

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



November 3, 2024

**Thirty-First 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
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Culture of Life
Parish Engagement
Social Justice & Outreach Liaison
Funeral Choir
Junior Liturgy
Sacramental Preparation
Altar Servers
Youth Group

Music Ministry
Youth Choir

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

As Jesus comes to the end of his public career, he sums up his teaching in the great commandments: to love God above all things and to love our neighbor as ourselves. How can this succinct message become the foundation of all our lives?

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Christ's power to save is utterly certain.

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Jesus gives us the two great commandments.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 4 November

5:15 p.m. Sr. Jane Wahleitner – Ress Young

Tuesday, 5 November

9:00 a.m. Bill Allen (5th Anniversary) – Kevin, Julie, Ava & Nicholas Coyle

Wednesday, 6 November

9:00 a.m. Joe Melo (8th Anniversary) – Cecelia Melo

Thursday, 7 November

9:00 a.m. Sheila & John Doyle – Thomas Doyle

Friday, 8 November

5:15 p.m. Praxedes Quntana – Lorna & Fernando Asuncion

Saturday, 9 November

5:15 p.m. Doug Boufford – Sharon Lillis

Sunday, 10 November

9:00 a.m. Dorothy Fernandes – Fernandes Family

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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 June Paquette.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna V.; Raymond Doyle; Paul Dowling; Rob Hearst; Sophie Wolfe; Rev. Mac Burke; Rev. Leo Byrne; Dwight Neddow; Carroll McKeown.

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.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE SUPERVISION It's time to 'step to the plate' and offer to supervise a kettle for one-hour shifts at Loblaws - (Kingston Centre). St. Joseph's contributions run from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on the following dates: November 18, 19, 25, 26, and December 2, 3, 9, 10. Contact Sharon Lillis at 613-549-0559, or at sharon.lillis48@gmail.com to reserve your timings. The early bird 'gets the worm' for this very worthy Christmas outreach endeavour.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Showing God our love by the way we live

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest. His response is simple yet profound: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:28-34). This is not just a new rule; it is the heart of our faith and the path to a life of holiness.

The first commandment Jesus cites is from Deuteronomy, part of the Jewish Shema: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone." This is a call to recognize that there is only one true God, who deserves our complete love and dedication. But Jesus goes further. He pairs this commandment with love of neighbor, showing us that genuine love for God cannot exist without love for others. These two commandments are inseparable, forming the foundation of a faithful life.

We can reflect on a few questions: How do we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength? We love God by prioritizing Him in our lives, seeking His guidance, and aligning our values with His. It means setting aside time for prayer and worship and being willing to follow His teachings, even when it's challenging.

Next, we're called to love our neighbor as ourselves. This means treating others with respect, patience, and kindness, regardless of who they are or where they come from. Love of neighbor isn't just about kindness to friends and family; it extends to strangers, those who may be difficult to love, and those who need our help the most. Jesus challenges us to reach beyond what is comfortable, opening our hearts to a love that mirrors His own.

As we reflect on these commandments, let us ask ourselves: Are we showing God our love by the way we live? Do our actions show respect and kindness to others, even those we may struggle with? Love is more than a feeling; it's a choice we make every day to reflect God's love to the world.

Let us pray for the strength to live out these commandments wholeheartedly, knowing that through them, we fulfill God's purpose and become witnesses of His love in the world. Amen.

ROSARY IN THE CEMETERY This Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery to remember the 'Holy Souls'. Join us at the Statue of the Angel of Mercy (northwest corner of St. Mary's Cemetery) to reflect and pray for the deceased.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE is holding an Election of Executive Officers for 2025 - 2027. Election packages can be picked up at all Masses at the Church doors November 2 & 3 and at Parish Office after that. We encourage all members to participate in this process. We pray for guidance from our Lady of Good Counsel

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE For the month of November a Book of Remembrance will be placed at the main entrance of the Church for you to add the names of family members, friends and loved ones who have recently died. Take the time to stop, reflect and add your intention.

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“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. This will enable the parish to continue to help others in the spirit of this season. Thank you for your continued generosity

FOOD BAGS will be available at all of the entrances this weekend, for return on November 9-10. Food from this collection will go towards the Christmas food hampers.

INDIGENOUS LEARNING EXPERIENCE You are invited to participate in a blanket exercise for an Indigenous Learning experience at St Joseph’s Church Hall, Nov 19 from 1 to 4 pm. You will learn 500 years of Canadian history from the indigenous perspective. “Through education centered on truth and reconciliation we are creating and fostering respectful relationships between indigenous and non -indigenous people” Santele’s Healing Circles. There is a minimum of 20 people and maximum of 40. Please contact Mary Clancy at mclancy4190@gmail.com or phone 613-544-4190 or Kathi Colwell at Kathicolwell@gmail.com if you wish attend.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH ADVENT RETREAT 2024

Retreat Days: Monday December 2, 2024 - Thursday December 5, 2024 Time: 6: 00pm - 7:30pm each day
Moderator: Fr. Cosmas Ajawara As part of the activities marking our parish year of Eucharistic Revival, we will be holding an Advent Retreat from Monday December 2, 2024 to Thursday December 5, 2024. We will be using the program Presence (The Mystery of the Eucharist) to explore the radical mystery of God's love expressed in the Eucharist. Presence shows how God in the sacrament of the Eucharist is really present, helping us and strengthening us at every step of life's journey. Presence invites each one of us into a deeper, more intimate union with God. He is ready and waiting for us-all we need to do is to receive his gift. To participate, please sign up on or before November 30, 2024 through the parish office or alternatively, please use the sign up sheets placed on the tables at the Church entrances. Come and renew your love for the Most Holy Eucharist

SOLEMN VESPERS AND BENEDICTION (FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING) To mark the end of the liturgical year and in readiness for the beginning of the Advent season, there will be a celebration of Solemn Vespers in song and Benediction. This is a special opportunity to pray and sing the psalms as a community of faith and be blessed for the holy season of Advent. Join us on **November 24, 2024 at 4:30pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church.** May the Lord bless you and your family as you join us.

OUR PARISH YOUTH GROUP Have you noticed a ministry at St. Joseph’s church that has yet to make a return to our parish since Covid disturbed our normal lives? Do you have a few hours a month to share faith and fellowship with a group of people who are currently underserved in our church community? The Youth Ministry needs your help. A small group of eager parishioners would like to gather like-minded adults to reimagine our Youth Ministry at St. Joseph’s. Our young people (school age up to 20-somethings) have so much to offer our parish and they are just waiting to hear the invitation. If you would like to gather to share ideas, offer time and commitment to journey in faith with our

young people, please reach out to Alison Bogle (abogleis@yahoo.ca) or Nesa Constantine (nesa.constantine@gmail.com) and we will begin planning together!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CARD SALE St. Joseph’s Council 11670 is offering boxed, religious Christmas cards for sale the weekend of November 16-17 & November 23-24 at each of the Masses.

COMMUNITY

COAT DRIVE With the colder weather approaching and the increasing number of homeless in our community St. Rita’s Drop-In Center at St. Mary’s Cathedral is collecting winter coats, boots, scarves, hats, toques, gloves, mitts, or backpacks. Donations can be dropped off at the Drop-In Center on Brock Street Monday to Friday between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. or email coatdrive@stmaryscathedral.ca for pickup.

RND CHRISTMAS MARKET - NOVEMBER 23rd 2024 Join us for the RND Christmas Market on **Saturday, November 23, from 10:00 to 3:00** at Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School, 130 Russell St, Kingston (enter via Cowdy St). Explore over 70 unique vendors offering handmade and curated items. Activities for kids! For entry, we ask you please bring a monetary donation for Clothes for Kids or a non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Don’t miss it!

Schedule for the week of November 9-10, 2024

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 9 Nov. 5:15pm	Sr.L. Kearney G.Lesperance	J. Saunders M. Thomas	I. Stewart P Scott R. Lachance D. Mazzolin	Stacey & Tim
Sun. 10 Nov. 9:00am	P. Croxford M. Addai	D. Balemba S. Balemba	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M.Turkington	Megan
Sun. 10 Nov. 11:00am	F. Levesque C.Kavanaugh	M. Muiise S. Boisvert	J. McLaren A. Parmar L. Garrett D. Fernandes B. Krasna	Choir

Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: D. Stadig

Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) T. Castro



KNIGHTS CORNER: Kingston has long been a military town and has long been "home" for countless military families. Unfortunately, some Veterans don't transition out of the military smoothly and some end up unhoused. That's why Homes for Heroes is so important, as they provide housing and support services across Canada to unhoused Veterans; they build affordable urban villages where homeless Veterans will be able to successfully integrate back into civilian life and they provide resources, services and training tenants will need to achieve the goal of living independently in the long term. We recently stopped by to donate an additional \$1000 and we're so very proud to support this much needed charity and what it does for our unhoused Veterans. For more information visit:

<https://homesforheroesfoundation.ca/kingston/>.

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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 contact the parish office to complete the necessary paperwork.

PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND supports the Archdiocesan program which provides elderly and infirm priests with the financial support they have earned after many years of service. The Fund currently provides monthly pensions and health benefits for our retired priests. We thank you for the generosity you have shown in the past, and we hope that you will generously support this year's collection on the weekend of 9-10 November, 2024.

MINISTRY CELEBRATION Join us at any of the masses on the weekend of November 16-17 as we would like to recognize and express our gratitude to all of our dedicated volunteers of St. Joseph's Parish. Volunteers are an integral part of a parish community. They help run various ministries, and their work can result in a lively and thriving Catholic church. This is the case at St. Joseph's Parish. As your pastor, I am very fortunate to witness our parish's success largely due to the wonderful, devoted, faithful and talented individuals who serve in our parish. Refreshments will be served after each Mass in the Parish Hall.

YOUTH GROUP We welcome Alison Bogle and Nesa Constantine this weekend to talk about the St. Joseph's Youth Group. If you are interested or wish to share your ideas, please reach out to Alison or Nesa after Mass or by email – Alison abogleis@yahoo.ca or Nesa nesa.constantine@gmail.com.

