

	5pm	9am	11:00am		5pm	9am	11:00am
Feb 22/23 EM	J O'Neill S Langton	L DeAraujo S HarttBond	R Macaulay M Pulikunnel	Mar 15/16 EM	G Iasenza M Langille	P Bellwood BA McGrath	J Sosiak H Dean
Lector	D Langille	R Pais	E Payette	Lector	C Yantha	D Bellwood	Anne & Annabel Georgekutty
Mar 1/2 EM	J Andrews MC Shannon	J Melbourne L Coffey	J Langabeer MA Chapelle	Mar 22/23 EM	B Prystai J Reed	J Melbourne L Coffey	M Hamilton R Macaulay
Lector	G Stuart	V Williams	E Goyer	Lector	Anne Kelly	T Barrett	C Berry
Mar 8/9 EM	S O'Brien J McKenna	R Ferrante L Head	B Enright-Miller D Hall	Mar 29/30 EM	C Yantha D Maloney	R Ferrante L Head	M Pulikunnel J Langabeer
Lector	MT Truaisch	A Garland	R McCullough	Lector	T Shannon	P Finnigan	M Hamilton

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Sat. 5:00pm J Reed, Sugden, J Muldoon, _____
 Sun. 9:00am M Finnigan, R Metzloff, B Rivers, _____
 11:00am A Johny, G Fair, K Fair, M Saju

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Sat. 5:00pm L Vigna, L MacDonald, B McAuliffe, K Shannon
 Sun. 9:00am H Head, J Power, T McGreevy, D Mulder
 11:00am D Hall, M Pulikunnel, C Hayes, G Morrissey

Our **Prayer Network** 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 pray for you or your loved one, call or e-mail the parish office.

*Build God's Church ~ Leave a Legacy
 Please remember St. Joseph Church in your will*

Remember in Prayer: All who are ill, including Maria Andolsek, Nancy Barre, David Bartok, Lynn Barton, Jan Bernard, Darren Borchardt, Theresa Carr, Joan Chesser, Steve Corfe, Maureen Corrigan, Rayne Cote, Cathy Courrier, Marion Dolan, Marleen Donaldson, Holly Finkle, Paul Frechette, Dr. Mary Gwizdal, Jean Haslam, Rosalie Harrison, Mandy Hunt, Noreen Kehoe, Benjamin Kot, Francis Mahoney, Patrick MacKenzie, Bill McAuliffe, Karen McPherson, Laura Medeiros, Kathy Mulder, Timothy Myers, Brenda Nishimura, Tony O'Connor, Bill Oliver, Jeffrey Parsons, Nicholas Pineau, Jack Rizzo, Genevieve Rumsey, Roberto Savini, Barry Smith, Camilla Summers, Adele Murphy Surowiec, Christel Stolpman, Elaine Webb, Joyce Willemson, David Wilson, Gail Wilson, Cory Young, Marion Yank, Joan, Anna and Lynn. **✠ Please pray for the repose of the souls of Brian Whalen, Ron Gregoire, Laura Medeiros, Michael Quigley, James Evans, Christine Bone, Doug Green, Daniel Keere, Father Dan Ryan, Duncan Campbell, Toni Nagode, Theresa Boyd, Valerie Lentini, Darren Denison, Lynn Shoniker, Kathleen Fraser, Rita Dall, Anthony Wood, Dan Duffy, Tom Lally, Larry Lupenette, Joey Thorne, Bill McDermott, Gerard McCauley, Jack Pitt and Jeannie Jacobs.**

St. Joseph Church

† Rev. Rod McNeil - Pastor † Bill Garland - Deacon †



**INTENTIONS: for Week of March 9, 2025
 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Saturday 5:00 PM Olga Roehrig
 Sunday 9:00 AM The People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Antonio Alvez
 Monday 9:00 AM Jene Kleinschroth
 Tuesday 9:00 AM Reda Marlow
 9:30 AM Stations of the Cross
 Wednesday 9:00 AM Kathleen Fraser

- No Mass Thursday and Friday -

**INTENTIONS: for Week of March 16, 2025
 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Saturday 5:00 PM Pat and Peg Bertrand
 Sunday 9:00 AM The People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Linda Murphy

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Sacraments:

Anointing of the Sick - Upon request
 Marriage - at least 6 months' notice
 Baptism - Call Father Rod to arrange
 Reconciliation - Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 pm



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2025

What is a Jubilee?

In the Catholic tradition, a Holy Year, or Jubilee is a great religious event. It is a year of forgiveness, of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion, and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. A Jubilee year is above all the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity.

For ways you can participate in the Jubilee go to the Archdiocese of Kingston website <https://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/jubilee2025>

Catholic Faith Study Group: Our Catholic Faith Study Group in support of RCIA will continue to meet in the parish centre every other Wednesday. Next meeting is **Wed, March 19th from 7 to 8pm**, led by Deacon Bill Garland.



Knights of Columbus, (Read, Marysville & Deseronto) is holding their **Annual Fish Fry, Friday, March 21, 2025** from 4:30 to 6:30pm at Holy Name of Mary Parish Centre, 7288 Old Hwy #2 Marysville. Fish & chips; Cole slaw; dinner roll & pie, tea/coffee & juice. Adults: \$20; children under 12: \$12; Under 6: free; Family price: \$60. All funds raised for charitable needs.

Offertory: Mar 2nd - \$ 5,585.00
Diocesan Collections: - \$ 985.00

We can now accept e-transfers at stjosephchurch.payment@gmail.com

Thank you to all who have contributed.



Development and Peace Caritas Canada: Next Sunday, March 16, you will be invited to sign the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign petition that calls for an end to unjust debt. With inequalities widening as rich countries continue enriching themselves by exploiting the resources of the poorest countries, we respond to Pope Francis's call: *"In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice."*


Bethlehem's Christian community relies on selling handcrafted olive wood religious artifacts to visiting pilgrims, forming its primary income. Declining tourism has hit them hard in recent years, leading some Christians to leave The Holy Land, posing a threat to key sites like the Church of The Nativity. **Mark your calendars for March 29th & 30th.** We are hosting a sale featuring beautiful artifacts from the **Holy Land**, set up at the north church entrance. Your purchase will not only enrich your collection but also contribute to strengthening the Christian presence in The Holy Land. Blessings, Jenny - Holy Land Wood Art. Contact jihanwoodart@hotmail.com if you want more information.

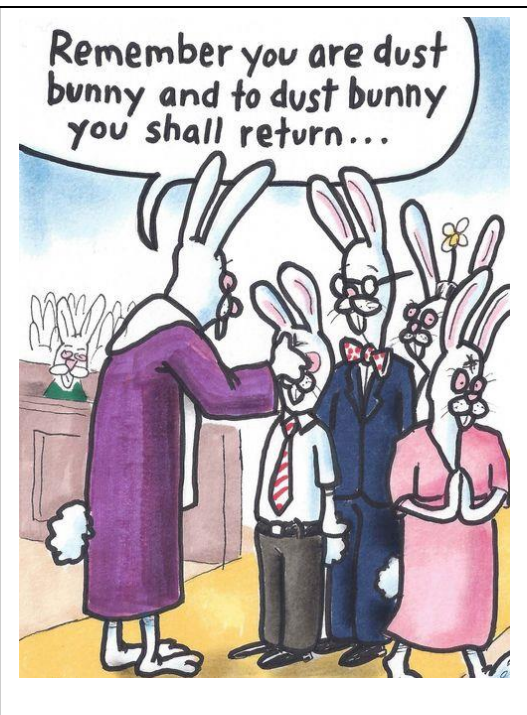
Encounter Retreat - Saturday, March 22; 9:30am - 2:30pm, St. Joseph Parish in Kingston (392 Palace Road, Kingston). All catechists and sacramental preparation volunteers are invited to the Encounter Retreat on March 22 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please join us for a half-day of prayer, worship, and fellowship. A light lunch will be provided. Please **RSVP** to Gorett DaSilva by **March 17** at pastoralservices@archkingston.ca

2025 Sacraments at St. Joseph Church

First Reconciliation: Thursday, February 27, 6pm
First Communion Parent Meeting: Wed, March 19, 6pm, material for the students will be available at this meeting
First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 3, 11:00am
Confirmation Parent Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 6pm, Registration and material will be available for the students at this meeting
Confirmation: Saturday, June 14, 2025, 11am

Dates to Remember

Tue, Mar 11th - Knights of Columbus, 7pm
Mon, March 17th - St. Patrick's Day Senior's Lunch, 11:30am - **Limited seating** 
Tue, March 18th - Parish Council, 1pm
Wed, March 19th - First Communion Parent Meeting, 6pm
Wed, March 19th - Faith Study Group, 7-8pm
Thu, Mar 20th - Providence Associates, 10am
Tue, Mar 25th - Confirmation Parent Meeting, 6pm
Tue, Apr 1st - St. Vincent de Paul, 9:30am
Sunday, April 6th - Cards & Games, 1pm



Community Vision and Networking Quinte (CVNQ) supports adults with developmental disabilities. **Famous People's Players** will be having 2 performances at the **Empire Theatre** in Belleville, **March 15th** at 2pm and 7:30pm. Sponsored by Community Vision and Networking Quinte. Tickets are \$20; Call the Empire Theatre at (613)969-0099 or <https://cvnquinte.org>

7th Annual Rideau Canal Men's Retreat by canoe and kayak - Tuesday, August 5 - Thursday, August 7. Theme: Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope For Catholic men (18 years and older, and fathers with teenage sons). The goal is to gather Catholic men in an outdoor adventure / retreat where we can share our faith and enjoy a little male camaraderie. Join us for this time of prayer, daily Mass, opportunities for Confession, and lots of fun, fraternity, exercise, and adventure. Feel free to forward this invitation to them to any men you know who may be interested. Thank you for your consideration. Invitation attached. For details, registration and waiver form, please [visit the event page here](#) or go to <https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/events/7th-annual-rideau-canal-mens-retreat>

2024 Charitable income tax receipts are available for pick up at the main church doors. Any receipts that aren't picked up will be mailed in the coming weeks.

Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Rome and Assisi - Please join Father Justin Pulikunnel and Father Shawn Hughes who will travel **November 5 to November 17** to Europe to receive the great graces of pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year. Please see the attached information and registration forms. For further information please do not hesitate to contact Ann Lyng at ann@stmaryscathedral.ca

St. John Fisher Dinner (Catholic Christian Outreach), Thursday, March 20; 6:00 - 9:30pm, Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall (588 Division Street, Kingston). The St. John Fisher Dinner is a one-night event to bring you into our ministry at Queen's University, hear from an incredible speaker, and raise the funds to make our work possible. What does it entail? The gala will include student and alumni testimonies, social time to mingle with the community, a keynote presentation, and an invitation to partner with CCO financially. Dinner will be served. A cash bar will be available for purchase. Semi-formal attire is encouraged, and attendees are asked to register in advance. We have limited capacity so tickets will be given on a first come first served basis. **There is no cost to attend thanks to our generous sponsors.** Note that a financial ask will be made from the podium. **To reserve a spot visit their Eventbrite page:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-john-fisher-dinner-tickets-1035238314667> If you have any questions, please contact Benjamin Turland (416-805-9731, benjamin.turland@cco.ca)

Experience the Joy of Life in the Spirit - You are invited to deepen your relationship with God by participating in our Life in the Spirit Seminar, an inspiring eight-week journey to encounter the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. This seminar will help you: Renew and strengthen your faith; Grow in prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit and Experience a deeper sense of community in Christ. Please contact: Claire Marchand (613) 921-2686 or Mary Tobin (905)409-2655 for more information. **When:** Eight Tuesdays afternoons starting **Tuesday, February 25 from 2 to 3:30pm. Where: St. Peter's Parish Hall. Who:** Anyone seeking a closer walk with the Lord *"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!"*

Are you interested in becoming a **Homestay family** for **International students** attending our Catholic Secondary Schools? The ALCDSB is actively seeking homestay families for the September 2025 school year. Please connect with Phil Carney - ALCDSB Principal of International Education - international@alcdsb.on.ca



Communion for the Sick: As part of our parish's outreach to the sick, we bring Holy Communion to people who are unable to make it to Mass. If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion in their home, contact the parish office 613-968-9950.



Stretch and Flow Yoga Class - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30pm - St. Joseph parish centre. This one-hour class is designed for people of all ages! Perfect for those who want to add more flexibility and strength into their weekly routine. Led by Olivia, who is a certified instructor, with years of experience. Drop-in fee is \$10 per class or save when you pay \$40 per month. Come and join us every Tuesday & Thursday at 4:30pm. **Don't forget to bring your mat.**

Spiritual Reflections with Archbishop Mulhall -

Wednesdays; 7pm, St. Mary's Cathedral (279 Johnson Street, Kingston). We will be reflecting on the Beatitudes of St. Matthew's Gospel Chapter 5 as well as a series of Psalms of the Old Testament which we pray each day at Mass. We will also give time to the liturgical celebrations of Lent/Easter as we pass through the year. It is good to remember that there is no starting point or end point as in a series of lectures or an academic course. The Lord, in whose presence we will pray together will always provide the grace, consolation, and strength that we need to make steady progress in our life of faith.

Hospice Quinte makes a tremendous impact in our community every day by providing comfort and support for individuals and families living with a terminal illness or coping with grief and loss. Our programs and services are provided at no charge, and we rely on the generosity of community support and donations to keep providing these vital services. Making a donation to Hospice Quinte's programs and services is the greatest, most meaningful way to say *"Thank You!"* and to ensure compassionate care remains available at no cost. You can make an online donation to Hospice Quinte in honour of a loved one, or become a lifetime doner, host a fundraiser or provide a "Day of Care". Please visit Hospice Quinte website for more information <https://hospicequinte.ca> By donating, you are enhancing hospice palliative care and bereavement support services for our region.

St. Joseph's Good Works fund is financed by your donations to the parish. Every month 7% of the offertory is deposited to a separate fund and the money is used to support local, national and international charities. We recently made donations to Grace Inn Shelter, Gleaner's Food Bank, Hospice Quinte, St. Joseph School and St. Francis Xavier in Attawapiskat First Nation, (Hearst-Moosonee Diocese). St. Francis is one of the churches that was burnt to the ground in April, 2021 and they have been rebuilding a new church. Thank you everyone, for your generosity which enables us to help others.

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School of Identity (Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission) Friday, March 7; 6:30pm - 9:30pm & Saturday, March 8; 8:15am - 4pm Holy Name of Mary Parish Centre (7288 Old Hwy 2, Marysville, ON). Come experience a learning opportunity to help you grow in your identity as a beloved son or daughter of God. Learn about personal transformation, intimacy with God and hearing his voice, living the supernatural life and being baptized in the Holy Spirit! Registration required. Regular admission \$30, Couples \$50, Students \$20 (Lunch included) Reg and details at: <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/2025-school-of-identity>



Euchre & Games is taking a winter hiatus. We will meet again this spring - dates are **April 6, May 4 and June 1 at 1pm** in the parish centre.

A Certificate in Adult Faith Education Beginning April 1, 2025-April 2026 - Online - by Saint Paul University, Ottawa. We are excited to announce a new Certificate Program in Adult Faith Education, starting in April 2025. This program will be offered online, allowing participants from across the country to join. For this first cohort, we have space for 12 participants, who will be supported by an exceptional team of professors and mentors. We anticipate a very enriching experience, but please note that only a few spots remain. Thanks to the generosity of our funders, we are pleased to offer this certificate program at a nominal fee of \$500 for confirmed participants. If you are interested, please contact Carol Kuzmochka via email at ckuzmochka@ustpaul.ca.



Submissions are now being accepted for the next edition. The theme is Pilgrims of Hope in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Kingston. Deadline is Jan 31st. E-mail submissions to Journey@archkingston.ca

Associates of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul meet on the third Thursday each month at St. Joseph Church, Belleville. Associates are united and inspired by the charism, spirituality and mission of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul by sharing a common call to compassionate service. Our next meeting is Thurs, February 20th, 2025 at 10am. For more information, phone 613-544-4525 ext 148 or visit www.providence.ca/associates



Gleaner's Food Bank needs your financial and food donations to provide hope to those in need during these tough times. Please remember there are bins at each of the church doors for **Gleaners** non-perishable food donations. Please be generous to those less fortunate. We must all pull together to fight hunger as food costs continue to rise.

The Franciscans: Is God Calling You? - The Gospel and the "following of Jesus Christ" were not idealistic but rather "dynamic values" for St. Francis and his followers. People inspired by the Gospel values that they saw in Francis wanted to follow him. These values are the substance of Franciscans today: the Poor Clares, the Secular Franciscans (for women and men, single or married) and of the Friars. Is God "calling" you or "inviting you to be a part of the Franciscan mission? Order? Please send an email to Friar Reto Davatz at FrRDavatz@archkingston.ca.



St. Joseph Church now has access to this Free Catholic Resource! **FORMED** is now **FREE** to everyone within the parish boundaries of St. Joseph Church, our gift to you!

Visit: FORMED.org/signup. Type our parish postal code **K8N 2E7** or **St. Joseph Church, Belleville** to bring up our parish name. Click on it. Register your name and email and you are in! This parish-sponsored "Catholic Netflix" has approximately 4000 resources for every age. Movies, children's programs, and a wonderful variety of DVDs, audiobooks, ebooks, etc. Check it out! Use your browser, or download the app on Android or Apple devices, Roku, FireTV and Apple TV.



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Associates of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul meet monthly at St. Joseph Church, Belleville. Associates are united and inspired by the charism, spirituality and mission of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul by sharing a common call to compassionate service. We meet the **3rd Thursday of the month – Sessions will continue in September.** For more info, phone 613-544-4525 ext 148 or visit www.providence.ca/associates

Monthly Meeting for Holy Rosary Franciscan Fraternity - First Thursday of the month: following 5:30 pm Mass at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish (169 North Park Street, Belleville, ON). Come and See! Holy Rosary Franciscan Fraternity gathers monthly on the 1st Thursday, following 5:30pm Mass at Holy Rosary. ALL are welcome!

Parish Council Members:

Pat Finnigan - Chair
 Bonnie Molinski - Secretary
 Roy Goodridge - Knights of Columbus representative
 Jan Sosiak - Catholic Women's League representative
 Bill McAuliffe
 Harry Holtz
 Bob Fair
 Mourasia Duffus
 Helen Lynn MacIntosh
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 Shelly HarttBond
 Patricia Hamilton
 Curtis Hayes

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Marie Durling
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 Elaine Wilkinson
 Denis Hall
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The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - <https://www.ssvp.ca> - A lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. St. Vincent de Paul store, as well as the committee are in need of volunteers. If you can spare some time on a regular basis, please call the store, (613)966-8005.

Faith on Fire Prayer Weekly Prayer Meetings - The “Faith on Fire” Prayer meetings have resumed on Tuesday evenings and continue weekly from 7 – 8:30pm 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 for the Zoom link.

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College - Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College is a faithfully Catholic liberal arts college in Barry’s Bay, Ontario, offering a three-year Bachelor of Catholic Studies degree. Small class sizes and a strong academic program set students up for success in the classroom and in all future pursuits. Faculty take their Catholic faith seriously and profess an oath of fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church. A vibrant campus life, men’s and women’s residence houses, and ample spiritual opportunities create a Catholic culture that forms the whole person. Students build life-long friendships, and often discern their vocations. The tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available. There are still spots available for 2023-2024! Please visit www.seatofwisdom.ca.

Ministry of Accompaniment - Resources and events supporting the Ministry of Accompaniment can be found on the Archdiocese of Kingston webpage <https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/accompanimentministry>

The Archdiocese of Kingston Announces On-line Support Resources for the following:

WORKSHOPS available from the Archdiocese of Kingston - Children’s Liturgy - Lectors and Communion Ministers - Pastoral Care. Please visit our website romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/religious-education for details on each workshop. **For more information on any of these workshops, please contact Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms at religioused@archkingston.ca or by phone at (613)548-4461 ext. 115**

1) **Newman College** offers a number of certificate courses in a virtual format that are open to adults and youth. These courses can be taken individually or as part of Certificate Programme in Catholic Studies. Check out their website for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Mary-Jo Mackinnon- Simms by email at maryjo@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or call 613-548-4461 extension 115. <https://www.newman.edu/CCS>

2) **The New Directory for Catechesis** was released in 2020. It provides universal guidelines and norms around catechesis and evangelization. It emphasizes the importance that each baptized person has a missionary call to find new ways to communicate the faith through Mercy, Dialogue and Witnessing. Please check out these resources for more info or to order a copy: https://en.novalis.ca/search?q=The*+New*+Directory*+for*+Catechesis*

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 \(Sept. 24, 2021\)](#)

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 send 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. You can also e-transfer a donation at stjosephchurch.payment@gmail.com

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