

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

*"A voice cries in the wilderness;
prepare a way for the Lord."*

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

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Introduction

The theme running through today's readings is that of joy, the joy we find in God's redeeming love, the joy we are called to share in the community of his Church. Let us open our hearts to this great gift.

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

St. Paul's prayer is that our love for each other may increase.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

The word of God comes to John the Baptist in the wilderness.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 9 December

5:15 p.m. Grace Neddow – Arlene Fraser

Tuesday, 10 December

9:00 a.m. Venancio Dos-Santos – Bernadette Dos-Santos
Mendes & Family

Wednesday, 11 December

9:00 a.m. Nigel Bogle – Alison Bogle

Thursday, 12 December

9:00 a.m. Praxedes Quintana – Lolitta Quintana

Friday, 13 December

10:30 a.m. School Mass
5:15 p.m. Joachim McNichols – Noreen Mallen

Saturday, 14 December

5:15 p.m. Keith & Marion Froats – Kay Stewart & Family

Sunday, 15 December

9:00 a.m. Daniel & Cheryl White – Matthew White
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 Sheila Alarie.

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.

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.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Experiencing Restoration and Transformation at Advent

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, as we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent, the liturgy continues to focus on preparation. Advent invites us to prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of Jesus, both at Christmas and at the end of time. Today's readings highlight God's desire to bring restoration and salvation and call us to actively participate by clearing the obstacles in our lives that hinder His coming.

In the Gospel, we hear about John the Baptist, the voice crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." John calls the people to repentance and invites them to remove every obstacle that prevents them from welcoming the Lord.

What are the mountains of pride, valleys of despair, or crooked paths of sin in your life? Advent is the time to make straight the way of the Lord by turning away from sin and returning to God with all your heart. The sacrament of reconciliation is a powerful way to experience this transformation.

May our preparation bear fruit, and may we be ready to receive the Lord when He comes. 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:** bags are available at each entrance this weekend to be returned next 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.

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/>

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.

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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.*

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 8th at 10:00 a.m.; 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 AND REMINDERS:

The General Meeting on Monday, Dec. 9 is replaced by our Christmas Potluck & Appreciation Dinner, beginning shortly after the 5:15pm Mass. There's still time to contact Sue Conway Williamson (conwills59@yahoo.ca or 613-449-6912) to sign up. • **We will be accepting baked goods before each Mass** this weekend for our Christmas Fundraiser event taking place in the Parish Hall *after* each Mass. **All Parishioners**, there are 10 awesome Raffle Baskets on display as well as our usual tasty baked goods and quality Gift & Craft tables. Something for everyone!

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.

BUILDING FUND The monthly collection of the Building Fund takes place this weekend, 7-8 December 2024. Thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY

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

ADVENT REFLECTIONS Wednesdays, beginning December 11; 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral Archbishop Mulhall will be giving Advent Reflections beginning the second week of December at St. Mary's Cathedral. We hope you will join us.

CAROL SING AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE: Sunday, December 15; 3:00 p.m. at St. John the Apostle Parish Melos Choir will be performing Advent & Christmas music from England to Armenia, 6th to 19th centuries, interspersed with Carol

singing with the audience. Tickets are \$20 or free-will offering as able; at the door or online at: www.melos-earlymusic.org

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 veronicasveil@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), 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 14-15, 2024

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 14 Dec. 5:15pm	Sr. L Kearney H. Couto	C. Jones D. Lomboy	I. Stewart P. Scott R. Lachance D. Mazzolin	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 15 Dec. 9:00am	C.Charbonneau P. Croxford	M. Marcial A.MacKinnon	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M. Turkington	Theresa
Sun. 15 Dec. 11:00am	C. Kavanaugh R. McDonald	T. Donoghue B. McIver	J. McLaren D. Fernandes A. Parmar F. Levesque	Choir
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: S. Frago				
Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) K. Canning				



KNIGHTS CORNER: In the Knights, 'Faith in Action' is implemented via Faith, Family, Life & Community Programs. Under the Community Program, Knights are called to serve others under the principle of Charity – at home with our families and in our communities; when Knights come together they accomplish great things. Case in point is the annual Free Throw Championship, an athletic outlet for youth aged 9-14. Under the guidance of Br. Stan Balemba, our Community Director, our Knights visited St. Paul's & St. Thomas More Catholic Schools during late November to run the championships. Not sure who had more fun, the kids taking part, or the Knights who got to spend an enjoyable morning with them. We were very pleased to have acquired new basketballs for this year's competition, and donated them to the schools to prepare themselves for next year! If you like the idea of helping youth in our community, and are a Catholic man, join us!



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