

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

"The sight of the star filled them with delight and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage."

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
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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

As you know, this is a Jubilee year for the Church under the title “Pilgrims of Hope”. In today’s Gospel we read about the visit of the Magi as they make their own pilgrimage of hope to Bethlehem.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The prophet is filled with joy as he sees all creation rejoicing in the glory of God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells us that through Jesus the Spirit of God has been given to the whole world.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men from the East come to worship the child who is king.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 6 January

5:15 p.m. Rita Richards – Yvonne Sonneveld

Tuesday, 7 January

9:00 a.m. Ortenzia Murano – Maria Rosa Gencarelli

Wednesday, 8 January

9:00 a.m. Manuel Carquez – Cecelia Melo

Thursday, 9 January

10:30 a.m. Ken Lillis (10th Anniversary) – Sharon,
Scott & Andrea

Friday, 10 January

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Freundorfer
Family – Gerhard & Jocelyne Freundorfer

Saturday, 11 January

5:15 p.m. Pat Coulter 12th Anniversary – Tom Coulter

Sunday, 12 January

9:00 a.m. Bill Allen – Madge Coyle
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 Mary Jackson.

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; 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.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

His star rises up before us here

The word *epiphany* means a revelation. Here is a small and simple example. Sometimes on a dull, cold winter’s day, a break appears in the thick layer of cloud, and through it we catch a glimpse of a radiant sun. All too soon, however, the break is covered up, and the sun disappears once more. But that short glimpse of a brighter and warmer world can do wonder for us. The mere memory of it can work its magic on our spirit.

Daily life is full of little epiphanies for those who have eyes to see and minds to reflect. They slip in through the cracks in our busy armour – a moment of peace, or of beauty, or of goodness.

Like the Magi, on this feast we have come to worship the Christ-child. And, again like the Magi, we have to go back to our homes and get on with our ordinary lives. But hopefully we will see those lives differently, because we see ourselves differently. In the divine Child, we see our own divinity.

People sometimes travel long distances in search of spiritual experiences which they could have in their home place. We don’t have to travel anywhere. His star rises up before us here. Because of the coming of Christ, we need no longer fear the darkness. A light has come into the world, a light that shines in the dark, a light that no darkness can overpower.

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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.

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

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

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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.

The CWL would like to wish you a Happy New Year of Hope. The next General Meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

PARTNERS IN MISSION FOOD BANK Food bags will be distributed 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. The government will introduce legislation effecting these changes once Parliament returns in the new year. Until Parliament meets, 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 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 January 11-12, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 11 Jan. 5:15 pm	J. Saunders S. Ottenhof	Sr.L.Kearney M. Thomas	I. Stewart P. Scott R.Lachance	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 12 Jan. 9:00am	A.MacKinnon G. Lesperance	M. Marcial M. Tudin	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M.Turkington	Megan
Sun. 12 Jan. 11:00am	B. McIver F. Levesque	P. Rosales T. Donoghue	J. McLaren D.Fernandes A. Parmar	Choir
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: D. Eardley				
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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