

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

*And the crowds asked him,
"What then shall we do?"*

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

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

3rd Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

Introduction

We are reminded by Saint Paul that “The Lord is very near”. As pilgrims, hopefully awaiting his coming in the incarnation, we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, praying that the peace of God will guard our hearts in Christ Jesus.

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

The day of the Lord’s coming is a day of great rejoicing that will see evil expelled and the world renewed in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

The early Christian Church is encouraged to live model lives as they immanently await with hope the Lord’s return.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

With hopeful expectation, John guides the people to prepare themselves by putting aside the passing world.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 16 December

5:15 p.m. Elisa Giacomello – The Family

Tuesday, 17 December

9:00 a.m. Juan Capili – Nelia Van de Ven

Wednesday, 18 December

9:00 a.m. Gary Kitchen – Gustavo Romero

10:30 a.m. Mass at Extencicare

Thursday, 19 December

9:00 a.m. Ted Stanley – Shirley Kelliher

Friday, 20 December

5:15 p.m. Kevin Mulrooney – Jo-Anne McReynolds

Saturday, 21 December

5:15 p.m. Venancio Dos-Santos – Bernadette Dos-Santos
Mendes & Family

Sunday, 22 December

9:00 a.m. Anne Garrett – Jim & Anne Daly

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

2:00 p.m. Nigerian Mass

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 Roberto Lebarido.

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; 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

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Today, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a day of joy and rejoicing as we draw closer to the celebration of Christ’s birth. The rose-colored vestments and candles signify this spirit of joy, reminding us that Advent is not just a season of preparation but also of joyful anticipation.

In the second reading, St. Paul exhorts us to “Rejoice in the Lord always.” Paul’s words carry great weight, considering he wrote them while in prison. True Christian joy is not dependent on external circumstances; it is rooted in the presence of God in our lives. Paul reminds us that when we turn to God in prayer and thanksgiving, His peace, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts.

This message is especially relevant in today’s world, where anxiety and stress are common. In moments of fear or uncertainty, we are called to place our trust in God and experience His peace.

As we reflect on today’s readings, we are reminded that Advent is a time of both preparation and joy. We are called to: Rejoice in God’s presence, renew our hearts, and anticipate the fullness of joy: He is near, walking with us through every trial. The coming of Christ is not only about His birth but also His presence in our lives and His promise of eternal joy.

“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:** food bags will be collected this weekend. The food collected 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. **THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!**

2025 ENVELOPES are available for pick-up at the back of the church. If you are not currently using envelopes and you wish to do so, please contact the parish office at 613-547-5004 or complete the sign-up sheet on the table beside the envelopes.

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.

FATHER COSMAS will be away from December 26, 2024 to January 31, 2025.

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2024 DONATIONS *St. Joseph's Parish Year-End occurs on 31 December; therefore, we ask that all 2024 donations be forwarded to the parish office by 31 December 2024. Donations received after this date will need to be recorded in 2025. If you wish to have a donation appear on your 2024 Tax Receipt, please ensure that the office has received it prior to 1 January. All special collections for 2024 have been forwarded to the Archdiocese for distribution to the various charities.*

CHRISTMAS PAGAENT Our family Christmas Mass is quickly approaching. If your child is interested in being a part of telling the Christmas story. 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 15th at 10:00 a.m. and December 22nd at 12:00 noon. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Tina Castro maddtina@alcdsb.on.ca or Jane Goudreau willjane@alcdsb.on.ca



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS: The CWL Executive, especially the Service Committee, would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2024 Christmas Fundraiser this past weekend. Your skills, creativity and generosity made the event fun and a wonderful social event for everyone who participated. With your help we raised \$3,627.20 to help fund the CWL and their initiatives for another year. • Following the 5:15 p.m. Mass on Monday, December 9, 2024, we held our Christmas Potluck & Appreciation Dinner. Due to bad weather it was not as well attended this year but everyone had a great time and got home safely afterwards.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve 5:15 p.m. Children's Mass with the Pageant
 Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m. Mass
 Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 New Year's Eve 5:15 p.m. Mass
 New Year's Day 11:00 a.m. Mass only (9:00 Mass is cancelled)

COMMUNITY

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL! AN EPIPHANY CAROL SING-ALONG

Round-out your celebrations of the Christmas season by singing your favourite carols, led by the Trinitas Singers, Trinitas Youth Singers, and guests! **Saturday, January 4, at 2pm in the Church** Monetary and non-perishable/canned food donations will be collected in support of the St. Vincent-de-Paul Society of Kingston, and **a festive reception will follow in our hall.** trinitas.singers@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page - [TrinitasSingers](https://www.facebook.com/TrinitasSingers) or call 613.985.2224

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP St. Paul Catholic School Council is once again doing their Christmas tree pick up fundraiser. Trees will be picked up and brought to the recycling depot on January 4th. \$15.00 donation suggested. To sign up, please email: st.paul.catholic.school.council@gmail.com or contact Amy Mignault 613-328-5861

ST. RITA'S DROP-IN CENTRE St. Mary's Cathedral Outreach to the homeless and poor of the city. 1:00-3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. Providing safety, great food, showers, and good Christian hospitality and dignity. Inquiries: paty@stmaryscathedral.ca

GENTLEMEN! VERONICA'S VEIL OVERNIGHT WINTER SHELTER FOR HOMELESS MEN NEEDS YOUR HELP Veronica's Veil is a winter overnight winter shelter that is a ministry of St. Mary's Cathedral but open to all men of the city. It provides homeless men with a dry warm place to spend the winter nights. There are three shifts: 8:30 pm to 12:30 am; 12:30 am to 4:30 am and 4:30 am to 8:30 am. We need men for mostly the 4:30 am to 8:30 am shift. We need approximately 100 volunteers and seventeen more volunteers are needed before Veronica's Veil Shelter can open for the 2025 season which will run from January 2nd to April 30th 2025. To volunteer or for more information contact Ann at 613-546-5521 Ext 5 or ann@stmaryscathedral.ca

TRANSFORMATION NIGHT (OUR LADY OF DIVINE FIRE MISSION) Wednesday, January 29, 2025; 7:00 – 9:30 pm St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Experience the "Transforming Power of the Steadfast Love of God". Nancy Steele (www.nasteel.ca), author and recent keynote speaker at the 2024 Women's Fall Retreat has a heart to help people grasp just how much God loves them. The evening will begin with Adoration and worship with song. After Nancy's presentation there will be an opportunity for personal prayer ministry from the Encounter School of Ministry graduates. **NO CHARGE.** For more information email kingston@encounterschool.org

Schedule for the weekend of December 21-22, 2024

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 21 Dec. 5:15pm	C. Jones M. Sivilotti	D. Lomboy Sr.L Kearney	I. Stewart S. Harrigan R. Lachance K. Chabot	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 22 Dec. 9:00am	N. Ehi-Ekome M. Marcial	C. Purcell J. Kane	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M. Turkington	Theresa
Sun. 22 Dec. 11:00am	R. McLaren B. McIver	S. Boisvert M. Muisse	J. Ferreira J. Akhtar L. Garrett F. Asuncion	Choir
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: C. Jones				
Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) NO JUNIOR LITURGY				



KNIGHTS CORNER: Sometimes in the Knights, it's about giving, such as the over \$30,000 annually we give to charities. Sometimes it's about giving back to our community, such as hosting the KofC Free Throw Championships at our supported schools. And sometimes it's about doing something that demonstrates gratitude to those who've committed their lives to the service of Christ. It is for that reason that every year, the Knights of St. Joseph's come together to prepare, host and serve a luncheon for the retired priests of the Kingston Archdiocese, in recognition of their many years of service. We were pleased to host Friar Ed Debono, Frs. Dan Ryan, Louis DiRocco & Jack Grainger, and Msgr. Joseph Lynch, and joined by Archbishop Michael Mulhall, Fr. Brian McNally and of course our own Fr. Cosmas Ajawara. Special thanks to Karen MacDougall for her assistance with coordination and decorating the rectory dining room, and the Knights who cooked, served and cleaned up. By all accounts, our guests departed both grateful and full!



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