

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025

"My eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

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

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

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Introduction

Christ is our Light. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas reveals the Christ Child as the light of the nations. His light dispels darkness and gives hope to all those who walk in the shadow of death. Come let us adore him.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord will send the Christ as he promised; be patient and faithful.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

The sinless Christ shares fully in the human condition and takes away the sins of the world; trust in him.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

The Christ Child is presented in the Temple and is the light for both Gentiles and Jews. We rejoice.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 3 February

5:15 p.m. Alice Kelly – Anya Kelly

Tuesday, 4 February

9:00 a.m. Rodney King – Cheryl King

Wednesday, 5 February

9:00 a.m. Claire Kelly – Catherine Lawton

Thursday, 6 February

9:00 a.m. Walter Nuvoloni – Janice & Paul Walsh

Friday, 7 February

5:15 p.m. Dr. Raymond Kearns – Arlene Fraser

Saturday, 8 February

5:15 p.m. Hermino Medeiros – Liseta Medeiros

Sunday, 9 February

9:00 a.m. Ted Stanley – Raymond Doyle

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Join our online Mass Sunday's at 11:00 a.m. visit www.stjosephskingston.ca.

PRAVERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Jose de Montbrun.

PRAVERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna V.; Paul Dowling; Rob Hearst; Sophie Wolfe; Barbara Anne Caron; Doreen Saunders.

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.

ST. BLAISE – BLESSING OF THE THROATS will take place on Monday, February 3, 2025 at the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

The Challenge of Prophetic Witness

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus returning to His hometown, Nazareth, where He reads from the scroll of Isaiah and proclaims that the prophecy is fulfilled in Him. At first, the people are amazed and speak well of Him, but soon, their admiration turns into anger. They reject Him because they cannot accept that someone they know—Joseph's son—could be the bearer of God's message. Their hearts are closed to the idea that God could work through someone so familiar.

Jesus' experience in Nazareth shows us that love and truth go together. True love does not remain silent in the face of sin, injustice, or spiritual blindness. Sometimes, speaking the truth will lead to rejection, just as it did for Jesus. But we are called to love courageously, even when it costs us.

Jesus' rejection in His hometown reminds us that following Him is not always easy. However, we are called to stand firm in faith, speak the truth with love, and trust that God will always be with us. As we receive the Eucharist today, let us ask for the grace to love more deeply and to remain faithful even in the face of challenges.

May God give us the strength to be His witnesses in our families, communities, and the world. Amen.

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. If you recently added your name to the sign-up sheet, your package of envelopes has been added.

2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick-up in the Parish Office during office hours. Tax receipts will be available for pick up next weekend, February 8-9 and 15-16, at the main entrance of the church after Mass. Remaining receipts will be mailed out on February 21, 2025. With approximately 1000 receipts issued each year, we had to mail out at least half last year. If you are able to pick up your receipt this really helps to cut down the cost of mailing. Thank you. If you took advantage of the Government deadline extension, reminder, you must mark the envelope and include in the cheque memo 2024. A second receipt will be issued for these donations at the end of February, early March.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA COLLECTION

A special Diocesan collection for Catholic Missions in Canada will be taken up this weekend, February 1-2, 2025.



This week's bulletin is sponsored by:

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS: The CWL General Meeting is Monday, February 10 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Installation and Welcoming Ceremony will take place for new members and Executive Officers. • Our Telephone Tree ladies will be calling about donations of baked goods for our **February Bake Fest to be held February 15/16**. It would be nice to introduce savoury as well as sweet goodies. Want to sign up to help too? Let Maureen Plunkett know by calling/texting her at 613-305-3644. • Those needing to pay their 2025 CWL membership fee are asked to place the \$35 in an envelope with their name and any new contact information they may have. Mark the envelope CWL MEMBERSHIP and place it in the Offertory basket or drop it off at the Office during regular hours. • MAiD continues to be a major issue. The government is now considering adding Advance Requests for MAiD into the current legislation. They are conducting a survey on this topic and the link is: <https://surveys.hkperspectives.com/s/7a646ae06450EN> but some of the questions on the survey can be misleading. The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) has put out a guide to ensure you are aware of the misleading questions and how to address them. The guide was an attachment sent to the General Members a few days ago: please read it and complete the survey by February 14th. *Hope Through Action...*

BUILDING FUND The monthly collection of the Building Fund will take place next weekend February 8-9, 2025. Thank you for your support.

ENROLLEMENT SUNDAY Next Sunday, February 9, 2025 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we welcome the candidates receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion this year. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

COMMUNITY
A CERTIFICATE IN ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

Beginning April 1, 2025-April 2026 Online – by Saint Paul University, Ottawa We are excited to announce a new Certificate Program in Adult Faith Education, starting in April 2025. This program will be offered online, allowing participants from across the country to join. For this first cohort, we have space for 12 participants, who will be supported by an exceptional team of professors and mentors. We anticipate a very enriching experience, but please note that only a few spots remain. For more information, please see the attached document. Thanks to the generosity of our funders, we are pleased to offer this certificate program at a nominal fee of \$500 for confirmed participants. If you are interested, please contact Carol Kuzmochka via email at ckuzmochka@ustpaul.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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT REFLECTIONS FROM ARCHBISHOP MULHALL AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL We have begun our Wednesday 7:00 pm spiritual reflections in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. I look forward to our time together. We will reflect the

Beatitudes of St. Matthew's Gospel Chapter 5 as well as a series of Psalms of the Old Testament which we pray each day at Mass. As usual, we will also give time to the liturgical celebrations of Lent/Easter as we pass through the year.

STEUBENVILLE 2025 June 27-29, 2025; Registration deadline January 31 Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio St. Michael's Parish in Belleville is organizing another trip this year for teenagers to attend their youth conference, and opening this opportunity for youth across the archdiocese. We welcome this Sunday at our 11:00 a.m. Mass, Patrick Bailey, coordinator, if you have any questions regarding this wonderful opportunity, talk to Patrick at the end of Mass or contact him at 613-921-5236 or by email bailz77@yahoo.com

SCHOOL OF IDENTITY (OUR LADY OF DIVINE FIRE MISSION) Friday, March 7; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm & Saturday, March 8; 8:15 am - 4:00 pm at Holy Name of Mary Parish Centre (7288 Old Hwy 2, Marysville, ON) Come experience a learning opportunity to help you grow in your identity as a beloved son or daughter of God. Registration required. Regular admission \$30, Couples \$50, Students \$20 (Lunch INCLUDED). Registration and details at: <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/2025-school-of-identity>

Schedule for the weekends of February 8-9, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 8 Feb. 5:15pm	Sr.N. Hurren S. Ottenhof	J. Saunders L.Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart P. Scott R.Lachance D.Mazzolin	Sarah & Tim
Sun. 9 Feb. 9:00am	M. Castro M. Marcial	A.MacKinnon G.Lesperance	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M.Turkington	Theresa & Annette
Sun. 9 Feb. 11:00am	B. Ows R.McDonald	P. Rosales S. Boisvert	J. McLaren I.MacKenzie F. Levesque A. Parmar	Choir
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass:				
Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) Maddy				



KNIGHTS CORNER: It is a fact that students who eat nutritious food are more engaged in their learning, can focus better on tasks, and have more positive social interactions. It is a travesty in this great nation that children go hungry, but our Council does what it can to prevent this by aligning with fantastic charities such as The Food Sharing Project <https://www.foodsharingproject.org/>. Since 1985 it has been providing nutritious food to 88 schools in 4 school boards across Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington. Student nutrition programs at schools can take many forms but they all offer healthy food that is accessible to any student who needs nutrition, in a stigma-free environment, supported by caring adults. Our Council was pleased to present our latest \$1000 donation to this fantastic program.



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