

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

"You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

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
Altar Servers
Youth Group

Music Ministry
Youth Choir

Parish Schools

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season and is a further reminder that God wants to be part of the human story.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Centuries before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah gives us a description that fits perfectly.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

St. Peter also gives a brief description of Jesus' life and mission and explains that the Good News is for everyone.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

St. Luke describes how the humble Christ comes to be baptized by John in the river Jordan.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 13 January

5:15 p.m. William Murphy (12 Anniversary) – Brenda Murphy

Tuesday, 14 January

9:00 a.m. Intentions of the CND Sisters and Associates

Wednesday, 15 January

9:00 a.m. Rosalyn Keon – Kathy & Stephen Tysick

Thursday, 16 January

10:30 a.m. Michael Callaghan – The Callaghan Family

Friday, 17 January

5:15 p.m. Charles Jefferies – Raymond Doyle

Saturday, 18 January

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

Sunday, 19 January

9:00 a.m. Walter Nuvoloni – Alda & Silvino Braga
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; Aileen Irvine; Doreen Saunders; Dorothy Stanley; Tom Doyle; Rev. Dan Ryan; Jose de Montbrun.

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.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

The Leper's Faith and Humility

Leprosy in biblical times was not just a physical ailment but also a social and spiritual burden. Lepers were ostracized, forced to live apart from the community, and considered unclean. Despite these barriers, the leper in today's gospel boldly approaches Jesus, acknowledging both His power and His will:

“If you are willing” shows a humble submission to Jesus' divine authority.

“You can make me clean” expresses unwavering faith in Jesus' ability to heal.

Do we approach Jesus with the same faith and humility in our moments of need? The leper teaches us to trust in God's power while surrendering to His will.

Jesus' response is deeply personal: He stretches out His hand, touches the leper, and says, “I am willing. Be clean!” This act of touching the untouchable is revolutionary: Jesus breaks social and religious norms to show that no one is beyond His love and care.

His touch not only heals physically but also restores the leper's dignity and inclusion in the community.

How do we treat the “untouchables” in our own lives—those marginalized by society? Jesus calls us to imitate His compassion, breaking barriers of prejudice and fear to reach out to those in need.

Jesus' healing of the leper reminds us that His love and power extend to everyone, especially those who feel isolated, broken, or unworthy. Let us approach Him with faith, share His compassion with others, and always remain grounded in prayer. May we experience His healing touch in our lives and become instruments of His love in the world.

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

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

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:



BUILDING FUND The monthly collection of the Building Fund will take place this weekend, January 11-12, 2025. Thank you for your support.

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 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. • The General Meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Election of Executive Members will be taking place. • Sign-up sheets will be there for volunteers for our turn doing **Hospitality Sunday on January 26th after the 11 a.m. Mass**, and for bakers and helpers for the **February Bake Fest on February 15/16 weekend after each Mass**. • The Executive Meeting will be on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

PARTNERS IN MISSION FOOD BANK Food bags will be distributed this weekend, January 11-12 for return on the weekend of January 18-19.

2024 DONATIONS The Government announced they intend to amend the Income Tax Act to extend the deadline for making donations eligible for tax support in the 2024 tax year, until February 28, 2025. It is unclear on how to proceed. At this time, if you wish to make a donation for 2024, clearly indicate this on your envelope and cheque. It is also unclear what the deadline for distribution of the 2024 tax receipts will be.

COMMUNITY

VERONICA'S VEIL OVERNIGHT WINTER SHELTER FOR HOMELESS MEN 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. The 2025 season runs **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

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.

THIS TUESDAY: FREE TRINITAS YOUTH SINGERS OPEN REHEARSAL Youth ages 7-16 are invited to take part in the music and camaraderie of Trinitas Youth Singers at

a **free open rehearsal** this **Tuesday, Jan. 14, 4-5:30pm, CFB Kingston**. Sign-up to attend by Monday, January 13, 9:00pm: trinitas.singers@gmail.com / 613.985.2224

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 January 18-19, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 18 Jan. 5:15pm	C. Jones M. Sivilotti	J. Saunders D. Lomboy	I. Stewart S. Harrigan R.Lachance K. Chabot	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 19 Jan. 9:00am	C.Charbonneau C. Purcell	J. Kane G.Lesperance	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M.Turkington	Megan
Sun. 19 Jan. 11:00am	R.McDonald R. McLaren	F. Levesque S. Boisvert	J. Ferreira J. Akhtar J. Ferreira L. Garrett F. Asuncion	Choir
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: D. Stadig				
Junior Liturgy will resume in the New Year				



KNIGHTS CORNER: Our Knights are dedicated and passionate about supporting Veronica's Veil Overnight Warming Centre for Men, sponsored by St. Mary's Cathedral and located at 260 Brock Street. We fill numerous four-hour volunteer shifts between 9pm until 8am to support the 12 men who seek shelter from the elements each night from January-April. Volunteers watch over and address any issues or concerns that may arise from our guests. The guests receive a warm night's sleep on a cot with clean bedding with privacy dividers, snacks, light meals, and warm beverages in keeping with Christ's words (Matthew 25:40) "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." It is our deeds and our actions, helping those around us that truly identify us as Knights, not just financial donations. How can you help? If you're a Catholic man over 18, join the Knights and pitch in! Failing that, you can make donations to the Veil directly <https://stmaryscathedral.ca/poster2/> or via our Council.



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