

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



October 6, 2024

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

It is often said that children are our greatest teachers! In today's Gospel, Jesus commends the little ones who crowded about him as models of discipleship. We, too, come humbly to Jesus, sure of a welcome in his loving embrace.

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

God did not create human beings to be solitary creatures. We are part of creation; part of one another.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Jesus is part of our human family, too. Having experienced suffering and death as all people do, Jesus now shares his divine life with us.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus upholds marriage as a sacred bond and affirms children for their natural qualities of trusting innocence and affection.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 7 October

5:15 p.m. Intention of Anne Manders – Kim Long

Tuesday, 8 October

9:00 a.m. Genevieve Vidal (3rd Anniversary) – Rose Griffin

Wednesday, 9 October

9:00 a.m. Teresita Mekarski – Marietta Kenyon
10:30 a.m. Mass at Extencicare

Thursday, 10 October

9:00 a.m. Gabriele DiFederico – Carlo Delongi

Friday, 11 October

5:15 p.m. Theresa Murphy (4th Anniversary) – Brenda Murphy

Saturday, 12 October

5:15 p.m. Grace Neddow (1st Anniversary) – Dwight Neddow & Family

Sunday, 13 October

9:00 a.m. Joe Saccon – Josephine Saccon
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
3:00 p.m. (Nigerian Mass) Matthew Agbu – Shirley Kelliher

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 Keith Froats.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

NIGERIAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING Join us on October 13, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. for our Nigerian Community Mass and Potluck. All are welcome!

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Trusting in God's plan for our lives

In today's Gospel, (Mark 10:2-16), the Pharisees question Jesus about divorce. Jesus responds by pointing to God's original plan in Genesis, reaffirming that marriage is intended to be a permanent and indissoluble union. "What God has joined together, let no one separate," He declares. Jesus then moves on to bless children, emphasizing the importance of childlike faith and openness to God's kingdom.

This Gospel speaks directly to contemporary issues surrounding marriage and divorce. Jesus acknowledges the reality of human frailty, but He upholds the high standard of marriage as a lifelong commitment. In a world where relationships can often be treated casually, this teaching challenges us to honor the sacredness of marriage and to approach it with seriousness, commitment, and grace.

In the second part of the Gospel, Jesus shows His love and concern for children, highlighting their importance in the kingdom of God. Just as marriage is a sign of unity, so too is the openness to life and the nurturing of children. The faith of children, full of trust and simplicity, is the model Jesus sets before all His followers.

The readings on this Sunday remind us of the sacredness of human relationships, especially marriage, and the importance of self-giving love modeled after Christ. The challenge for us is to live out our relationships with this same commitment, always seeking to reflect God's love, and nurturing the spirit of unity, compassion, and respect in all that we do.

Let us pray for the grace to live out our relationships—whether in marriage, family, or community life—in a way that reflects God's deep love for us. May we, like children, trust in God's plan for our lives and embrace His kingdom with open hearts.

REMINDERS

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

- Parents Meeting October 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

- 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)

ONLINE REGISTRATION visit our website to register

www.stjosephskingston.ca

**REGISTRATION CLOSING OCTOBER 7TH, 2024
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED Do you have some free time during the day and would like to volunteer? We are in need of Adult Altar Servers to serve at Funerals at St. Joseph's Church. Training is provided. If you are interested contact the Parish Office or speak with Father Cosmas.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH LIFE CHAIN will take place today, Sunday October 6th, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. You are all invited to be a part of this important prolife witness.

Dear Father in Heaven, We thank you today for the gift of life. Every human being at every stage of development is created in your image and likeness, made "a little less than the angels" and 'crowned...with glory and honour" (Psalm 8:5). In our country and around the world, this great gift is being thrown away. We pray in repentance for the sin of abortion. We ask you to convert the workers involved in abortion and to heal those who have suffered the trauma of abortion. And we beg you to spare all abortion-bound moms and babies in special need of your love and mercy this day. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

ROSARY RALLY You are invited to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 12th at 12:00 noon at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 392 Palace Road, Kingston. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by Canada Needs Our Lady, will be one of hundreds of rallies that will take place across Canada on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of Canada. Will you be able to join us? We will meet in front of the statue of Our Lady. All are invited.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS The October General Meeting for all members and guests is on Monday October 7th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. The CWL Speaker Series for this meeting will present the topic: **Human Trafficking**. We are very pleased to welcome presenters who are Detectives with the Kingston Police and the Ontario Provincial Police. We hope members have been able to read the **CWL National's Position Paper on Human Trafficking** that was emailed in a CWL Update last weekend. Parishioners as well as CWL members are encouraged to attend this information session to become more knowledgeable about Human Trafficking which continues to occur right in our city and area. The presentation will begin at approximately 7:55pm. Please plan on attending.

COMMUNITY

FINDING GOD IN DAILY LIFE An evening of two talks to help you reflect on how daily life is a call to holiness. Open to everyone. Newcomers welcome for whatever length of time works for you. Learn more at opusdei.ca or call Irene at 613-549-7421. For Women: Tuesday, Oct. 22 7-9pm St Joseph's Church For Men: Wed. Oct. 23 7-9pm St. James Chapel, beside St. Mary's Cathedral

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? For more information contact Mary-Jo at ReligiousEd@archkingston.ca. To register, phone Goret: 613-548-4461 ext. 112 or e-mail pastoralservices@archkingston.ca. **There is no fee, but registration is required by Monday, October 28.**

THE ART OF LIVING AND DYING Thursday evenings, October 17 & 24; 6:30 p.m. or Friday mornings, October 18, & 25; 10:45 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall. In light of the

legalization of medically assisted suicide and euthanasia (MAID) throughout the world, disciples of Jesus need to cultivate the virtues and attitudes that will allow them to embrace fully the life and death God has given. In the past, the Catholic tradition emphasized preparing for a good death in order to see the face of God. We need to rediscover that way of life. In this four-part series, Father John Hibbard will share some spiritual and biblical reflections on living, illness, pain and dying in light of Jesus's own experience of suffering and death.

THE FRANCISCANS: IS GOD CALLING YOU? The Gospel and the "following of Jesus Christ" were not idealistic but rather "dynamic values" for St. Francis and his followers. People inspired by the Gospel values that they saw in Francis wanted to follow him. These values are the substance of Franciscans today: the Poor Clares, the Secular Franciscans (for women and men, single or married) and of the Friars. Is God "calling" you or "inviting you to be a part of the Franciscan mission? Order? Please send an email to Friar Reto Davatz at FrRDavatz@archkingston.ca.

WOMEN'S 15TH ANNUAL FALL RETREAT Saturday, October 26; 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School (521 Clothier Street, Kemptville) Come join us for the 15th Annual Women's Fall Retreat. The guest speaker, Nancy Steele, is a well-known author and motivational speaker. Theme: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" (Lamentations 3: 22-23). **The cost of the retreat is \$50 per person.** For more information and to register, please go to our website, www.womensfallretreat.com. **The deadline for registration is October 18.**

Schedule for the week of October 12-13, 2024

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 12 Oct. 5:15pm	Sr. L Kearney M. MacVicar	J. Saunders M. Thomas	I. Stewart A. Kelly R. Lachance P. Scott	Stacey & Theresa
Sun. 13 Oct. 9:00am	M. Marcial M. Tudin	L. Orellano J. Kane	I. Stewart M. Turkington R. Audet S. Fiorentino	Theresa
Sun. 13 Oct. 11:00am	R. McDonald F. Levesque	T. Donoghue R. McLaren	J. Ferrera D. Fernandes F. Levesque A. Parmar	Choir
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: C. Jones				
Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) No Children's Liturgy				



KNIGHTS CORNER: Thanks to the efforts of our Chancellor Ben Krasna, who is again taking the lead in coordination, the Parish will observe Life Chain Sunday on 6th October after the 11:00 am mass, followed by a potluck lunch. Other Knights from the Council will also be on hand to assist with carrying the flags/banner, conducting set up/tear down, parking, and tea and coffee at the potluck. It is these sorts of things the Knights enjoy doing: helping with events at our Parish and our fellow St. Joseph's parishioners to maintain the vibrant life of our Parish. You can help too, by joining the Knights. "Many hands make less work", so if you're a 18+ and a Catholic man, you already meet the criteria – join us!



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