

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2024

*"Did you not know that I must be
busy with my Father's affairs?"*

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 – FOR JANUARY 2025 ONLY

Monday 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 10:30 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
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Music Ministry
Youth Choir

Parish Schools

St. Thomas More Catholic School - Sandra Fragoso, Principal
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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

Today we celebrate family life, rejoicing that Our Lord was born into a human family. He is at home among us now.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah gifted her baby son to the Lord, to live out his life in God's house.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

God's children are consecrated people. We live in God; God lives in us.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

As a boy, Jesus loved to be in the Temple. He found it hard to tear himself away!

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 30 December

5:15 p.m. Bill Bruder (8th Anniversary) – Karen Bruder

Tuesday, 31 December

5:15 p.m. Rhonda Nontell – Rose Mary Treacy

Wednesday, 1 January

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, 2 January

10:30 a.m. Sharon Cuvelier (8th Anniversary) – Frank Cuvelier

Friday, 3 January

5:15 p.m. Mary Salisbury – The Family

Saturday, 4 January

5:15 p.m. Herminio Medeiros – Larry, Pat, Greg & Ryan Rochefort

Sunday, 5 January

9:00 a.m. Mary & Antony Peras & Linda & Irvin Walsh – The 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.

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; Dorathy 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

On Becoming Holy Families



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—a model of love, faith, and unity for all families. In a world that often challenges the values of family life, this feast reminds us of the importance of living in harmony, guided by God's grace.

The Holy Family was not immune to difficulties. From the moment of Jesus' birth, they faced hardships—poverty, exile, and uncertainty. Yet, they remained steadfast in their trust in God. Joseph showed unwavering obedience, leading his family with faith and humility. Mary exemplified unconditional love and total surrender to God's will. Jesus, though divine, lived in obedience to His earthly parents, growing in wisdom and grace.

This feast calls us to reflect on our own families. While no family is perfect, the Holy Family shows us that holiness is not about the absence of struggles but about how we respond to them. Families become holy when they prioritize love, forgiveness, and faith.

Let us also remember that the Holy Family extended love beyond themselves. Their example inspires us to reach out to others in kindness and compassion, especially those who may feel isolated or broken.

As we honor the Holy Family, let us ask for their intercession to make our families places of love, peace, and faith. May we, like them, seek God's will in all things and reflect His love in our homes and to the world.

Amen.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

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.

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.

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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.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS: The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in Gospel values, calling its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. The Annual Membership Drive will take place January 4-5 and January 11 & 12 here at St. Joseph's. CWL members will be at each of the church entrances. New members, women from age 16 and up, are always welcome! St. Joseph's Parish is very fortunate to have such an active and vibrant Catholic Women's League serving our parish 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 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 - [TrinitaSingers](https://www.facebook.com/TrinitaSingers) or call 613.985.2224

COMMUNITY
Veronica's Veil Overnight Winter Shelter for Homeless Men Set to Open 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. Veronica's Veil now has sufficient volunteers and is set to open for the 2025 season which will run **from January 2 to April 30, 2025.** If you would like to volunteer as a substitute for any of the shifts please contact Ann Lyng at 613-546-5521 Ext 5 or ann@stmaryscathedral.ca

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.

ST. JOHN FISHER DINNER - CCO Kingston's Fundraising Event Thursday, February 13; 6:00-9:30 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall (588 Division St.) Please join CCO missionaries and students from Queen's University for a memorable evening. Come and hear first-hand testimonies of students who have encountered Jesus personally and are becoming leaders in the evangelization of

the world. During the program, an invitation will be made for you to financially support the work of CCO in Kingston. There is limited space, so please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-john-fisher-dinner-tickets-1035238314667>. Those who registered for the original date are not required to register again.

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.nasteele.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 weekends of December 31-January 1, 4-5

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Tues. 31 Dec. 5:15 pm	S. Ottenhof C. Jones	A.MacKinnon B. Oliveira	S. Harrigan I. Stewart R.Lachance	Choir
Wed. 1 Jan. 11:00am	L. Carfa B. McIver	K. Colwell F. Levesque	F. Asuncion I. Stewart R. Audet	Choir
Sat. 4 Jan. 5:15 pm	V. Onwuliri Sr.N.Hurren	Sr.L Kearney		Theresa
Sun. 5 Jan. 9:00 am	M. Marcial J. Watts	A.MacKinnon G.Lesperance		Theresa
Sun. 5 Jan. 11:00am	B. McIver B. Ows	P. Rosales F. Levesque		Choir
January 5 Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: M. Muise				
Junior Liturgy will resume in the New Year				



KNIGHTS CORNER: The Grand Knight, Executive and all Knights of St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670 would like to convey their very best wishes for a blessed and peaceful Christmas for all St. Joseph's parishioners. As we celebrate Christ's birth, may we be ever mindful of his message to feed the hungry, clothe the poor, give warmth to those who are unhoused, and offer kindness to all. It is our sincere wish that 2025 brings health and prosperity to you and your families. It is our hope in 2025 that we are again able to help out in our parish and community both financially and physically. We look forward to seeing more men from the Parish join our Council, and more of our Knights attend monthly meetings.

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