

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

"Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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

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Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)
Ministry at Extencicare
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Culture of Life
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Junior Liturgy
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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

4th Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

Introduction

As we continue our Advent preparation, we gather today to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ at Christmas, giving thanks for all that we have received, and committing ourselves to pass on the Gospel message to all we meet.

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Jesus, born in Bethlehem (the “House of Bread”) was to become the Bread of Life for all humankind.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Christ is here to replace the Law’s sacrifices and holocausts with a simple trust in Father. God prefers our trust and our service to our unthinking actions and “sacrificial offerings”..

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary, carrying Jesus in her womb and in her heart, visits her cousin Elizabeth. We too are called to bring Christ to all we encounter and, in the same way, all those we meet bring Christ to us.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 23 December

5:15 p.m. Audrey Lacey & Joanne Ellieff

Tuesday, 24 December

5:15 p.m. Ken Stewart – Kay Stewart

8:00 p.m. Joseph Sammon – Shirley Kelliher

Wednesday, 25 December

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, 26 December

9:00 a.m. Ralph McKeown (6th Anniversary) – Mary Lynn & Mark Jefferies

Friday, 27 December

5:15 p.m. Ted Stanley – Kay Stewart

Saturday, 28 December

5:15 p.m. Brian Walsh – Sousa & Walsh Family

Sunday, 29 December

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

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.

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; Aileen Irvine; Mary Jackson; Doreen Saunders; Dorothy Stanley.

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.

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

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Sharing Christ’s Love and Joy

Today, as we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent, our hearts draw closer to the joy of Christmas. The readings invite us to reflect on God’s faithfulness, the mystery of His plan for salvation, and the role of those who say “yes” to His will.

The Gospel presents the beautiful encounter between Mary and Elizabeth, two women filled with faith and joy. Mary, carrying Jesus in her womb, visits Elizabeth, who is also pregnant with John the Baptist. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognizes Mary as “the mother of my Lord.”

Mary’s “yes” to God’s plan made her the vessel through which salvation entered the world. Her faith, humility, and willingness to serve are qualities we are called to emulate.

Elizabeth’s joy reminds us that true happiness comes from recognizing Christ’s presence in our lives and sharing that joy with others. Like Bethlehem and Mary, God often chooses what the world considers insignificant to accomplish His greatest works. We are called to trust in His plan and offer ourselves in humility. Mary’s “yes” reminds us of the importance of obedience and trust in God. How do we respond to God’s call in our daily lives? Elizabeth’s greeting to Mary shows how our recognition of Christ brings joy to others.

This Advent, we are called to share Christ’s love and joy with those around us. As we light the final candle of Advent, let us prepare our hearts to receive Jesus. This preparation involves repentance, prayer, and acts of love.

As we anticipate the birth of Jesus, let us ask ourselves: Are we ready to receive Him into our hearts and lives? Like Mary, may we say “yes” to God’s will, and like Elizabeth, may we rejoice in His presence. Let us embrace the hope, peace, and joy that Christ brings into the world and be His instruments of love and light.

May this final week of Advent draw us closer to the miracle of Emmanuel—God with us. Amen.

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 a.m. Mass is cancelled)

MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY:

January’s Regular Mass schedule is: Monday, Friday 5:15 p.m.; Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m.; **Thursday 10:30 a.m.**; Saturday 5:15 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY MASS Join us this Sunday 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.



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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.

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.*

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS: At our recent Potluck and Appreciation Evening, CWL members thanked the Parish Team of Father Cosmas, Susan Lett, Karen McDougall and Tom Miller, for all that they do to support our ministries of Faith, Service and Social and Ecological Justice. In addition, St. Joseph's CWL made a special presentation to one of our own members, **Ann Krasna**. We were so pleased to have the opportunity to acknowledge Ann, the 2024 recipient of the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario Student Award for Regiopolis Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School. Ann attended the Father Patrick Fogarty Awards Dinner in Toronto, to receive her award. Thank you, Ann, for demonstrating your **Faith** and being a true Witness to God's love through your active **Service**, in all you do, in your community, school and parish. ● On behalf of the CWL Executive, we would like to thank all our Members and Parishioners for supporting our Christmas Fundraiser last weekend, making it possible to continue our community efforts. ● May God grant you peace and serenity this Christmas Season, including good will, good health and good tidings for Christmas and the New Year to come.

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 St. Joseph's 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

COMMUNITY

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. 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

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

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.nastele.ca). The evening will begin with Adoration and worship with song. 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 24-25, 2024 & 28-29

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Tues. 24 Dec. 5:15 pm	Children of the Parish	B. McIver	R. Lachance A. Kelly	Sheila & Children's Choir
Tues. 24 Dec. 8:00 pm	Chris Jones Marco Sivilotti	T. Donoghue A.MacKinnon	S. Harrigan K. Chabot D. Mazzolin	Choir
Wed. 25 Dec. 9:00am	A.MacKinnon	B. McIver	F. Cuvelier	Theresa & Annette
Christmas Day Streaming of 9:00 a.m. Mass: S. Lett				
Wed. 25 Dec. 11:00am	V. Onwuliri Sr. N. Hurren	L. Carfa	F. Asuncion	Choir
Sat. 28 Dec. 5:15 pm	Sr. N. Hurren A.MacKinnon	P. Rosales	I. Stewart P. Scott R. Lachance D. Mazzolin	Theresa
Sun. 29 Dec. 9:00 am	M. Sivilotti J. Watts	M. Marcial	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M.Turkington	Sheila & Children's Choir
Sun. 29 Dec. 11:00am	F. Levesque V. Onwuliri	B. Oliveira C.Kavanaugh	B. Krasna J. McLaren F. Levesque A. Parmar	Choir
December 29 Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: R. McDonald				
Junior Liturgy will resume in the New Year				



KNIGHTS CORNER: With Advent in full swing, the Knights of St. Joseph's wanted to ensure we made our annual donation to University Hospitals Kingston Foundation, specifically Providence Manor which is a 243-bed charity home that provides care for residents who have stable medical conditions, but require 24-hour nursing care, and Hospice Kingston which provides care to people with life-limiting illnesses, their families, caregivers, and those affected by grief and loss. <https://www.uhkf.ca/Home>. We were happy to make our annual \$2000 donation to them in time for Christmas. The more we give, the more impact we make, and we're further motivated to help our community, which is a very good habit to develop. Is giving your thing? You like supporting health care for the vulnerable in our society? You want to see charity in action? You're a Catholic man? Then call us today and become a Knight. It's that simple.



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