

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



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MISSION STATEMENT

Grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ through liturgy, Eucharistic worship and outreach, Saint 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.

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, **Pastor** Rev. Mr. Robert Wojcik, **Deacon** Rev. Charles Ogbuagu, **In Residence**

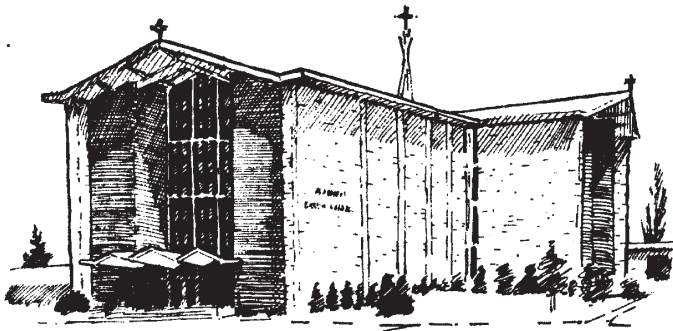
LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Weekday

Monday: 4:00-5:00 p.m. *Holy Hour for Vocations*
 5:15 p.m. Mass
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Mass
 Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. Mass
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Mass
 Friday: 3:30 p.m. *Divine Mercy Prayers*
 4:00-5:00 p.m. *Holy Hour for Life*
 5:15 p.m. Mass



SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish.

RECONCILIATION (Confession): Monday, Friday, Saturday 4:00-5:00 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 SCHOOLS:

St. Thomas More Catholic School, 234 Norman Rogers Dr., Kingston, ON K7M 2R4 613-542-1575 Ms. S. Fragoso, Principal
 St. Paul's Catholic School, 266 McMahon Ave., Kingston, ON K7M 3H2 613-542-6101 Mrs. L. Bryden, Principal

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Finance Committee	Rev. Cosmas Ajawara, Chair	613-547-5004
Parish Pastoral Council	Mary Ellen Tompkins, Chair	613-547-5004
Catholic Women's League	Colleen Krasna, President	613-544-3598
St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus, 11670	Patrick Greenwood, Grand Knight	613-547-5004
Lectors	Carol Kavanaugh	613-547-5004
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Kavanaugh	613-547-5004
Ministry to Sick and Homebound	Monna Splinter	613-547-6351
Ministry at Extencicare	Mary Clancy	613-544-4190
Ministry to Seniors	Johanna Klaassen and Judy Saunders	613-547-5004
Ushers	Ian Stewart, Head Usher	613-547-5004
Sacristans	Fran Price	613-547-5004
Culture of Life	Ben Krasna	613-544-3598
Funeral Choir	Dorathy Stanley	613-547-5004
Junior Liturgy	St. Joseph's Parish Office	613-547-5004
Sacramental Preparation/Youth Group	Alison Bogle	613-547-5004
Altar Servers	St. Joseph's Parish Office	613-547-5004
Music Ministry	Shirley Kelliher, Ashley Pixley, Theresa Whalen-Witjes	613-547-5004

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. 1:00-4:30 p.m. (Monday to Friday) Susan Lett, Secretary

Third Sunday of Advent

“Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.”

Introduction

On the third Sunday of Advent we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. On this “Gaudete” Sunday we focus on expectancy and celebration, “gaudet” being a Latin word commanding us to rejoice. We celebrate together in the hope we have because, despite the evils in the world, Christ is with us.

Today’s Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Desolate, dry places will be transformed into paradise. Creation’s praise joins human praise, recognizing God’s marvelous works. We daily need to renew our faltering faith.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

James emphasizes patience, explaining, that we must wait patiently just as a farmer waits for seeds to grow.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus wants to assure both John and his disciples that he is the Messiah. He also reminds them that his power is displayed in humble acts of service rather than spectacular displays of political power.

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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: Becky Downey; Marcus Hacault; Cathy Camp; Rita Carpenter; Hermina Wester; Michael Lovie, Robert Hurst; Patricia Doyle.

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.

OUR PARISH

WELCOME THE STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND STAFF OF ST. PAUL’S AND ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOLS THIS WEEKEND!

Thank you to the students, their families and staff for participating in our Advent celebrations this weekend.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY Don’t forget to join us in our Parish Hall after the 9:00 a.m. Mass this weekend for the return of Hospitality Sunday. We thank St. Thomas More School for hosting!

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 12 December

5:15 p.m. Victoria Rodriguez – Victoria Zegarra

Tuesday, 13 December

9:00 a.m. Rita O’Hagan – Marie Therese O’Hagan

Wednesday, 14 December

9:00 a.m. Kevin Mulrooney – Angus & Marguerite Grant

10:30 a.m. Mass at Extencicare

Thursday, 15 December

9:00 a.m. Mary Kurman – Dwight & Grace Neddow

Friday, 16 December

5:15 p.m. Les Deszpoth – Roger & Susan Audet

Saturday, 17 December

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

Sunday, 18 December

9:00 a.m. Joachim McNichols – Mary Mallen

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

To join our online Mass each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. visit www.stjosephskingston.ca.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME! On behalf of St. Joseph’s Parish, we extend congratulations to David and Gena Orser who received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on December 4th, 2022 at St. Joseph’s.

PENANCE CELEBRATION The Advent Penance Celebration at St. Joseph’s Church will be held this Sunday, December 11, 2022 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. All are welcome!

BIRDS & FLOWERS COLLECTION Each year, St. Joseph’s attempts to provide for those who are in need during the Christmas season. If you are in a position to assist those who require extra help, you are encouraged to place your contribution in an envelope, and to write your name and envelope number on it. This will enable the parish to continue to help others in the spirit of this season. Thank you for your assistance.

FOOD BAGS will be distributed this weekend 10-11 December 2022, for drop-off next weekend, 17-18 December. Food from this collection will go towards the Christmas food hampers that volunteers from St. Joseph’s put together for the needy in our community.

ST. JOSEPH’S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE (in support of St. Mary’s Drop-In Centre) the Knights continue to collect winter coats, pants, shirts, shoes, boots, gloves etc. for all ages, men, women and children. Contact Dwight @ 613-544-6738 if you would like to help. Knights In Action!

Father Cosmas' Reflection

Rejoice in the Lord always

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near. We are also reminded that Jesus comes to us at Christmas, he will bring us the good news of salvation which causes us to be joyful.

Joy, the second fruit of the Holy Spirit is one of the most visible signs of the presence of God in our lives. As His children, God desires us to manifest that joy in our lives. Christians have every reason to be joyful. We have been cleansed from our sins, we have received the good news, heaven awaits us, and we go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit. This privilege has not been granted to everyone. As Scripture states: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him" – [1 Corinthians 2:9](#). As the coming of the Saviour draws near, let us continue to wait in joyful hope for his arrival.

SPECIAL DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS please have all donations submitted by 11 December 2022. This includes the Priests' Retirement Fund, World Mission Sunday, any collection that needs to be forwarded to the different organizations.

BUILDING FUND – The monthly collection of the Building Fund will take place this weekend, 10-11 December 2022. Thank you for your support.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE PACKAGES are available for pick up at the back of the church.

NEXT WEEK – 17-18 December

	Saturday, Dec 17 5:15 p.m.	Sunday, Dec 18 9:00 a.m.	Sunday, Dec 18 11:00 a.m.
Lector	Sr.L.Kearney H. Couto	M. McLaughlin J. Watts	J-A. Koster K. Burbank
Eucharistic Minister	M.-A. Wojcik	M. Marcial	F. Levesque
Ushers	A. Kelly I. Stewart R. Lachance D. Mazzolin	R. Audet F. Cuvelier M.Stevenson W. McLaren	B. Krasna J. McLaren I. McKenzie L. Garrett
Altar Servers	Reese and Quinn		Ann, Nathaniel
Counter: R. Couto			

CHRISTMAS CONCERT You are invited to an afternoon of



Christmas music, featuring the local talent of Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg and Noah St. Amand, (of the band, Turpin's Trail) in the church on **Thursday, 15 December 2022**, (note change in date) from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Join us, bring a friend, or two, and enjoy two hours of music and fellowship. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall; a free-will offering would be gratefully appreciated. A great way to get in the Christmas spirit!

YOUTH MINISTRY is seeking leaders to help organize and run monthly get togethers for the young people of St. Joseph's Parish. Our Youth Group was once a vibrant and active programme, offered for young people grade 3 and up, before COVID restrictions became a reality. We would like to bring this important ministry back to St. Joseph's Parish. Our group would meet once per month at the parish hall to share "faith, fellowship and fun". One of the highlights of our time together was our annual presentation the Way of the Cross, during Holy Week. We cannot offer this programme without a renewal of volunteer power. Do you have what it takes? If you are an adult 18+ and have about 3 hours a month to help mentor our youth, please contact Alison Bogle at bogle@alcdsb.on.ca or call 613-331-5867.

OUR COMMUNITY

REGIOPOLIS-NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL PRODUCTION: THE ADDAMS FAMILY

December 15th-17th, 2022; 7:00pm; Matinee December 17th 1:00 pm Regiopolis-Notre Dame is proud to present this year's musical production of The Addams Family. Boasting a cast of 35 students, 14 band members, and 9 crew members, staff and community members have been working very hard with them since September to bring you another fun-filled performance. Tickets can be bought online by visiting www.reginotredame.ca. Hope to see you there!

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTRE

With the need to help the homeless in our community especially during the colder months, Father Shawn and the parishioners are opening their doors at that Parish Centre to provide warm bed and a safe place for men in our community. The overnight warming centre will be open 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. during the winter months. They are in need of volunteers to make this happen. Pick up a copy of Father Shawn's letter at the entrances for more information and contact information.

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