

# 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**

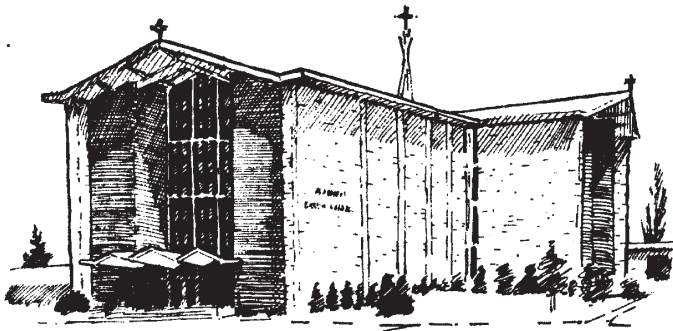
## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### 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	Dorothy 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

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”*

### Introduction

Today’s readings set out the standards of holiness that are set before the people of God. There is nothing trivial about them. It seems a tall order to try to be as perfect as God. Of course we can’t manage this on our own, but Jesus himself is our perfection and our holiness.

### Today’s Readings

#### First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Goodness is possible for everyone. No one has permission to sin.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul writes to the Corinthians, a community made up of common people with no pretension of greatness. He reminds them that their dignity comes from being temples of God.

#### Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus sets out the implications of living as his disciples. He reminds us that God gives the same grace to good and bad people alike. The choice is ours, on a daily basis, whether to respond to it or not.

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### OUR PARISH

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY COLLECTION

**(ASH WEDNESDAY)** As St. Vincent de Paul moves closer to the shovels in the ground for their new facility, we continue to raise money for their campaign project. In 2021 35,338 meals were served, averaging 206 meals each day. This has doubled since 2019. Help support the St. Vincent de Paul Society with building their new facility. Envelopes will be available in the pews this weekend. Cheques are to be made payable to ‘St. Joseph’s Parish’, indicate in the memo, ‘St. Vincent de Paul’. Please be generous in your support of this important collection.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES** Ashes will be distributed at the 9:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday, 20 February

5:15 p.m. Eileen Garrah – Adel & Gerard McLaine

#### Tuesday, 21 February

9:00 a.m. Santo Carfa (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) – Luciana & Family

#### Wednesday, 22 February

9:00 a.m. Chris Jones – Tom & Cathy Murphy

10:30 a.m. School Mass

5:15 p.m. Garofalo Family – Josephine Saccon

#### Thursday, 23 February

9:00 a.m. Shirley Ann Kearns – The Whalen Family

#### Friday, 24 February

5:15 p.m. Teresa Boffa – Josephine Saccon

#### Saturday, 25 February

5:15 p.m. Celina Couto – Hermano & Rosemary Couto

#### Sunday, 26 February

9:00 a.m. Carmelita Mufano – Rowena & Michael Strong

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*To join our online Mass each Sunday 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.

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Marcus Hacault; Cathy Camp; Rita Carpenter; Brenda Camp; Helen Teefy.

*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.*

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Our apologize for the Food Bags not being available last weekend, bags will be distributed this weekend, February 18-19, 2023, for return on the weekend of February 25-26, 2023. Thank you for your continued support.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY** There will be Hospitality Sunday this Sunday, 19 February 2023, after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Join us for refreshments and fellowship. If you are interested in volunteering in our Hospitality Ministry, please speak with Father Cosmas.

**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. All are welcome to this beautiful prayer of the Church.

**Father Cosmas' Reflection**

**Love your Enemies**

This is perhaps one of the most difficult injunctions that we can find in the scriptures. Returning love for hate is one of the most challenging things to do. It is a very high ideal. However, as Christians we are called to imitate the generosity of God in our willingness and readiness to forgive and to embrace non-violence. Opting for non-violence is believing more strongly in the power of love over hate.

When Jesus talks about 'the enemy' he is not necessarily referring to those who take up arms against us in war. This 'enemy' might be someone very close to us. Ironically, while on vacation in my home country Nigeria this past January, I heard a new word or slang that has become a common parlance. The word is 'frenemy.' It refers to someone who is supposedly a friend but he or she is indeed an enemy within. In the same way Jesus' reference to 'enemy' may include someone in my family, my parish, my community, my work-place or my neighbourhood. People who make life difficult for us and people we find it hard to forgive, they all make the list of 'enemies.' These are the people Jesus asks us to love.

In asking us to love them, Jesus is indeed reminding us that the greatest gift we possess is the gift of love. The only thing that can destroy this beautiful gift is hatred. Hate poisons the heart; love purifies it.



**MUSICAL AFTERNOON** On Thursday, March 16, 2023, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., the Social Committee of St. Joseph's Pastoral Council will provide an afternoon of musical entertainment, featuring Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg and Noah St. Amand (of Turpin's

Trail), for those who are Irish and for those who "wish they were." Please join us in the church for an opportunity to enjoy local musicians. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall. Come and bring a friend or two! A free-will monetary offering would be appreciated, proceeds for Veronica's Veil Overnight Warming Center.

**SOCKS IT TO THEM** In the month of February, the St. Joseph's Council of the Knights of Columbus will be collecting socks – winter/work/leisure for women, men and children as part of the SOCKS KINGSTON campaign. Donations of new socks can be placed in designated collection boxes at our entrance doors. If you need a pickup of your donation or wish to donate funds to purchase socks – call Bro. Dwight @ 613-544-6738. The socks will be

distributed to those most in need in the GKA. For more information go to [www.sockswarminghearts.com](http://www.sockswarminghearts.com). Knights in Action.

**OUR COMMUNITY**

**TRANSFORMATION NIGHT** (*Hosted by Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission*) on Friday, February 24, 2023 6:00 - 9:00 pm at St. Joseph Parish. Fr. Cosmas Ajawara will speak about Jesus' desire to "Bring fire to the earth" (Lk 12:49). NO CHARGE. Registration required: <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/transformation-night-feb-2023>. A period of silent Adoration will be followed by continued worship with song. Following the talk, there will be an opportunity for personal prayer ministry and fellowship. For more information contact Miriam at [kingston@encounterschool.org](mailto:kingston@encounterschool.org).

**LENTEN RETREAT - RENEWING MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS** Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023; 9:30 am - 3:00 pm at the Francis J. Spence Pastoral Centre, Presenter: Deacon Bill Gervais D Min. In our sessions together, we will be guided by the gospels, church traditions, aspects of Ignatian spirituality, and especially the wisdom of Pope Benedict who claimed being a Christian requires an intimate relationship with Jesus. *"If my desire is solely to be devout, and to perform my religious duties, then my friendship with God will grow arid It will become loveless."* (Deus Caritas Est, 18). This is a free event but registration is required (light lunch and beverages are provided). Please register by Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. To register, contact Gorett at [ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](mailto:ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca) or call 613-548-4461 ext. 112. When registering please indicate any food allergies.

**NEXT WEEK – 25-26 February, 2023**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Sat., 25 Feb. 5:15 p.m.</b>	M-A. Wojcik H. Couto	M. Thomas	I. Stewart D. Mazzolin P. Scott S. Harrigan
<b>Sun., 26 Feb. 9:00 a.m.</b>	M. Marcial J. Watts	S. Balemba	R. Audet F. Cuvelier M. Stevenson P. Scott
<b>Sun., 26 Feb. 11:00 a.m.</b>	C. Kavanaugh S. Broekhoven	F. Levesque	B. Krasna I. McKenzie F. Asuncion L. Garrett J. McLaren
Counter: Larry Rochefort			
Junior Liturgy: Heather Gencarelli			

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