

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**

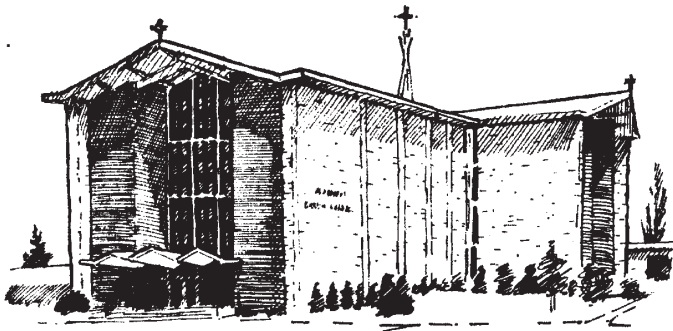
LITURGY SCHEDULE

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 Ms. L. Trudeau, 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	Kathi Colwell, Susan Conway Williamson, Co-Presidents	613-547-5004
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
Pastoral Care Ministry	Monna Splinter, Mary Clancy	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
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Funeral Choir	Dorathy Stanley	613-547-5004
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Sacramental Preparation/Youth Group	Alison Bogle	613-547-5004
Altar Servers	Deacon Robert Wojcik	613-547-5004
Music Ministry	Shirley Kelliher, 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 Lent

“Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again.”

Introduction

Today’s readings focus on living water as a symbol of God’s healing love and desire to save. They also remind us of the deep thirst within every human soul that can lead to deep relationship with Good or to desert dryness and emptiness. The choice is ours.

Today’s Readings

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

The book of Exodus tells the story of God’s unfailing desire to be in relationship with us. However unfaithful we may be, however many false idols we may turn to in our search for security, God will never fail us and always holds to the covenant promises.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul writes to the Romans, reminding them that through God’s grace they have a reliable hope that cannot be disappointed. This is not cheap and easy grace, but the power, through Christ, to live differently and to trust in his promises.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

The story of the woman of Samaria is rich with resonance. Jesus comes to meet this woman where she is. He listens to her questions and her struggles with faith, trust and hope. He invites her to change her perception of God and by doing so changes her experience of herself.

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OUR PARISH

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.

722 – That is the number of new pairs of socks donated by the parishioners of St. Joseph’s for the “Socks it to them”, February campaign of the Knights of Columbus Council 11670. The socks have been sorted and delivered to Socks Kingston and will be distributed to agencies in the next two weeks who will give them out to persons of all ages who have a need for them. Thanks to all who participated in this ministry. God Bless you. Knights in Action.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 13 March

5:15 p.m. Genevieve Vidal – Rose Griffin

Tuesday, 14 March

9:00 a.m. Gary Lavalee – Audrey McCue

Wednesday, 15 March

9:00 a.m. Patrick McKeown – The Grandchildren

Thursday, 16 March

9:00 a.m. Mary Carlson – Susan & Roger Audet

Friday, 17 March

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the McConville & Jordan Families – The Family

Saturday, 18 March

5:15 p.m. Catherine Joyce (30th Anniversary) – Carol Kavanaugh

Sunday, 19 March

9:00 a.m. Giovanni & Carmela Circelli – The Family

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Sr. Elaine O’Grady, CND; Ron Douglas.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Marcus Hacault; 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.

JOIN US FOR A MIKE MUNDELL FISH FRY

FUNDRAISER to help support the Grade 7 & 8 Exchange Trip. On Friday, April 14, 2023, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More School Gym, 234 Norman Rogers Dr. Tickets include 2 pieces of fish, a choice of side, and a drink for \$15.00. On the weekend of March 25-26, 2023 Fish Fry tickets can be purchased before or after Mass at our entrances (cash/cheque payable to St. Thomas More CS). Take out or eat in! There will also be a silent auction and cotton candy (cash only). Thank you for your support!

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION

“The Sacrament of Penance is an experience of the gift of God’s boundless mercy. Not only does it free us from our sins, but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. Take time to join the parish in the Celebration on Sunday, 26 March at 2:00 p.m.

Father Cosmas' Reflection

We are loved in our sins

It is very comforting to know that we are loved in our sins. In today's Gospel we read about the moving encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Jesus approach to this outcast woman was ever so gentle. He treated her with great respect. Not a hint of judgement or condemnation. At the end she felt accepted and understood. In the same way Christ meets us where we are without judging or condemning us. Jesus is not fazed by our sins. The woman perceived Jesus as a prophet because He gently called out her sin and "told me everything I ever did" (John 4:29). Jesus is sovereign and sees the sin within our hearts (1Timothy 5:15). He knows our desires, and yet He still pursues us and loves us (Romans 3:23) He is not surprised by our evil desires, but rather He seeks to reconcile us to the Father in spite of them. Christ knows our deeper thirst- the thirst of the heart, which ultimately only God can quench. The water that Jesus gives to quench this thirst is the life of God bubbling up inside us.

PARTNERS IN MISSION FOOD BANK Food Bags will be distributed this weekend, March 11-12, 2023, for return on the weekend of March 18-19. Thank you for your continued support.



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.

HOLY LAND WOOD ART The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem-The Birth Place of Jesus-is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of The Nativity. This weekend, March, 11th & 12th we will be having some of their beautiful art held for sale to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

OUR COMMUNITY

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF The humanitarian crisis resulting from earthquakes continues to require a compassionate and generous response to support

the suffering from these disasters. Visit <http://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/earthquake-relief> to find out how you can help.

PRISON MINISTRY INFORMATION Tuesday evenings (April 11th - May 9th, 2023); 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Francis J. Spence Pastoral Centre. Have you ever wanted to do some type of Prison Ministry but weren't sure what's involved or how to go about it? This workshop series is designed for you. Over the course of five weekly, 2-hour sessions, participants will be introduced to key aspects, skills, and themes surrounding this ministry. For more information contact Mary-Jo Mackinnon Simms at religioused@archkingston.ca. To sign up contact Gorett DaSilva by phone 613-548-4461 ext. 112, or e-mail: pastoralservices@archkingston.ca. **The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 5th, 2023.**

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES Saturday mornings March 11th -March 25th at St Paul the Apostle Parish will be hosting a Lenten Lecture Series on the Liturgy on Saturday mornings 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. Speaker is Father John Hibbard. TOPICS: **March 4** - Spirituality of the Liturgy; **March 11** - Elements and Tools of Liturgical Spirituality; March 18 - Spirituality of the Eucharistic Prayer; **March 25** - Eucharist: Paschal Meal, Sacrifice and Covenant.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH IS HIRING: PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Do you have office administration skills? Do you want to join a dynamic mission-driven team? Please contact **Karen Keough at holyfamilychurch@cogeco.ca** to receive an information package. Letter of Interest and Resume due by 4:00 pm Monday, March 20th, 2023.

NEXT WEEK – 18-19 March, 2023

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Sat., 18 Mar. 5:15 p.m.	H. Couto S. Eves	D. Lomboy	I. Stewart A. Kelly S. Harrigan D. Mazzolin
Sun., 19 Mar. 9:00 a.m.	M. McLaughlin P. Croxford	M. Tudin	R. Audet F. Cuvelier M. Stephenson I. Stewart
Sun., 19 Mar. 11:00a.m	J-A. Koster B. McIver	T. Donoghue	B. Krasna P. Greenwood L. Garrett I. McKenzie F. Levesque
Counter: K. Turkington			
Junior Liturgy: J. Goudreau			

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