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### Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*“As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.”*

#### **Introduction**

We are called to be like Mary and to ponder on the wonders God does for us. We can do this like the shepherds, in simplicity and joy, for Christ our Saviour has come.

#### **Today’s Readings**

##### **First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27**

We are beloved and blessed by God our Father.

##### **Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7**

As adopted children of God our Father, we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

##### **Gospel: Luke 2:16-21**

Following the angelic announcement of his birth, the shepherds come to visit the infant Jesus. Mary treasures all these events in her heart.

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#### **FATHER COSMAS AJAWARA’S VACATION**

Father Cosmas will be away from January 6, 2023 to February 6, 2023. Father Charles Ogbuagu will be covering all daily Masses and Saturday evening Mass and Monsignor Lynch will be presiding on Sunday’s at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

#### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

##### **Monday, 2 January**

5:15 p.m. Sharon Cuvelier – Frank Cuvelier

##### **Tuesday, 3 January**

9:00 a.m. Anne Garrett – Ian Stewart

##### **Wednesday, 4 January**

9:00 a.m. Jeanette Viau – Aline Viau

##### **Thursday, 5 January**

9:00 a.m. Kevin Mulrooney – Kay Stewart

##### **Friday, 6 January**

5:15 p.m. Richard Mallen – Mary Mallen

##### **Saturday, 7 January**

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

##### **Sunday, 8 January**

9:00 a.m. Ken Lillis (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Sharon, Scott and Andrea

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 Charles Kelliher; Patrick Nunan; Ken Linesman; Elisa Giacomello.

#### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Please remember in your prayers the following: Marcus Hacault; Cathy Camp; Rita Carpenter; Hermina Wester; Robert Hurst; Patricia Doyle; Christina & Tim Sugrue; Patty McHenry.

*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**

**JUNIOR LITURGY** will be offered during the 9:00 a.m Mass on Sunday’s. There will be no Junior Liturgy on January 1.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE PACKAGES** are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you would like to receive envelopes, please add your name to the list at the back table. Please do not use the previous year’s envelopes, as the number may be different. Thank you.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CARD PLAYING** will resume on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.



**THE ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** would like to wish all members and their families a very happy, safe and blessed 2023.

**CWL EXECUTIVE MEETING** The next CWL Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** The next Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the General Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



**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](mailto:bogle@alcdsb.on.ca) or call 613-331-5867.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION** All parents of grade two students who wish that their children celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion here at St. Joseph's Church are asked to contact the parish office to register their children. Deadline for registration is January 15, 2023.



**2022 DONATIONS** St. Joseph's Parish Year-End occurred on 31 December; therefore, donations received after this date will need to be recorded in 2023.

**AUTOMATIC DEBIT** is available for those St. Joseph's parishioners wishing to have their Sunday Offering and/or Building Fund Collection debited directly from their bank accounts on a monthly basis. If you are interested and would like to begin Automatic Debit, visit the parish office to complete the necessary paperwork.

### **OUR COMMUNITY**

**DIOCESAN JOURNEY** The December edition of Archdiocesan newsletter, the Journey is available online.

Visit <https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/journey>

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH** After the resounding success of his Bible in a Year podcast, Father Mike Schmitz will guide his listeners through Catechism in a Year, starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. This is intended to help listeners, especially Catholics, to understand the essentials of the Catholic faith and why they matter. For more information, please contact Patricia at [mpm.croxford@gmail.com](mailto:mpm.croxford@gmail.com).

**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.

**FAITH ON FIRE PRAYER WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS** The "Faith on Fire" Prayer meetings have resumed on Tuesday evenings and continue weekly from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on Zoom. All are welcome to join us for prayer and teachings as we seek to grow in the Lord. Please email Maame Addai at [faithonfirekingston@gmail.com](mailto:faithonfirekingston@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

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