

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024

*"Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away."*

### 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**December 1, 2024**

**Introduction**

We prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, and we prepare to greet him when he returns in glory. We wait, we watch and we pray.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Jeremiah prophesies that the Messianic era is coming, and God will save the people of Israel.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to live ever more deeply the Good News they have received, remembering that his teaching comes from Jesus.

**Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus tells the disciples that the cataclysmic end-times are a sign that the Son of Man brings liberation; they must be on their guard, pray, and be confident before him.

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**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 2 December**

5:15 p.m. Ursula Armstrong – Noreen Mallen

**Tuesday, 3 December**

9:00 a.m. Trudy Potvin – Lawrence Potvin

**Wednesday, 4 December**

9:00 a.m. George Alexandrowicz (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Toni Alexandrowicz

**Thursday, 5 December**

9:00 a.m. Intention of Steve Mauck – Rika Blakslee

**Friday, 6 December**

5:15 p.m. Leo Devette (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) and the Intentions of John & Richard – Annette Devette

**Saturday, 7 December**

5:15 p.m. Mario Castro (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Judite Castro

**Sunday, 8 December**

9:00 a.m. Genevieve Vidal – Rose Griffin

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 Joanne Ellieff.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna V.; Raymond Doyle; Paul Dowling; Rob Hearst; Sophie Wolfe; Rev. Leo Byrne; Dwight Neddow; Barbara Anne Caron; Patricia Flagler; Eileen Irvine; Mary Jackson

*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 COMMUNITY MASS** Join us on December 22, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. for our Nigerian community from around the Archdiocese gathering to celebrate Advent with a Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Christmas Potluck to follow in the Parish Hall.

**Fr. Cosmas Reflection**

**Advent: A Time of Transformation and Renewal**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today we begin the beautiful season of Advent—a time of joyful expectation and spiritual preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The First Sunday of Advent sets the tone for this season, calling us to stay awake and prepare for the Lord's arrival.

Advent has a dual purpose: it reminds us of Christ's first coming in Bethlehem and urges us to anticipate His second coming in glory. The liturgy today emphasizes readiness and vigilance, not just for Christmas but for the moment we meet Christ, whenever that may be.

Advent is a time for us to ascend spiritually. We are invited to leave behind the valleys of sin and indifference and journey toward holiness. Isaiah's prophecy challenges us to reflect: Are we walking in the light of the Lord, or have we strayed onto darker paths?

Advent is a time to examine our lives. Are we so preoccupied with our own plans and pleasures that we fail to recognize the signs of God's presence? Jesus calls us to stay awake and be ready. This doesn't mean living in fear but cultivating a joyful readiness for His coming.

As we enter this sacred season of Advent, let us heed the call to stay awake, be watchful, and prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. May we, like the people in Isaiah's vision, journey toward the Lord's mountain, walking in His light. And when Christ comes, may He find us ready, faithful, and full of hope.

Let us pray for the grace to embrace this Advent season as a time of transformation and renewal. Amen.

**"BIRDS AND FLOWERS" COLLECTION** Each year St. Joseph's provides over fifty individuals and families in need with a Christmas hamper. If you are in a position to assist those who require extra help, please consider helping with this worthy cause. Food donations for the next two months will be for the food hampers. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please mark on an envelope 'Birds & Flowers', include your name and envelope number.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Join us for an afternoon of Christmas music, featuring Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg, and Noah St. Amand (of Turpin's Trail) in the church on Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall. A free-will offering would be greatly appreciated with the proceeds donated to the Social Planning Council of Kingston. For more information on the Social Planning Council and what they do in our community visit <https://www.spckingstonanddistrict.org/>

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**PENANCE CELEBRATION** The Advent Penance Celebration for St. Joseph's will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Following a brief liturgy, all will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A number of visiting clergy will be present for this celebration, and all parishioners and visitors are welcome to attend.

**A MEMORIAL EVENING FOR SR. PEGGY MALCOLM**  
On December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., friends and family will gather at the Pastoral Centre (390 Palace Road) to honor this amazing woman who brought so much to the Kingston area in the work she did in Prison Ministry. RSVP by December 5 – Mary Jo Mackinnon-Simms at [ReligiousEd@archkingston.ca](mailto:ReligiousEd@archkingston.ca).

**CHRISTMAS PAGAENT** Our family Christmas Mass is quickly approaching. If your child is interested in being a part of telling the Christmas story, please join us after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 1, 2024. Children participating in the telling of the Christmas story will be given a role (a part or a reading) for the 5:15 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Practices will take place: December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.; December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 noon. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Tina Castro [maddtina@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:maddtina@alcdsb.on.ca) or Jane Goudreau [willjane@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:willjane@alcdsb.on.ca)

**REMINDER ST JOSEPH'S PARISH ADVENT RETREAT 2024** Retreat Days are Monday December 2, 2024 - Thursday December 5, 2024 Time: 6: 00pm - 7:30pm Moderator: Fr. Cosmas Ajawara Our retreat will take place in the Parish Hall, please arrive a few minutes early as we will be starting promptly at 6:00 p.m.



**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS AND REMINDERS:**

CWL Members, please place **Election Nomination envelopes** in the CWL Mailbox in the sacristy or in the weekend collection baskets by Sunday, December 1, 2024. • **The CWL Christmas Sale Fundraiser is on the December 7/8 weekend.** Donated baked goods can be dropped off on Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> between 10am-3pm and before all the Masses on that weekend • Content lists for those doing raffles must be sent to Denise by Thursday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> • You can still sign-up for our Christmas Potluck & Appreciation dinner after the 5:15 Mass on Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, by contacting Sue Conway Williamson at [conwills59@yahoo.ca](mailto:conwills59@yahoo.ca) or 613-449-6912.

**MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** Monday, December 9, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. You are invited to join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Kingston. Confessions will be available at 9:30 am.

**AUTOMATIC DEBIT** Automatic Debit is available for those St. Joseph's parishioners wishing to have their Sunday Offering and/or Building Fund Collection debited directly from their bank account on a monthly basis. Those who wish to begin Automatic Debit are asked to visit the parish office to complete the necessary paperwork.

**ATTENTION YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS** There will be a meeting of individuals who are interested in volunteering with the Youth Ministry, Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Please use the church office entrance at the east side of the church building. All are welcome to attend.

**COMMUNITY**

**VERONICA'S VEIL OVERNIGHT SHELTER FOR MEN**

Calling all men! Your help is needed! Veronica's Veil Overnight Shelter for Men will open for its third season on January 2, 2025 and go until the end of April. Shifts run 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., 12:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., seven nights a week. Volunteers are needed to staff each of the three shifts. Training will be provided. Volunteers work as a team on each shift, so you are never working alone. To sign up for a shift on either a weekly or a substitute basis or for more information, please contact Ann Lyng at [veronicaveil@stmaryscathedral.ca](mailto:veronicaveil@stmaryscathedral.ca) Jesus said: "Whenever you did this to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:41)

**TRINITAS ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Sunday,

**December 8, 3:00 pm** CFB Kingston Spiritual Fitness Centre (33 Lundy's Lane, Kingston) Featuring the Trinitas Youth Singers and instrumental music for the season. A perfect length for families with children. Refreshments to follow. Invite your friends and family now to share this annual holiday tradition! Share our Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/share/THZN3ABjksMgdumM>

**Schedule for the weekend of December 7-8, 2024**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
<b>Sat. 7 Dec. 5:15pm</b>	M. Sivilotti C. Jones	M. Thomas Sr. L. Kearney	I. Stewart S. Harrigan P. Scott D. Mazzolin	Theresa
<b>Sun. 8 Dec. 9:00am</b>	M. Tudin C. Purcell	A. MacKinnon L. Orellano	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier S. Fiorentino R. Audet	Megan
<b>Sun. 8 Dec. 11:00am</b>	R. McLaren F. Levesque	K. Colwell S. Boisvert	B. Krasna J. Ferreira L. Garrett F. Asuncion	Choir
<b>Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: D. Stadig</b>				
<b>Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) S. Fragoso</b>				



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