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| Apr 25/26 EM | J Andrews MCShannon | J Melbourne L Coffey | B Enright-Miller MA Chapelle | May 16/17 EM | B Prystai J Reed | L Dearaujo S Harttbond | M Hamilton R McCullough |
| Lector | J O'Brien | R Pais | CWL Members | Lector | D Langille | V Williams | C Casey |
| May 2/3 EM | S O'Brien J McKenna | R Ferrante L Head | R McCullough M Foster | May 23/24 EM | J Muldoon C Yantha | J Melbourne L Coffey | MA Chapelle J MacAlister |
| Lector | M Guay | R Terpstra | J MacAlister | Lector | B Prystai | A Garland | E Goyer |
| May 9/10 EM | G Iasenza M Langille | P Bellwood BA McGrath | J Sosiak H Dean | May 30/31 EM | D Maloney J O'Neill | R Ferrante L Head | B Enright-Miller H Dean |
| Lector | R O'Connor | D Bellwood | E Payette | Lector | MT Truaisch | T Barrett | R McCullough |

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Sat. 5:00pm J Reed, C Sugden, J Muldoon, A Froment
Sun. 9:00am M Finnigan, R Metzloff, B Rivers, T Cassibo
11:00am C Hayes, G Morrissey, **Volunteers**

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

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

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.

Remember in Prayer: All who are ill, including Maria Andolsek, Nancy Barre, Lynn Barton, Jan Bernard, Thomas Bowland, Darren Borchardt, Natasha Burkholder, Christopher Caldwell, Theresa Carr, Anna Chapelle, Joan Chesser, Sarah Coffey, Elizabeth Cooney, Kaye Cordeau, Rayne Cote, Cathy Cournier, Eugene **Cummings**, Marion Dolan, Marleen Donaldson, Kian Epenfary, Holly Finkle, Sheila Francis, Paul Frechette, Tara Gandier, Elvira Gonzales, Nancy Grace, Jean Haslam, Ron Harrison, Mandy Hunt, Steve Hunter, Donnie Jones, Noreen Kehoe, Grace Kelly, Mary Korchowski, Douglas Livingston, John Macaro, Francis Mahoney, Joe Mahoney, Anne Marr, Terra Mason-Ward, Maynard family, Louis McFaul, Richard Morton, Kathy Mulder, Terry Murphy, Timothy Myers, Denis Newman, Brenda Nishimura, Bill Oliver, Maureen Paddick, Jeffrey Parsons, Nicholas Pineau, Jack Rizzo, Wendy Robeck, Bert Roseblade, Genevieve Rumsey, Patricia Scott, Camilla Summers, Ronald Swift, Adele Murphy Surowiec, Christel Stolpman, Keith Vallier, Cory Young, Marion Yank, Joan, and Lynn. ✠ **Please pray for the repose of these recently deceased souls;** P.J. Pailo, Ellen Enright, Robert Meagher, Elmer Cruickshank, Patsy McManus, Joanne Zanette, Jean McKeown-Piitz, Susan Bray, John Sheridan, Carolyn Payette, Sonny Holoway, Frank Seemungal, Vince Di Genova, Rev. Bill Steacy, Denis Hall, Dr. Mary Gwizdal, Barb Bly, Joan Bryden Lattimore, Fr. Stan Alanen, Dr. Edward O'Brien, Donald Cartagena, Murray Mahoney, Laura Medeiros, Don Yantha, Hendrina Parcels, Liz Cotter, Steve Bany, Aurora Mancuso, Joan DeGenova, Joan Roberto, Eldon Burkhart, Tim Gavey, Fran Gravelle, Andre Bernard, Catherine Kelleher and Margaret Young.

St. Joseph Church

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



INTENTIONS: for Week of May 17, 2026

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Saturday 5:00 PM Walter Markuschewsky
Sunday 9:00 AM The People of the Parish
11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Casey,
King and Cauty Families
Monday 9:00 AM Marcian and Jackie Steinwall

Priests' Retreat this Week

- No Daily Mass Tuesday to Friday -

INTENTIONS: for Week of May 24, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday 5:00 PM Mary and John DiTomaso
Sunday 9:00 AM The People of the Parish
11:00 AM Denis Hall

399 Victoria Avenue, Belleville, Ontario K8N 2E7

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Thursday

9am - 5pm 613-968-9950

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Sacraments: Anointing of the Sick - Upon request.

Marriage - at least 6 months' notice.

Baptism - Call Father Rod to make arrangements.

Reconciliation - Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 pm.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 17, 2026



Pray the Rosary for Peace: In the month of May we honor Blessed Mary as the mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother. **The Rosary will be recited before weekday Masses at 8:40am during the month of May.**



CWL News: We would like to thank everyone who donated baked goods as well as all the volunteers who helped make our bake sale successful!

Bible Study: We will be showing the movie presentation of **The Chosen**, beginning with Season 1, in the parish centre on **Mondays at 10am** after the 9am morning Mass. The next episode is tomorrow, Monday, May 18th after morning Mass. Discussion time will follow.



It's Gardening Season again! We are looking for volunteers to help with planting and weeding the church gardens. If you can help once in awhile or on a regular basis, please call the parish office and leave your contact information. **Attention Students:** You can earn community service hours by helping out!!



Birthright Bottles for Babies Believe it or not, your change can save a life! Just take home a baby bottle today (there are still some available at the church doors) and fill it with coins, bills, or even a cheque between now and Father's Day (June 15). Your donation will help us provide free pregnancy tests, baby supplies, prenatal vitamins and much more to women and girls facing an unplanned pregnancy. Tax receipts are available. Also, please consider volunteering or becoming a board member. For more information, call Birthright 613-969-1289.



St. Joseph Church, Belleville, **Senior Choir** is looking for a new **Choir Director** to begin in September. The Senior Choir sings at 11am Sunday Mass from September to May and a one-hour practice is held every Wednesday. Call or e-mail the church office if interested, (613)968-9950 or stjoseph.belleville@archkingston.ca



Knights of Columbus Council 16308 News: Is holding a **Charity Yard Sale** at St. Joseph Parish Centre Saturday, **May 30th, 8am to 2pm**. Please let us know if you have any items to donate. They will be gratefully accepted. Call or email Gus Morrissey for donation pick up (613)661-7466 gusmorrissey55@gmail.com



Special Guest Speaker Wednesday, May 20th at 7pm: QRTL Association is hosting Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition**. The film presentation "**Life Worth Living**", will offer a compelling look at current issues and the importance of informed engagement. Don't miss this thought-provoking film as a reflection of the value of life in our society today! There will be an opportunity for discussion after the film. St Joseph Church in the parish centre, 399 Victoria Ave, Belleville. All are welcome and bring a friend!

Hospice Quinte is hosting **Hike for Hospice** at Centennial Park in Trenton on **Saturday, May 23rd, 9:30am to 12pm**. This event is a fundraiser to support Hospice Quinte's work providing compassionate and dignified end-of-life care to terminally ill individuals and their families. Walkers also have the opportunity to honour loved ones by placing a personalized dove in honour of a loved one on our Memorial Arbour.



Euchre & Games is back for the season. Mark your calendars and come out and have some fun. Upcoming dates are **Sunday, April 19, May 24 and June 14 at 1pm** in the parish centre.

Kingston 200 Years of Faith - Celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston with this inspiring article from *The Catholic Register*: <https://www.catholicregister.org/item/3721-historic-kingston-endures-200-years> Discover how our faith community continues to grow and "endure" with hope.



Read, Marysville and Deseronto Knights of Columbus is holding their **Annual Pancake Breakfast**, Sunday, May 24, 2026, in the Read Parish Hall, 481 Enright Rd. from 9am till 12noon. Adults \$15 Children 6-12 \$10 & children 6 & under free. Please come & support our parish KOC Council.



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.

Offertory: May 10th - \$ 4,072.00
Diocesan Collections - \$ 65.00
Autodeposit for the month of May - \$ 7,015.00

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

Thank you to all who have contributed.

Dates to Remember

Mon, May 18th - Movie, The Chosen after each Monday Mass
Wed, May 20th - Quinte Right to Life presentation, 7pm
Thurs, May 21st - Providence Associates, 10-12
Sun, May 24th - Cards & Games, 1pm
Tue, May 26th - St. Vincent de Paul, 9:45
Tue, May 26th - Property & Finance, 1pm
Wed, May 27th - Parish Council, 9:45
Sat, May 30th - Knights of Columbus Yardsale, 8am-2pm
Sun, May 31st - Hospitality Sunday, after Sunday Masses
Tue, June 9th - Knights of Columbus, 7pm





October 2026 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Justin & Fr. Price Join Fr. Justin and Fr. Price on a faith-filled pilgrimage to the Holy Land **Oct 5-15, 2026**. Walk in the footsteps of Our Blessed Lord, deepen your understanding of Sacred Scripture, experience prayer, mercy, healing, and spiritual renewal in the places where the Word became flesh.

New Life for Teens Retreat May 29 to 31st at Wesley Acres Retreat Centre, Bloomfield. **FAITH, FOOD & FUN!!** This retreat is for high school aged students and is led by a devoted team of teens and adults from our parishes. Register now - contact: Kim Long (613)962-4634 stmichael@archkingston.ca Cost is \$60 (cheques payable to SASE - Belleville. E-transfers to sase.belleville@gmail.com. **St. Joseph Church parishioners** please contact the parish office, stjoseph.belleville@archkingston.ca or call (613)968-9950 for information about requesting a registration fee subsidy.

Steubenville Youth Conference - For the 3rd and FINAL year, there will be a group bus arranged for high school teens (Graduating GR8 to Graduating GR12) to go to the Catholic Youth Conference in Steubenville Ohio on the weekend of **June 26th to 28th**. Contact Pat Bailey at bailz77@yahoo.com or

613-921-5236 for more info about attending. For more info on the Steubenville experience see steubenvilleconferences.com/mc2

8th Annual Rideau Canal Men's Retreat: Tues. - Thur., August 4-6, 2026. Cost: \$100. For Catholic men 18 years and older (*plus teenage sons with their fathers*). Travelling by canoe, kayak or pontoon boat from Seeley's Bay to Upper Rideau Lake, with overnight tenting at Davis Lock and along McNally's Bay. Canoes and paddles supplied, along with meals. Daily Mass, Rosary, etc.

Your Taxes. Your Choice. Catholic Education - Did you know you can support Catholic education at no extra cost to you? In Ontario, your property taxes include education funding, and you have the right to choose where that support goes. By directing your tax support to Catholic schools, you help strengthen faith-based learning in our community. Whether you own or rent, and whether you have children in school, Catholics can direct their tax support to Catholic education. Your total taxes stay the same, but your choice makes a lasting impact. Choosing Catholic education also allows you to vote for Catholic school board trustees in municipal elections and helps demonstrate strong community support for Catholic schools across Ontario. Learn how to verify or change your Catholic school support status: <https://www.alcddb.on.ca/apps/pages/taxsupport>

Are you retired and looking for something to do that will bring consolation to grieving families while also enhancing your faith life? Why not become a **Funeral Altar Server here at St. Joseph Church**. Speak to Father Rod or Deacon Bill if you are interested. Youth altar servers are also welcome to volunteer for weekend Masses. Youth must have made their First Holy Communion. **We would really appreciate a few more parishioners to volunteer to take up the collection at weekend Masses.** Please let the parish office know if we can add your name to our usher roster. Thanks!

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
- Helen Lynn MacIntosh
- Lou Vigna
- Shelly HarttBond
- Curtis Hayes
- Brian Brownson

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 Attawapiskat First Nation to help with the rebuild of their church which was destroyed by fire.



The Journey is now available from the Journey website:

<https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/journey>

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 charisma, 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!



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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.

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.

Parish Finance Committee Members:
 Marie Durling
 Jack Hanley
 Elaine Wilkinson
 Bob Fair
 Connie McMann

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.

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.

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.



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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.

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 \(Sept. 27, 2021\)](#) [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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