St. Joseph's Catholic Church



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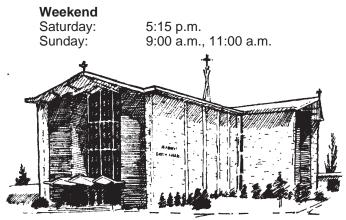


MISSION STATEMENT

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



Weekday

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

Second Sunday of Advent

"If you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit."

Introduction

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas, we prepare also to receive him when he comes again to welcome us into his kingdom.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

The descendant of Jesse will usher in an age of peace such as the world has never known.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Inspired by the scriptures, Christ's followers are called to be examples of tolerance for the world to follow.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist calls for repentance because the judge is coming.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Audrey Lacey; Preston O'Grady.

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.

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

OUR PARISH SCHOOL'S JOIN US IN CELBRATING

<u>ADVENT</u> on the weekend of 10-11 December we are delighted to welcome the students and their families, the teachers and staff of St. Paul's and St. Thomas More School's to help us celebrate Advent. The students of St. Paul's School will be attending and participating at the 5:15 p.m. Mass on 10 December and St. Thomas More School will be attending and participating at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on 11 December. We also welcome the return of **<u>Hospitality Sunday</u>** following the 9:00 a.m. Mass with our gracious hosts from St. Thomas More.

<u>THANK YOU</u> to the Parish Engagement Group for hosted our Ministry Fair last weekend. What a wonderful opportunity to gather, to meet other parishioners and sign up new volunteers!

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 5 December

Aileen Kingsley - Tom Doyle 5:15 p.m. **Tuesday**, 6 December 9:00 a.m. Walter Grenier - Nicole & Léandre Grenier Wednesday, 7 December 9:00 a.m. Kevin Mulrooney - Leon Garrett Thursday, 8 December 9:00 a.m. Genevieve Vidal - Rose Griffin Friday, 9 December 10:30 a.m. School Mass Rudi deHaan – Dwight & Grace Neddow 5:15 p.m. Saturday, 10 December 5:15 p.m. Bill Little – Terry Murphy Sunday, 11 December 9:00 a.m. Anne Garrett – Maureen Little 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEGUE CHRISTMAS BAKE <u>SALE</u> join us this weekend after Masses in the Parish Hall for the CWL Christmas Bake Sale. There will be a White Elephant Table, Basket Raffle, pies, bread, cookies and more! Please stop by and check out the goodies.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE POTLUCK & <u>APPRECITATION DINNER</u> will be held on Monday, December 5, 2022 in the Parish Hall. We will be attending Mass at 5:15 p.m. followed by dinner in the Parish Hall. Please bring your favourite dish and join the fun!

PENANCE CELEBRATION The Advent Penance Celebration at St. Joseph's Church will be held on 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 provides 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – WINTER <u>**CLOTHING DRIVE**</u> (in support of St. Mary's Drop-In Centre) Commencing on the 5th of November until 31st of December, the Knights will be collecting winter coats, pants, shirts, shoes, boots, gloves etc. for all ages, men, women and children. For information as to how to donate call: Dwight @ 613-544-6738. Knights In Action!

Father Cosmas' Reflection

Come Back to the Lord

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear loudly the message of repentance. The lonely voice of John the Baptist exhorting us to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. One way we easily think about repentance is falling on our knees, beating our chaste and saying 'Mea culpa.' The message of repentance for John the Baptist is more than that. Repentance here means metanoia. Metanoia is the word that is used when we express our desire to return to the Lord. It means turn your life around and "Come back to the Lord." When we return ourselves around and leave behind our old ways of life that are spiritually harmful, then the Lord will lead us into a life that is full of deeper meaning.

The coming of the Messiah at Christmas reminds us that God has come to occupy the center of our lives. Only those who are prepared will receive the grace of 'metanoia' when he arrives.

John the Baptist is asking us to prepare our hearts for his coming. Let us therefore get rid of the things that stand in his way as he comes to us.



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. **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 various organizations.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING The next Executive meeting will be held at the Parish Hall on December 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. followed by the General Meeting.

<u>CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE PACKAGES</u> are available for pick up at the back of the church.

<u>NEXT WEEK – 10-11 December</u>

	Saturday,	Sunday,	Sunday,
	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 4
	5:15 p.m .	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lector	Students of	Students of	S. Krasna
	St. Paul's	St. Thomas	B. McIver
	School	More School	
Eucharistic	Sr.L. Kearney	P. Croxford	K. Colwell
Minister			
Ushers	P. Scott	R. Audet	B. Krasna
	D. Mazzolin	F. Cuvelier	I. McKenzie
	S. Harrigan	I. Stewart	I. Stewart
	I. Stewart	W. McLaren	L. Garrett
			J. McLaren
Altar		Morrie	Tino, Vera,
Servers			Nadia
Servers			Inadia

OUR COMMUNITY

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will take place on Thursday, 8 December 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. A collection will be accepted at the entrance of the Cathedral where a monetary gift, food or toiletry item maybe donated to St. Mary's Drop-In Centre. All are welcome!

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!

