

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

*"Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate...
Give and there will be gifts for 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

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
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Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Ministry to Seniors (Cards)
Ministry at Extencicare
Ushers
Sacristans
Culture of Life
Parish Engagement
Social Justice & Outreach Liaison
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Junior Liturgy
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Youth Choir

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Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Pastor

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Introduction

It is easy to react badly to others, especially when they have not treated us well or do not have our best interests at heart. We gather today to remind ourselves of God's call to turn the other cheek and to strengthen our resolve to follow God's loving example of generosity and compassion in our own lives.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

David does not raise his hand against his enemy even though he has the power and opportunity.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

We, who are earthly beings, will be modeled on Christ when we are in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

We are called to love our enemies and to follow in God's way of compassion, forgiveness and generosity.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 24 February

5:15 p.m. Betty Gunhouse (1st Anniversary) – Mike & Diane Foley

Tuesday, 25 February

9:00 a.m. Audrey Hollis (11th Anniversary) – Hollis Family

Wednesday, 26 February

9:00 a.m. Joanne Johnson – Karen Bruder

Thursday, 27 February

9:00 a.m. Roberto Lebarido – Amado & Marietta Marcial

Friday, 28 February

5:15 p.m. Joanne Ellieff – Karin Long

Saturday, 1 March

5:15 p.m. Marian Meagher (1st Anniversary) – David & Cynthia Abeles

Sunday, 2 March

9:00 a.m. Manuel Teves – Maria Teves

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 Tom Alexandrowicz.

PRAYERS 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.

Fr. Cosmas Reflection

Be Merciful

The central message of today's readings is mercy, love, and forgiveness—hallmarks of Christian life. Jesus calls us to love our enemies and be merciful, just as our Heavenly Father is merciful. In a world filled with conflict, division, and resentment, this call challenges us to rise above our human instincts and reflect God's love in our relationships.

In today's First Reading (1 Samuel 26), David has an opportunity to kill King Saul, who has been pursuing him to take his life. Instead of revenge, David chooses mercy, recognizing that Saul is the Lord's anointed. This act of forgiveness highlights that true strength lies not in retaliation but in showing compassion. Like David, we are called to trust in God's justice rather than seeking vengeance. Mercy elevates us above hatred and reflects the heart of God.

The radical teaching of Jesus in the Gospel (Luke 6:27-38), asking us to love our enemies and do good to those who mistreat is not about weakness but about imitating God's love. Jesus himself lived this message when, on the Cross, He forgave those who crucified Him. True Christian love extends even to those who do us harm. Mercy does not condone wrongdoing, but it liberates us from bitterness.

Today's readings challenge us to move beyond the natural tendency for revenge and embrace the divine call to mercy. By loving our enemies and showing kindness even when it is undeserved, we reflect the image of Christ in the world. Let us pray for the grace to love as Jesus loved and to be merciful as our Father in Heaven is merciful. May God grant us hearts full of forgiveness, love, and peace. Amen.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY Join us in the Parish Hall today after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for Hospitality Sunday. Thank you to the staff, the students and their families of St. Thomas More Catholic School for hosting. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Food Bags will be collected this weekend February 22-23. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT – FORGIVEN Join us Tuesday & Wednesday, March 11 & 12, and Tuesday & Wednesday, March 18 & 19 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for our Lenten Retreat. To register call the Parish office or sign up at the Church entrances by March 3rd.

ENROLLMENT SUNDAY This Sunday, February 23, 2025 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass we welcome our candidates of Confirmation. We ask that you keep our candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June.

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CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS:

The CWL Executive Meeting is on Monday, February 24, at 7pm in the Parish Hall. • A big thank you from the Service Committee for our amazing volunteers and parish members this past weekend, who, despite the snow storms, made the February Bake Fest a big success. We raised \$1,460.50. The remaining baked goods were delivered to *Feed The People* at their lunch shelter on the access road in Belle Park. They serve a hot lunch every day and the residents were happy to receive our sweet treats! Fundraising allows us to support local charities, community events, and to attend Diocesan conventions to get inspired and continue *Creating Hope Through Action*. • Our Social and Ecological Justice Committee takes actions that help increase the voices of women in many areas in need of change. Come be a part of it... Any women that are 16+ years can join the CWL right now!

FIRST RECONCILIATION Reminder that this Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. is First Reconciliation. Families and candidates are asked meet in the Church.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES Ashes will be distributed at the 9:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses, and at the 10:30 a.m. School Mass on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS During the weeks of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be said on Friday evenings, following the 5:15 p.m. Mass, starting March 7, 2025. All are warmly invited to this beautiful prayer of the Church.

LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION The Lenten Penance Celebration for St. Joseph's will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2025 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 in the parish, and indeed from outside the parish, are most welcome to attend.

"With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church."

MUSICAL AFTERNOON On Thursday, March 13, 2025, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., join us for an afternoon of great music and to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! A musical afternoon featuring Jon McLurg and Noah St. Amand (of Turpin's Trail), special guest Joe Sexton, for those who are Irish, and for those who "wish they were." Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall. Proceeds will be donated to Ryandale Transitional Housing.

SCAMS TO WATCH OUT FOR If you receive a text message or email from Father Cosmas, please note he would **never** ask for money or gift cards. Recent scams have surfaced, asking parishioners to help. If you are not sure, call the Parish Office to confirm if Father Cosmas has reached out to you. Report the scam to the police or contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre - 1-888-495-8501.

COMMUNITY

7TH ANNUAL RIDEAU CANAL MEN'S RETREAT BY CANOE AND KAYAK Tuesday, August 5- Thursday,

August 7 Theme: Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope. Planning is underway for the 7th Annual Rideau Canal Men's Retreat 2025 for Catholic men (18 years and older, and fathers with teenage sons) will be from August 5-7, 2025. As in previous years, the goal is to gather Catholic men in an outdoor adventure/retreat where we can share our faith and enjoy a little male camaraderie. We anticipate being fully registered, so this is your chance to let us know if you are interested. Further information is provided on the front entrance bulletin board.

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 March 1-2, 2025

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
Sat. 1 Mar. 5:15pm	Sr L. Kearney M. Sivilotti	M. Thomas D. Lomboy	I. Stewart S. Harrigan P. Scott D. Mazzolin	Stacy & Tim
Sun. 2 Mar. 9:00am	C. Purcell C. Charbonneau	S. Balemba J. Kane	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M. Turkington	Megan
Sun. 2 Mar. 11:00am	B. Ows V. Onwuliri	M. Muise T. Donoghue	J. Ferreira F. Asuncion L. Garrett B. Krasna	Choir
Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: S. Frago				
Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) K. Canning				



KNIGHTS CORNER: There are many reasons why a man becomes a Knight of Columbus. Sometimes it is because their father or grandfather were Knights. Some want to expand and develop their faith.

Some want a stronger connection to their Parish and their Church. Many want to be able to help out charities in the area and be able to bring kindness, hope and aid to those less fortunate. Some hear Jesus' call to help their neighbour. Regardless of why you join, it does not mean that you need to sacrifice quality time with your family. By volunteering an hour here or an hour there - with or without your family - can make an enormous difference in your life and in the lives of others. If you're interested in helping those in need in your parish and community, strengthening your parish and your familial relationships, growing in your faith, and gaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for you and your family, then consider joining the Knights of Columbus council associated with your parish.



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