Lectors - 20215pm9am10:30am12 noonDec 18/19Catherine YanthaDoug BellwoodCarol CaseyErnie Payette

Christmas Lectors - 4pm Tom Shannon; 6pm Volunteer; 8pm Joan Andrews; 10:30am Carol Casey;

Dec 26 No 5pm Mass Anita Garland Lynn Hipwell Anne Marie Georgecutty

NYE Lector - Bob Prystai; NYD

Jan 2 **No 5pm Mass** Teighlor Barrett Jane Langabeer Brett Miller Jan 8/9 Mary Teresa Truaisch Vickie Williams Hilda Dean D Forestell

If you would like to add your name to our weekend lector schedule there is a sign-up sheet on the table at the main church doors or you can call the office, (613)968-9950, and leave your name & number and please indicate which Mass time you would prefer to read.

Until further notice, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, such as Christmas and Easter, continues to be suspended. Anyone who is not well or uncomfortable attending a public Mass should stay at home and view live-streamed Mass. You can find links to online Masses in our Diocese and many other prayer resources at the Archdiocese of Kingston website at this link: https://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/prayer-corner

Our <u>Prayer Network</u> has more than 100 people praying every day for our parish, for those who are sick and for special intentions. If you would like to have the Prayer Network to pray for you or your loved one, call or e-mail the parish office to get the prayers started.

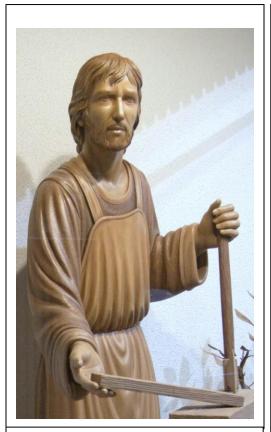
Remember in Prayer: All who are ill, including Maria Andolsek, Joan Andrews, Robert Bancroft, Nora Barber, David Bartok, Lynn Barton, Michael Black, Jordan Bowman, Barbara Brennan, Joan Chesser, Onie Cleary, Jeff Clements, Janet Collins, Gary Cook, Glen Cooper, Cathy Cournier, Irene Craig, Gord Davis, Kelly Drake, Bill Drenth, Denis Dubreuil, Adri Fair, Betty Lou Fawcett, Holly Finkle, Regan Fleming, Lyanna Flucas, Yolande Gallant, Theresa Ervine Gebicki, Lily Hamm, Heather Harvey, Martha Hawkins, Harold Head, Margo Holoway, Hanny Jansen, Patricia Williams Kavanagh, Susan Knapp, Orl Kruger, Mike Legere, Anne Marr, Billie Mavety, Alec MacAlister, Colleen McAlister, Bill McAuliffe, Steven Menna, Carol Miron, Kathy Mulder, Brenda Nishimura, Bill Oliver, Ray O'Neill, Jeffrey Parsons, Ninette Peres, Tanya Pierce, Nicholas Pineau, Jack Pitt, Doug Reed, Declan Reed-Breney, Jim Reker, Tara Ritcey, Genevieve Rumsey, Lori Rushlow, Mrs. Rutherford, Martin Saliba, Marie Sauve, Audrey Taylor, Michael Taylor, Rosemary Thomas, Keith Thompson, Keith Thomson, Richard Tye, David VanEssen, Michael Walsh, Anthony Wood, Lily Young, Audrey and Jim.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Masterson, Irene Kraick, Mary Hanley, Ann Hawes, Lucille Pelow, Brian Langabeer, Eve Colasante, Dan Lietaer, Carl Gervais, Paul Gervais, Martin Clancy, Anna Moloney, Abigail Smith, Michael Strauss, Catherine Bradford, Loretta Fleming, Lucille Sheridan, Clifford Rivers, Joan Wringe, Emma Healey, Jim Jordan, Jim Belanger, Joan Guthrie, Stan Klemencic, Jimmy Koughan, Karla Nichols and Joanne Rawson.

St. Joseph Church

† Rev. Charles McDermott - Pastor † Rev. Mr. Bill Garland - Deacon †

Rev. Pat Kelly - Weekend Assistant



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INTENTIONS: for Week of December 19, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	5:00 PM	John Watts		
Sunday	9:00 AM	The People of The Parish		
	10:30 AM	Ted and Rosalyn McGuinness		
	12:00 PM	Ann Hawes		
Monday	9:00 AM	Justin Bourassa		
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Lorry Cunningham		
- No Mass Wednesday and Thursday -				
Christmas Eve	4:00 PM	Fredrick Lee Keep Christ In Christmas		
	6:00 PM	Mary Hanley		
	8:00 PM	Brenda Beal		
Christmas Day	10:30 AM	Christmas Mass for the People of the Parish		

INTENTIONS: for Week of December 26, 2021 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday	9:00 AM	The People of The Parish		
	10:30 AM	John Doran		
	12:00 PM	Maria Goncalves		
- No Mass Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday -				
Thursday	9:00 AM	Nelson Murphy		
Friday NYE	5:00 PM	Paul Temple and Fred Temple		
Saturday NYD	10:30 AM	The People of the Parish		

INTENTIONS: for Week of January 2, 2022 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday	9:00 AM	The People of the Parish
-	10:30 AM	Joan Finkle
	12:00 PM	David Downey

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 19, 2021



CHRISTMAS MASSES: We will be taking reservations for our Christmas and New Year's Masses again this year. If you plan to attend any of the Christmas or New Year's Masses here at St. Joseph Church, you will need a reservation for yourself and your family. To reserve your spot, please call or e-mail the parish office and leave your name and the number of people in your group as well as your contact information so we can confirm your reservation. Christmas Masses are December 24th at 4pm 6pm (4pm and 6pm Masses are now full), and 8pm. Christmas Day Mass is 10:30am. New Year's Eve Mass, December 31st is at 5pm, and New Year's Day Mass is at 10:30am. To register for any of these Masses, please call (613)968-9950 and leave a message, or email stjosephschurch@bellnet.ca Your reservation request will be confirmed by phone or e-mail. Thank you for your cooperation. Masks are required to attend (unless exempt) as well as social distancing.

CONFESSIONS

I am setting aside a few time slots for those who might want to go to Confession prior to Christmas. Times are:

Monday, Dec. 20, **1:00 - 2:00pm.** Tuesday, Dec. 21, **5:00 - 6:00pm.**

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 11:00am - 12:00pm.

Please note: There will not be visiting priests for these Confession times, only me, your pastor.

The Catholic Studies Discussion Group meets each Wednesday at 7 pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall. This group is ideal for those newly interested in the Roman Catholic Church or for those who want to deepen their faith understanding. Some reference material is provided.

The following is a link to the December 2021 issue of the Journey

- <u>Journey December 2021 (Full Colour</u> Version)
- <u>Journey December 2021 (Printer Friendly Black and White)</u>



Knights of Columbus Council 16308 News: Our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" program is underway. Religious Christmas cards and Keep "Christ in Christmas" lawn signs can be purchased by contacting Gus at gusmorrissey55@gmail.com or (613)969-9506. The proceeds go towards our many worthy charitable causes. Thank you for your continued support.

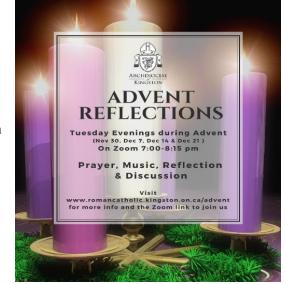


On behalf of **Campaign Life Coalition**, a sincere thank you for your generous support in purchasing their Annual Christmas Fruitcakes this Advent

Season. All funds raised will continue to advance the cause of the **Right to Life** movement from conception to natural death.

Advent Reflections – Archdiocese of Kingston - The Archdiocese of Kingston will offer weekly virtual reflections on Advent scripture readings on **Tuesdays, Dec. 7th, 14th and 21st, 7:00-8:15 pm.** Each evening will include Advent music, scripture readings, reflections by people involved in different ministries and brief discussions in small groups. The recordings will be available after each session on the Archdiocesan website and social media. To access the Zoom link or more information at:

www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/advent



Grace Inn Homeless Shelter thankfully receives many donations this time of year for their clients, but by the end of February

onward these donations have all been given away and their clients are in need of hand warmers, toques, scarves, socks, etc. In order to help them restock, our parish will be collecting these much needed items the **first two Sundays of February**. Please keep this collection in mind while you are shopping this season.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS: Retirement - In January 2022, Rev. Bill Steacy, C.Ss.R. will retire as Administrator of the parish of St. Patrick Railton, and the Mission of St. Mary, Odessa. Fr. Steacy has served these communities since 2004. On Jan 10, 2022, Rev. Bill Gervais will retire as Pastoral Minister from the parish of Blessed Sacrament, Amherstview and the Mission of St. Linus, Bath. Deacon Bill has served these communities since 2013. Pastor - Rev. Mark Ruckpaul is appointed Pastor of the parishes of St. Ann, Merrickville, and St. Laurence O'Toole, Spencerville, and the Mission of St. Theresa Lisieux, North Augusta, effective Jan 10, 2022. Fr. Ruckpaul has served as Associate Pastor of the parish of St. Michael the Archangel, Belleville since 2020.

SYNOD 2021 2023 Week 4 – HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SYNOD OF SYNODALITY

- Complete the online SURVEY @ www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/synod
- Participate in a listening session at your parish, school or community setting.
- Not sure of where to start but wish to make your voice heard contact the Synod Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Kingston (synod@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca) and we will attempt to find alternate ways for you to make sure your voice is heard.

Online survey opens January 3rd and listening sessions begin.

Reflection question from Archbishop Mulhall drawn from this Sunday's Gospel: At the Nativity, the Blessed Mother contemplated the face of her Son and Saviour. How should we follow her example?

Visit our synod website for more at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/synod

Next week we explain "How to participate in the Synod on Synodality"





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<u>Development & Peace 2021-2022</u> campaign, <u>People and Planet First</u>, is advocating for a law that compels Canadian companies to respect the human and environmental rights of local populations in their overseas operations. On behalf of all those who struggle to

preserve their land, lives, livelihoods and lifestyles, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for your commitment and mobilization. Together, we act in solidarity with the protectors of the Earth. Together, we have the power to change lives. To continue supporting the petition and to keep up the campaign momentum, visit https://devp.org/en

The 2022 St. Joseph Sunday missals have arrived and will be available in the pews on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27/28th. If you would prefer to keep your own personal copy, they are available at the north church doors. Suggested offering of \$4. 2022 donation envelopes are now available for pick up at the north church doors.



If you have not already signed your children up to receive the Sacraments of *First Reconciliation*, *First Communion* or *Confirmation* yet, please contact the parish office by phone or e-mail for information and to receive preparation materials. Information on virtual and print resources can be found on the Archdiocese of Kingston website at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/sacramentalprepar

Notice from Archdiocese of Kingston Regarding Meetings in our parish halls: Effective Oct 7, 2021, and upon instruction from our Health Units and Provincial Legislation, parishioners who plan to attend meetings in our parish hall must show their certificate for two doses of Covid-19 vaccine along with photo ID.

Notice from the Archdiocese of Kingston: Parishes will not be collecting vaccination status information from parishioners to attend Masses. Consequently, capacity restrictions and all safe worship protocols remain in effect. Vigilance for the safety and wellbeing of all parishioners is especially important now that we have entered the cold and flu season. Please continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and for those who are ill or have died from the virus. Our hospitals, nursing homes and medical staff need our constant prayer. We will continue to advise you of any further changes to our protocols.

Our St. Joseph CWL has prepared special gift bags for those who received their First Communion recently. If you would like to arrange to pick up your gift for your child please e-mail the parish office to make arrangements.

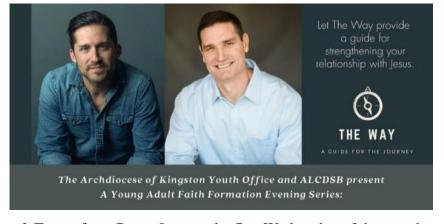
The Bishops of Canada, as a tangible expression of their commitment to walk with the Indigenous Peoples of this land along the pathway of hope, are making a nationwide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. Please click the links below to read more details about the Apology recently issued and the National Financial Pledge: CCCB NATIONAL FINANCIAL PLEDGE (Sept. 27, 2021) CCCB APOLOGY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (Sept. 24, 2021)

New Life Support Group Meetings - Are you, or someone you know, experiencing the trauma of a Separation and/or Divorce? We invite you to join our New Life Support Group Meetings, a Catholic Ministry for the Separated and Divorced. Every other Tuesday evening 7:30 - 9:00pm, alternating between in-person and Zoom. Due to pandemic restrictions, attendance at in-person meetings requires proof of vaccination. Pre-registration for in-person meetings is recommended to ensure there is enough room for social distancing. For more information, to register for in-person meetings, or obtain the Zoom link,

email <u>newlife@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca</u> The next upcoming meeting is: Jan 11th (Zoom): 3 Secrets of Resilient People.

The Way: Evening Series for Young Adults & ALCDSB Staff ~ The

Archdiocese of Kingston Youth Office is excited to partner with the ALCDSB to offer a virtual faith formation evening series: The Way: A Guide for the Journey. Featuring Catholic artist and music minister Josh Blakesley, alongside speaker and author Paul George, The Way is a unique series of 10 worship-night style videos, promoting reflection and thoughtful prayer. This monthly faith formation



opportunity will be offered virtually on Microsoft Teams from 7pm - 8pm on the first Wednesday of the month and will include the streaming of the 20-minute video and a small group breakout session with discussion questions. There is no cost. Participants will be given the flexibility to choose as many sessions as they would like to join as they are stand-alone sessions. For more information, a schedule of sessions and to sign up to join us and receive the link please visit www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/young-adult

Each week, beginning on Sunday, November 21, 2021, the Solemnity of Christ the King, and for the four Sundays of Advent, the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** (**CCCB**) is releasing a video recording reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday. This year's reflections are inspired by the journey of truth, healing & reconciliation, and the Indigenous Delegation traveling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from December 17 to 20, 2021.

These videos have been issued by the CCCB and can be accessed through the link below. Please tune in each week for the 5-week series, *Indigenous Peoples and the Church: Walking Together Toward Healing and Reconciliation*. Second Sunday of Advent CCCB - YouTube 6 December 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent – Year B "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Mark 1:1-8)





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Special Guest Speaker: Abby Johnson, Author and Culture of Life Speaker

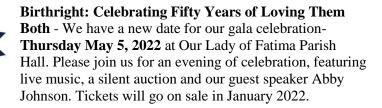
Save The Date: Thursday May 5, 2022 Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall 588 Division St. Kingston, Ontario

5:00 - Silent auction preview 6:30 - Dinner

Live music, cash bar

Tickets \$75 - adults | \$40 - students DUE TO COVID REGULATIONS, ABBY'S APPEARANCE MIGHT BE VIRTUAL

Chalice works in impoverished communities to help struggling families overcome the cycle of poverty. Education is the first and most important step in breaking the cycle. Sponsorship gives children the support needed to overcome obstacles so they can attend and stay in school. Children are selected for sponsorship based on need and family circumstances, regardless of race, age, ability, gender or religion. Education gives every child the opportunity to shine. https://chalice.ca/the-radiance- of-haiti Use this link to Become a sponsor today.







Birthright Bottles for Babies: Our baby bottle drive will be virtual this year due to COVID. Please collect spare change for the month of October. Your donation can then be mailed to Birthright P.O. Box 22092 Belleville ON K8N 5V7. We also accept e-transfers at belleville@birthright.org. Please include your address for an income tax receipt. On-line donations can be made through PayPal and Canada <u>helps.org</u>.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul https://www.ssvp.ca is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy.

Events offered at Providence Spirituality Centre

Eight Steps to Happiness: Five-Day Virtual Guided Retreat Providence Spirituality Centre January 24, 6:30pm - January 28, 2022

How often have you said, "I just want to be happy"? Have you ever stopped to consider exactly what happiness means? Is happiness having fun at a party, the excitement of new experiences, the delights of a fine meal. Although these are all wonderful experiences to be cherished and cultivated, they are not happiness, but a definition of pleasure. So, if happiness is not the same thing as pleasure, then what is happiness? Happiness is an attitude, which this retreat will explore by considering Jesus' eight steps to happiness as stated in his beatitudes. Registration is Limited. Cost for 5-Day retreat \$200.00 Payment by cheque.

Register: by Mon Jan 10, 2022.

E-mail <u>info@psck.org</u> or telephone 613-542-8826 Ext. 500.

Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for adults who are suffering from an abortion experience in the past. For further information, contact St. Mary of Egypt Refuge in confidence, at 289-691-6840, or by email projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org. Our web page is www.stmaryrefuge.org/rachel.



Knights of Columbus Council 16308 News:

Congratulations to the winner of our last 50/50 draw! We thank all those who purchased tickets and wish everyone luck on the new draw to be held on December 21, 2021. Please contact any **Knights of Columbus** members to purchase or click this link

https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=16308

The Holy Father has accepted the invitation of the Bishops of Canada to visit the Church in Canada in the context of a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers. The Holy Father has released a statement which you can view online here:

https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2021/10/27/0699/01486.html

If you would like to contribute to St. Joseph Church on a monthly basis by Automatic Debiting of your account please print the form below and attached a VOID cheque and mail to St. Joseph Church or drop it in our mailbox at the rectory door. We will set it up for you. Thank you for your support.

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