

# 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**

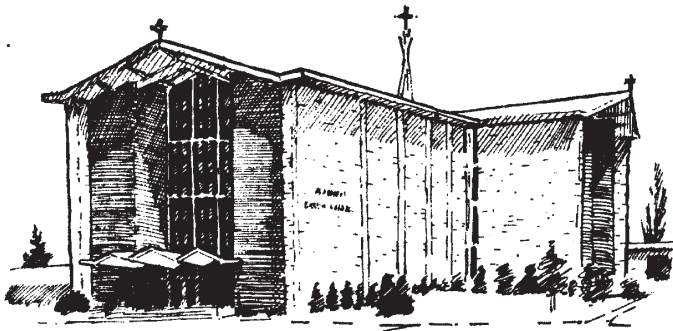
## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### 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
Sacristans	Fran Price	613-547-5004
Culture of Life	Ben Krasna	613-544-3598
Funeral Choir	Dorothy Stanley	613-547-5004
Junior Liturgy	Sandra Fragoso	613-547-5004
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

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

*“He cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’”*

### Introduction

Lazarus, the friend of Jesus and the brother of Martha and Mary, is at the center of today’s Gospel. Lazarus is brought back to life in Jesus’ spectacular and final “sign”, as miracles are termed in John’s Gospel.

### Today’s Readings

#### First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Through the prophet, the Lord speaks to the community in exile: “I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.”

#### Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Walk in the light of the Lord and turn away from the darkness of sin.

#### Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus gives the blind man new sight and the gift of faith.

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### OUR PARISH

**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 this Sunday, 26 March at 2:00 p.m.

**ATTENTION ALL YOUTH GRADES 2-8!** The Youth Ministry Team is pleased to invite all interested young people to participate in a Youth Mass, on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Students in Grades 2 and up are welcome to join the St. Joseph Parish Youth Group on Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall for an evening of “Faith, Fellowship and Fun”. There will be team building games and music with a focus on practicing for the Mass. If you are interested in getting together for this Youth Group social night, and to prepare for the Youth Mass, you must register by April 21, 2023. Please contact Olisha at: olishamendonca97@gmail.com or Angela at: angelalorbetskie@gmail.com We look forward to welcoming you back to Youth Group!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Executive Meeting will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. followed by the General Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday, 27 March

5:15 p.m. Mamerto & Felicidad Asuncion – Fernando & Lorna Asuncion

#### Tuesday, 28 March

9:00 a.m. Audrey Lacey – Dwight & Grace Neddow

#### Wednesday, 29 March

9:00 a.m. Ron Douglas – Rose O’Brien

#### Thursday, 30 March

9:00 a.m. Eduardo Maglunob – Amado & Marietta Marcial

#### Friday, 31 March

5:15 p.m. Elisa Giacomello – Domenica Bracciodieta

#### Saturday, 1 April

5:15 p.m. Fern Hallé – Sheila & Bernard Allard

#### Sunday, 2 April

9:00 a.m. Audrey Lacey – Sheila Alarie

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; 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. We welcome the Grade 7 and 8 students from St. Thomas More this weekend, March 25-26, 2023, selling tickets at each of our entrances for their Fish Fry fundraiser. Cheques are 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!

**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**

**What a Friend we have in Jesus**

In 1855, Joseph M. Scriven wrote a poem entitled- *What a friend we have in Jesus*. He wrote this poem to comfort his mother who was living in Ireland while he was in Canada. This poem was later composed into a Christian hymn by Charles Crozat Converse in 1868. The second verse of that hymn turns out to be my favorite and it reads:

“Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Everybody needs a friend and when Jesus is that friend. We have made the best choice in choosing a friend so faithful. In the village of Bethany Jesus had three very special friends – the sisters, Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus. They opened their home to Jesus so that he could come in to refresh after the days work. When they became troubled because of the sickness and death of their brother Lazarus, their friend Jesus was readily available to weep, console and comfort them. Beyond that, he raised Lazarus from the dead. What a friend they had in Jesus. The desolation experienced by Mary and Martha is one many of us have experienced. In our times of trouble and desolation, we must therefore remember that our trust-worthy friend Jesus does not leave us alone. He surrounds us with his love and care just as he did for Mary and Martha.

**THE CHRISM MASS** will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m., at St. Mary’s Cathedral. All are invited as Archbishop Mulhall presides and blesses the Oils for the sacramental life of the Church. The 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph’s on April 4<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Ticket stubs sold for the Diocesan Convention are due April 1st: Signed Attendance packages are due ASAP. •Items and monetary donations for BIRTHRIGHT start now and are due April 10<sup>th</sup>. We'd like to invite the ENTIRE PARISH to join us helping this worthy cause. •Mark your calendars for our Annual Fancy Hat Tea Party happening on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm. There will be a Silent Auction, Door prizes and monetary prizes for 5 exceptional hats! Tickets available in May.  
•Executive Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the parish hall.  
•General Meeting will be on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL** Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Cosmas Ajawara. Pilgrimage from September 18 – October 2, 2023 – 15 days - \$4,990.00 (Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal departure, incl. taxes & tips). For further information contact International Heritage Tours – 1-877-999-8868 or email Stan – [stan@ihtours.com](mailto:stan@ihtours.com) or Liliana – [liliana@ihtours.com](mailto:liliana@ihtours.com)

**OUR COMMUNITY**

**PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL HEALING (OUR LADY OF DIVINE FIRE MISSION)** Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The students of the Encounter School of Ministry - Kingston campus will be ministering in teams to those seeking the healing love of Jesus. Anyone in need of PHYSICAL healing is invited to come and receive prayer. No charge. Registration and details at: <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/esm-class-of-2024-healing-practicum> For more information, email: [kingston@encounterschool.org](mailto:kingston@encounterschool.org).

**PRISON MINISTRY INFORMATION** Tuesday evenings (April 11<sup>th</sup> - May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:religioused@archkingston.ca). To sign up contact Gorett DaSilva by phone 613-548-4461 ext. 112, or e-mail: [pastoralservices@archkingston.ca](mailto:pastoralservices@archkingston.ca). **The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 5th, 2023.**

**NEXT WEEK – 1-2 April, 2023**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Usher</b>
<b>Sat., 1 Apr 5:15 p.m.</b>	S. Ottenhof J. Saunders	S. Eves	I. Stewart S. Harrigan R. Lachance D. Mazzolin
<b>Sun., 2 Apr 9:00 a.m.</b>	C. Purcell M. McLaughlin	M. Marcial	F. Cuvelier R. Audet I. Stewart M. Stevenson
<b>Sun., 2 Apr 11:00 a.m.</b>	S. Broekhoven S. Krasna	B. McIver	J. McLaren F. Asuncion L. Garrett I. McKenzie
<b>Counter: J. Morgenstern</b>			
<b>Junior Liturgy: R. McRorie</b>			



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