00 pm** **Holy Name of Mary Parish** Come and find a bargain or have a BBQ Hot Dog and/or Hamburger. There are lots of prizes in our Raffle. Support local charities. The event is taking place inside and out of the Parish Hall, west of the church and rectory. Parking on the east side, please no parking on the shoulders of the road.

**HOLY FAMILY ROOF REPAIR FUNDRAISER - 1000 Islands Playhouse** – **Jesus Christ Superstar Bus Trip** Tickets are \$80.00, includes transportation, ticket to play and \$30.00 tax receipt for the Building Fund. Call the parish office at 613-542-8587. Leaving Holy Family Parish at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, October 6: Mass at St John the Evangelist Parish, Gananoque, lunch (not included) matinee performance 2:00 p.m. and return home approximately 4:30-5:00 p.m.

**Schedule for the week of September 14-15, 2024**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Sat. 14 Sept. 5:15 pm</b>	M. Sivilotti S. Ottenhof	D. Lomboy L. Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart P. Scott D. Mazzolin C. Chabot	Stacey & Tim
<b>Sun. 15 Sept. 9:00am</b>	A. MacKinnon C. Charbonneau	J. Kane L. Orellano	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier S. Fiorentino M. Turkington	Megan
<b>Sun. 15 Sept. 11:00am</b>	R. McDonald R. McLaren	M. Foley P. Rosales	J. McLaren D. Fernandes L. Garrett B. Krasna	Choir
<b>Junior Liturgy returning soon at the 9:00 a.m. Mass</b>				



**KNIGHTS CORNER:** With summer waning and another academic year just beginning, some might've taken the last few days of August to squeeze in a bit more vacation or leisure time. Not your Knights of St. Joseph's Council 11670. We were so very pleased to be able to donate a total of \$4000 to two very special and valuable charity organizations that assist the unhoused in Kingston. Deputy Grand Knight Frank Cuvelier was beaming with pride as he represented the Council and presented \$2000 each to both Veronica's Veil Overnight Men's Shelter and St. Rita's Drop In Centre, both of which are centrally coordinated by St. Mary's Cathedral, but supported by numerous other organizations, including our Council. In addition to the funds we donate, our Knights also dedicate hundreds of hours each year doing shifts at The Veil, or collecting and donating items to St. Rita's. Do you want to assist our Knights help those vulnerable people in our community? Act today, contact us and we can discuss how you can. It is simple to do so, and you'll be helping us help others.



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