

	5pm	9am	11:00am		5pm	9am	11:00am
Dec 13/14 EM	MC Shannon S O'Brien	L Head P Bellwood	D Hall J Sosiak	Jan 3/4 EM	J Reed J Muldoon	J Melbourne L Coffey	MA Chapelle B Enright-Miller
Lector	J O'Brien	D Bellwood	H Dean	Lector	B Prystai	A Garland	J Sosiak
Dec 20/21 EM	G Iasenza R Terpstra	BA McGrath J McKenna	H Dean M Hamilton	Jan 10/11 EM	C Yantha D Maloney	R Ferrante L Head	J Sosiak
Lector	R O'Connor	Essah Ewa	C Casey	Lector	MT Truaisch	T Barrett	J MacAlister
Dec 27/28 EM	M Langille B Prystai	L DeAraujo S HarttBond	R Macaulay J Langabeer	Jan 17/18 EM	J O'Neill S Langton	P Bellwood BA McGrath	H Dean M Hamilton
Lector	D Langille	V Williams	M A Chapelle	Lector	C Yantha	T Shannon	E Payette

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Sat. 5:00pm L Vigna, L MacDonald, R Goodridge, K Shannon
Sun. 9:00am H Head, J Power, T McGreevy, D Mulder
11:00am A McAlpine, R Macaulay, L Enright, M Ewa

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Sat. 5:00pm D Maloney, H Brennan, D Mulder, **VOLUNTEER**
Sun. 9:00am B Brownson, L Coffey, R Brennan, M DeAraujo
11:00am A Johny, G Fair, Myles Brant, volunteer needed

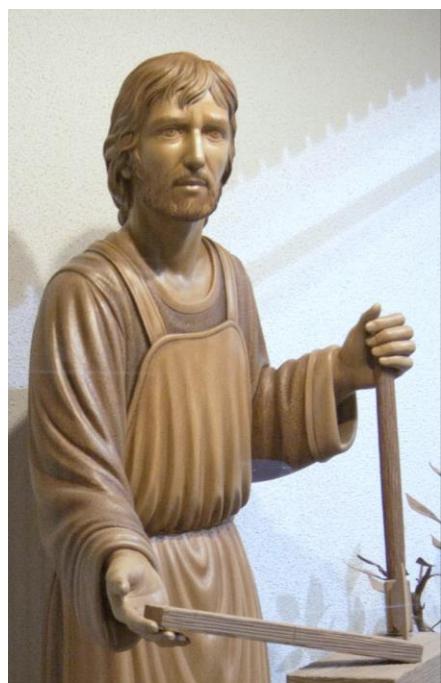
Our **Prayer Network** has more than 100 people praying every day for our parish, for those who are sick and for special intentions. If you would like to have the Prayer Network pray for you or your loved one, call or e-mail the parish office.

*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, Lynn Barton, Jan Bernard, Thomas Bowland, Darren Borcherdt, Theresa Carr, Joan Chesser, Elizabeth Cooney, Kaye Cordeau, Maureen Corrigan, Rayne Cote, Liz Cotter, Cathy Cournier, Marion Dolan, Marleen Donaldson, Holly Finkle, Sheila Francis, Paul Frechette, Tara Gandier, Elvira Gonzales, Nancy Grace, Dr. Mary Gwizdal, Jean Haslam, Ron Harrison, Mandy Hunt, Steve Hunter, Noreen Kehoe, Grace Kelly, Mary Korchouski, Douglas Livingston, Francis Mahoney, Anne Marr, Louis McFaul, Laura Medeiros, Richard Morton, Kathy Mulder, Timothy Myers, Brenda Nishimura, Bill Oliver, Jeffrey Parsons, Nicholas Pineau, Jack Rizzo, Wendy Robeck, Bert Roseblade, Genevieve Rumsey, Barry Smith, Camilla Summers, Ronald Swift, Adele Murphy Surowiec, Christel Stolpman, Keith Vallier, Cory Young, Marion Yank, Joan, Anna, Lynn, Bert R. and Janet M.  **Please pray for the repose of the souls of** Eldon Burkhardt, Tim Gavey, Fran Gravelle, Andre Bernard, Catherine Kelleher, Margaret Young, Gerald Sauve, David Bartok, Jackie Riberty, Bill Brady, Rita Quinn, Joyce Willemon, Tony O'Connor, Leo Corrigan, David Fry, Bea Mutton, Brian Henry, Gerry Bibby, Tina Ialacci, Sean Morrissey, Roberto Savini, Brenda MacPhearson, Maurice Villeneuve, Al Corre, Pat McGillen, Steve Corfe, Terry and Maureen Burke, Elaine Webb, Bruna Battistella, Glenda Flesch, Doug Bray, Noreen Hynes and Bernice Ryan.

St. Joseph Church

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



INTENTIONS: for Week of December 21, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	5:00 PM	Joseph Dong Dinh
Sunday	9:00 AM	The People of the Parish
	11:00 AM	Romano Di Genova
Monday	9:00 AM	Jerry Moher
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Charlie Cotter



Christmas Eve	6:00 PM	Sarah O'Connor
(Wednesday)	8:00 PM	Robert Brooks
Christmas Day	10:00 AM	The Nativity of The Lord
		(Thursday)

- No Mass Friday -

INTENTIONS: for Week of December 28, 2025 THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday	5:00 PM	Maria Pinto Goncalves
Sunday	9:00 AM	The People of the Parish
	11:00 AM	Tony Ferrante



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9am - 5pm 613-968-9950

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E-transfer stjosephchurch.payment@gmail.com

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025



Dear People of St. Joseph's Parish,

As the Christmas Season dawns upon us, I wish to thank you for the beautiful witness of your faith in 2025.

Father Richard Rohr writes that “*there is a pure joy that burns like a billion galaxies within the heart of God.*” May you receive an energizing jolt of that joy this Christmas, and may it stay with you throughout the New Year.

Sincerely, Father Rod McNeil



Offertory: Dec 14th - \$ 5,040.00

Christmas - \$ 120.00

Autodeposit for the month of December - \$ 6,990.00

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

Thank you to all who have contributed.

Deck the Halls!!! We will be decorating the church for Christmas this weekend, **Dec 21st** after the 11am Sunday Mass.

Anyone who would like to help out, please stay after Mass today.



St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League is pleased to announce our 15th year of mailing Christmas cards to the retired priests in our Kingston Archdiocese. Thank you to our **Knights of Columbus Council #16308** for supplying the Christmas cards. Let us always remember all our Priests in appreciation for their spiritual enrichment in our lives. God bless and have a happy, holy and Merry Christmas.



9:00am Mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent Youth

Presentation – We are grateful for the participation of the youth of our parish in the celebration of the Sacred Mass. May their presence and service be a blessing to you as we prepare our hearts to welcome the coming of Christ.

Following the Mass, all parishioners are welcome to join the children and their families in the parish centre for a time of hospitality and fellowship, as we continue to share in the spirit of Advent.

Dates to Remember

Tue, Jan 6th - St. Vincent de Paul, 9:30am

Tue, Jan 20th - Second opportunity to register for **First Communion** - 6pm

Sun, Jan 25 - Hospitality Sunday, after Masses

Tue, Jan 27th - Property & Finance Meeting, 9:45

Tue, Feb 10th Defibrillator training, 6:30pm

Sun, Mar 1st - Chili Cook-Off, 1 - 5



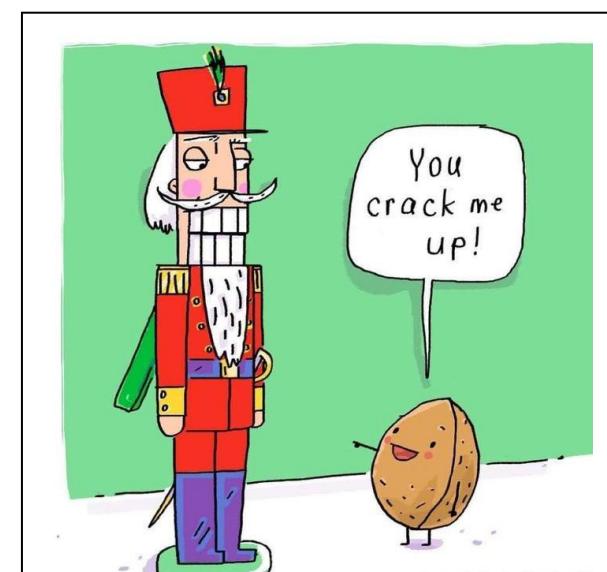
December 24, 2025 – 6:00 pm Mass – We welcome the participation of the youth of our parish in the Christmas Eve Mass. May their presence and service be a blessing to all who gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior. As we come together in faith and thanksgiving, may the peace, hope and love of Christ fill every heart and home. Wishing all our parishioners a blessed Christmas and a happy and grace-filled New Year.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our **Belleville Professional Firefighters**



Christmas Toy Drive this year. We had quite a large collection for the local children. The firefighters pick up the toys last Tuesday and were very appreciative of the amount of toys we had to give. If you missed donating and still want to, please drop off any donations directly to either fire station in Belleville.



Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

6pm – Lector – Elsa Jose

Eucharistic Ministers – Gina Iasenza, Julia Reed

Offertory – Parish pageant youth

Ushers – G Morrissey, M Finnigan

8pm – Lector – Alice Di Genova

Eucharistic Ministers – Joan Andrews, Betty Anne McGrath

Offertory – M McGrath, C Flemming

Ushers –



Christmas Day Mass at 10am

Lector – Pat Finnigan

Eucharistic Ministers – Gina Iasenza, Bob Prystai

Offertory –

Ushers – G Morrissey, H Brennan, D Maloney

New Year's Eve Mass, Wednesday, Dec 31st at **5pm**

Lector – Mary Teresa Truaisch

Eucharistic Ministers – Joan Andrews, Dan Maloney

Offertory – J Reed

Ushers – D Maloney,

New Year's Day Masses, Thursday, January 1st:

9am – Lector – Cerelina Berry

Eucharistic Ministers – Gina Iasenza, _____

Offertory – _____

Ushers – _____

11am – Lector - Bob Prystai

Eucharistic Ministers – Hilda Dean, Rosemary Macaulay

Offertory – _____

Ushers – G Morrissey

We have a few spaces that need to be filled for Ushering and Offertory for the Christmas and New Year's Masses. If you know what Mass you will be attending, please consider helping. Call or e-mail the parish office or sign up at the north doors - (613)968-9950 or stjoseph.belleville@archkingston.ca

PLEASE NOTE: 2026 Donation envelopes are available for pick up and the north church doors. ~ All special diocesan collections for the 2025 tax year (**green envelopes**) have been forwarded to the Archdiocese. All future donations for the special Diocesan collections received now will count towards 2026 donations. ~ There will be no **Junior Liturgy** Dec 21st, 28th, and Jan 4th. Junior Liturgy will resume Sunday, Jan 11th at the 9am Mass.

The Fall 2025 edition of Journey is now available from the Journey website:
<https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/journey>

As we approach the ***Fourth Sunday of Advent***, the fourth video of the series is now available on the **CCCB website**: In English : <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/> In French : <https://www.cecc.ca/evangelisation-catechesis-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/>



First Communion registration - We will have an additional parent registration meeting for **First Reconciliation and First Communion** candidates **Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6pm** in the parish centre. First Reconciliation is Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in the church at 6pm and First Communion is Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 11am.

Attention: Adults seeking Baptism and full communion with the Catholic Church: **RCIA** meetings will be held at St. Joseph Church Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8pm in the parish centre. Meetings will continue each Wednesday. Zoom Meetings will be an option when needed. Speak to Deacon Bill or Fr. Rod for details.

Church Children's Activity Bags: 10 bags with quiet activities for children have been created and will be in a bin at the main doors of the church. Please feel free to grab one at the beginning of Mass for your children (one per family please). Please return bags and all contents at the end of Mass.

St. Joseph Good Works – 7% of your offertory donations are set aside to aid local, national, and international charitable causes. Recent donations included: \$1000 to Eastminster Church for their meal program, \$1000 to Gleaners Food Bank, \$1500 to Hospice Quinte, \$2000 to Belleville St. Vincent de Paul Society Thrift Store, and \$1000 to St. Francis Xavier Church in Attapiskat First Nation to help with the rebuild of their church which was destroyed by fire.

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. No meetings in the summer. Sessions will begin again in September. For more information, 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). Come and See! Holy Rosary Franciscan Fraternity gathers monthly on the 1st Thursday, following 5:30pm Mass at Holy Rosary. ALL are welcome!



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.



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.



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.

Parish Council Members:

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

Prison Ministry Opportunity – Dismas Information Evening Dismas Fellowship offers monthly gatherings that provide hope and community for those returning from prison. St. Joseph's Parish, Kingston, is exploring the potential for starting this ministry locally. An information evening will be scheduled soon. To express interest or learn more, contact Mary Jo: religioused@archkingston.ca 613-548-4461 ext. 115
www.dismasfellowshipnetwork.com

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 donor, 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.

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.

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FORMED 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.

 **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. 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. 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. Click the links below to read more about the Apology recently issued and the National Financial Pledge: [CCCB NATIONAL FINANCIAL PLEDGE \(Sept. 27, 2021\)](https://www.cccb.ca/national-financial-pledge) [CCCB APOLOGY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES \(Sept. 24, 2021\)](https://www.cccb.ca/apology-to-indigenous-peoples)

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 attach 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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