

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**March 2, 2025**

*"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"*

### **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**

If we are faithful disciples, we will be like our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the challenge and the gift: to live in the Lord's grace is to become like him, to bear spiritual fruit for him, and ultimately to be united with him in glory.

**First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8**

What we say reveals who we are and what we feel.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

The resurrection of Jesus Christ has robbed death of its sting – we give thanks to God for giving us the victory in his Son.

**Gospel: Luke 6:39-45**

Our words flow out of what fills our heart – the challenge is that our heart is a store of goodness.

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**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 3 March**

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Kilpatrick Family – Gerard & Jocelyne Kilpatrick

**Tuesday, 4 March**

9:00 a.m. Audrey, Shirley, Elwood & Dell Potter

**Wednesday, 5 March**

9:00 a.m. Joanne Ellieff – Alison Bogle

10:30 a.m. School Mass

5:15 p.m. Clair & Wilma Kearns – Trina Kelly

**Thursday, 6 March**

9:00 a.m. Sheila Alarie – Karen Bruder

**Friday, 7 March**

5:15 p.m. Jose Quintana (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Lolita Quintana

**Saturday, 8 March**

5:15 p.m. Florine Rochefort – Larry, Pat, Greg, & Ryan Rochefort

**Sunday, 9 March**

9:00 a.m. George Cotnam (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Maureen Plunkett

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*Join our online Mass Sunday's at 11:00 a.m. visit [www.stjosephskingston.ca](http://www.stjosephskingston.ca).*

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Mary McCann.

**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; Brian Begbie; Godfrey A.; John Devette; Richard Devette.

*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**

**A Pure Heart Produces Good Fruits**

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to reflect on the condition of our hearts. He says, "Out of the good treasure of the heart, the good person produces good, and out of evil treasure, the evil person produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45).

Our words and actions are like fruit from a tree. If the tree is healthy, the fruit will be good. But if the tree is rotten, the fruit will reflect that. This means that our speech, behavior, and interactions with others reveal what truly lies within us. Jesus warns against hypocrisy when He says, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" (Luke 6:41).

It is easy to see the faults of others while ignoring our own. This is a common temptation—we criticize, judge, and condemn others without realizing our own weaknesses. Jesus calls us to first remove the "wooden beam" in our own eyes before trying to correct others. This means we must first undergo personal conversion before seeking to guide others.

The transformation of our hearts is only possible through Christ. Through prayer, the sacraments, and a sincere desire to grow in holiness, we can allow Christ to purify our hearts so that our words and actions reflect His love. As we approach the altar today, let us ask the Lord to cleanse our hearts. May our words and actions reflect the goodness of Christ, so that we may be true witnesses of His love.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>

**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 with 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."***

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**FINANCIAL REPORT TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH** This weekend Finance Committee member, Eric Bennett will present the Financial Report for St. Joseph's – 2024. You will find a copy of the 2024 Financial Report in the bulletin. I wish to thank the Finance Committee for their dedication over the past year, representing our parishioners best interest especially as we move forward with our Hall expansion. I would also wish to thank all the parishioners of St. Joseph's for their generous support to our parish. Gratefully, Father Cosmas.

**JUBILEE YEAR AT ST. JOSEPH'S** Father Cosmas will be speaking at each Mass next weekend on the plan for the Jubilee Year at St. Joseph's.



**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS:**

The General Meeting is Monday, March 10 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Our speaker for 7:45 is Corporal Nathan Murano of the Kingston RCMP Border Integrity and Central Region Anti-Human Trafficking Co-ordinator. Any Parish ladies interested in this topic are welcome to join us. • One of our CWL sisters turned 100 years of age on November 8th, 2024, but we only just found out! Congrats to Helen Dillon, a faith-filled member for many years. **ALL PARISHIONERS:** March is our collection month for St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kingston. Some of the most needed items include: Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Shampoo and conditioner, Body soap (bars or liquid), Razors, Lotion, Deodorant, Women's hygiene products – tampons are often most requested, Adult depends – large and extra-large are the most requested, and finally, Children's diapers and wipes. The full list will be on the collection boxes near each of the church entrances. Thank you for supporting this vital community resource.

**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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT BIRTHRIGHT-** Do you want to provide practical and positive assistance to women facing an unplanned or difficult pregnancy? Are you a non-judgmental and caring individual who wants to make a difference in the life of a woman and her child? Then come and see and hear what we do at Birthright Kingston. No experience is necessary, and we provide training. We are particularly in need of someone to help us with posting on our website and social media platforms. Please call us at 613-546-5433 or email [info@kingstonbirthright.ca](mailto:info@kingstonbirthright.ca). Visit our website at [www.kingstonbirthright.ca](http://www.kingstonbirthright.ca)

**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 8-9, 2025**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Music
<b>Sat. 8 Mar. 5:15pm</b>	M. MacVicar Sr.N. Hurren	D. Lomboy L.Bickerstaffe	I. Stewart P. Scott R.Lachance K. Chabot	Sarah & Theresa
<b>Sun. 9 Mar. 9:00am</b>	G.Lesperance M. Tudin	M. Marcial A.MacKinnon	I. Stewart F. Cuvelier R. Audet M.Turkington	Theresa & Annette
<b>Sun. 9 Mar. 11:00am</b>	R.McDonald C.Kavanaugh	S. Boisvert B. McIver	J. McLaren I.MacKenzie F. Levesque B. Krasna	Choir
<b>Streaming of 11:00 a.m. Mass: D. Eardley</b>				
<b>Junior Liturgy (9:00 a.m. Mass) No Junior Liturgy</b>				

**KNIGHTS CORNER:** It is that time of year when families with graduating high school students begin receiving their offers of acceptance to post secondary institutions. The Knights of Columbus in Ontario recognizes the importance of Post-Secondary School education so the Ontario State Chaplains

Bursary program was established to award to 5 successful applicants each year a Bursary of \$1,000.00 each. It provides a bursary to assist Knights and members of their families entering the first year of post-secondary education into a full-time program at a University or College in Ontario. Eligible candidates are: a member of the Knights, the wife, son or daughter of a Knight, even if that Knight has passed away, or a grandchild of a Knight. Applications must be submitted by June 1st of the current year and more details are available at <https://ontariokofc.ca/programs/faith-in-action/community/bursary/> or by speaking to your Knights Council here at St. Joseph's. There are many more scholarships and bursaries available through Supreme Knights of Columbus as well at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/programs/scholarships/index.html>.

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