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Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston

Parish Mission Statement

We, the Roman Catholic Community of St. Francis de Sales/Blessed Sacrament in the Archdiocese of Kingston, located in Smiths Falls & Lombardy, Ontario, united by the Holy Spirit, with lives rooted in the Gospel, joyfully proclaim the birth, death, resurrection, and mission of Jesus Christ. We commit to live out our belief as a community of worship, faith and service to all, especially to those most in need, sharing the gifts and talents received from God, under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of God.



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Office Hours

Monday Closed

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Friday 9am - 12pm; 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Mass Schedule

Daily Masses

St. Francis de Sales, Smiths Falls

Tuesday 5:30pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am

1st Saturday 9:00am

Weekend Masses

St. Francis de Sales, Smiths Falls

Saturday 5:00pm

Blessed Sacrament, Lombardy

Sunday 9:00am

St. Francis de Sales, Smiths Falls

Sunday 10:30am

Confessions

Saturday 4:00pm - 4:50pm (before 5:00pm Mass)

Prior to or after Mass daily or by appointment

Sacraments

(Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, RCIA,
Confirmation, Marriage)

Contact the parish office

Weddings, call office at least 6 months prior to intended date.

Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration ... Monday 9:00am - 9:00pm

Holy Hour ... Tuesday 4:30pm - 5:30pm

1st Friday Benediction & Adoration ... 9:00am - 10:00am

Parish Outreach Program

Wednesday Community Lunch 12:00pm, Hanley Hall

Communion & Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one are ill or homebound, please call the office

April 19, 2026 - Third Sunday of Easter

"Lord, you will show me the path of life." Psalm 16



Mass Schedule

Sat. April 18	5:00pm	Chris Donovan
Sun. April 19 (BS)	9:00am	Jack Edwards
Sun. April 19	10:30am	For the People
Mon. April 20	No Mass	9am - 9pm Adoration
Tues. April 21	11:00am	Broadview Mass: Fr. Bill Powell
Tues. April 21	4:30-5:30pm	Holy Hour
Tues. April 21	5:30pm	J.P. Proulx
Wed. April 22	8:30am	Nora McNeely
Thurs. April 23	8:30am	Marion Lukow
Fri. April 24	11:30am	Funeral Mass: Jack McConnell
Sat. April 25	5:00pm	For the People
Sun. April 26 (BS)	9:00am	Stephen Tysick
Sun. April 26	10:30am	Intentions of the Barrett Family

Third Sunday of Easter Reflections

May your hearts continue to be inflamed by reflecting on God's word and may that lead to your remembering, celebrating, and believing in the rising of the Lord Jesus! Our celebration of Easter continues. We reflect on the new hope and new life that comes from the Risen Lord Jesus. We see how Jesus' resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit transform life. We are able to be in touch with same Risen Lord through the continuing work of the Holy Spirit, especially as we come together as a community of believers who give thanks to God as we remember, celebrate, and believe all that Jesus said and did.

The first reading comes fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. During the first forty days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead, He appears to His followers and shares the good news that He is alive, and they have reason to hope and live. The second reading Peter begins by explaining that Hebrew scriptures, including the psalms, speak about Jesus' death and resurrection. Peter reassures his hearers that what has happened in the last few months is all part of the plan of God. The psalm tells of the promise that the faithful followers of God will not experience corruption, but they will be shown the path to life and fullness of joy in the presence of God. The Gospel is the account of what took place in the late afternoon on the day of Jesus' resurrection.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church - Altar Servers

While the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) does not use the specific term "altar server," it provides the theological foundation for this role through the **common priesthood of the faithful** and the participation of laypeople in the liturgy. Serving at the altar is considered a "truly holy service" to God and the community, offering young people (and sometimes adults) a chance to be close to the altar and deepen their friendship with Jesus. They are encouraged to let their service shine through their everyday lives, acting as witnesses of the faith.

The **common priesthood of the faithful** is the participation of all baptized persons in the one priesthood of Jesus Christ. While distinct from the ordained (ministerial) priesthood, it empowers the laity to offer spiritual sacrifices and participate actively in

Prayer for the Repose of the Souls of: Let us remember those who have recently died, especially *Aline Robert, Melchor Sison Gonzales, Debbie Shea, Vincent Stevens, Edward Bates, France Giguere, Fr. Stan Alanen, Hugh McDougall, Sabu J. Chelamotoil, Beverly Nadeau, Stephen Tysick, Keith Cassell, Jean Pierre Proulx, Fr. Bill Steacy, Suzanne Johncox, Edie Cordick, Mary Huard, Mary Kacur, Jack McConnell* and those whom we hold within the silence of our minds and hearts.

Praying for our Family & Friends: Let us call to mind and include in our prayers, those who are in need of God's aid and grace, especially *Pat McGlade, Kathy Tysick, Elaine Black, Dan Boyle, Hubert Splinter, Svitlana Kulish, Jean Brady, Robert Stevens, Diane Lockett, Calvin Prince, Fr. Leo Bryne, Scott St. Jean, Ian Kemp, Fr. Michael McCarthy, Fr. Mac Burke, Fr. Don Cummings, Sean Conway, Sylvain Hébert, Denis Richardson, Jennifer Hamilton*

Upcoming Events/Meetings

- April 21** Broadview Mass 11am
- April 21** K of C 4th Degree Meeting 7:15pm
- April 22** Little Flowers (lower HH) 6pm
- April 23** CWL General Meeting (lower HH) 6pm
- April 28** Van Horne Mass 10:30am
- April 28** CWL Pin Presentations, following evening Mass (lower HH)

Into the Future Candle will be lit the week of April 19, in loving memory of **Paul Deegan**, requested by the family.

Devotion of the Month: The Holy Eucharist The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy Wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death, call me, And bid me come to Thee, That with Thy saints, I may praise Thee. Forever and ever. Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April

For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Collection Counters	Rosary Leaders
April 26 Gary Mitchell, Lauralee Merkle, Louise Anderson	April 25 Will Spencer April 26 Line Brady

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00pm April 25 Margery Healey Valerie Whelan	Pierre Chartier
9:00am April 26 Jim Noble	Nancy Mahon
10:30am April 26 Stella D'Souza Mark Brady	John Brohman

Easter is a season of profound transformation, a time when the old gives way to the new and the broken is made whole. It is a reminder that God's power is made perfect in weakness, and that his grace is sufficient for all our needs.

St. Faustina



Parish Pictorial Directory Assistance

Over the past 30 years our parish has created a parish directory a few times. The last one was 10 years ago. The directory is somewhat like a school year book. It consists of professional family photos, taken by the company IPC, who publish the directory. It also contains editorial input with photos of parish committees and ministries. The directories are available at no charge to any family who has their photo taken by IPC. The directory publicity campaign will start in August with photos to be taken in September and if all goes as planned the directory will be printed and available in December. As with any project volunteer help is required. We are looking for one person to be the overall Directory Coordinator. The Coordinator will be responsible to ensure that the various leads complete their tasks. The largest role for a lead is the booking of families to their photo session. IPC has provided a Coordinator's guide. It outlines that five or six tasks and roles are needed to be accomplished from start (marketing/promotion of the directory), photo bookings, editorial content, and the final distribution of the directory. If this is something that you would like to take on, or if you have any questions please feel free to contact me. You will have the support and assistance of the various parish ministries as well as the Parish Pastoral Council.

Thank you

Rob Drapeau, Parish Pastoral Council, St Francis de Sales - Blessed Sacrament, drapeau@bell.net or 613-206-4316

Confirmation - Final Call to Register

For those parents who have already registered your child for Confirmation, or are in the process of registering, we are asking families to **attend Mass on Tuesday April 21 at 5:30pm, following Mass there will be a parent information session.** Forms are available on our parish website under Sacraments. They can also be found on our weekly Flocknote. Or you can reach out to the parish office to obtain the link. Classes commence in May. The celebration will take place on Saturday, June 14, at 10:30am at St. Francis de Sales.

New Custodian

We are pleased to announce that Will Spencer has joined our parish staff as Custodian, effective April 14, 2026. We are thrilled to have his help in keeping our space beautiful and welcoming for all. If you see him around, be sure to say hello!

Congratulations Fr. Jacob

We extend our warmest congratulations to Fr. Jacob Chelamootil as he celebrates 33 years of ministerial priesthood and sacramental ministry on April 22. Your devotion to the Lord and His people is a true blessing to us all. May God Bless you. We pray for your continued health and fruitful ministry.

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who made last weekend's Divine Mercy Service so meaningful - Pierre Chartier, Dorothy Quattrocchi, K of C and CWL. A special thank you to Fr. McNally for joining us.

"Were not our hearts filled with ardent yearning when He was talking to us on the road and explaining the Scriptures?"

- Luke 24:32

Catholic Women's League General Meeting

The Catholic Women's League invites all members of the parish to attend a presentation on Thursday April 23 at 6pm in upper Hanley Hall. CDSBEO representatives Chris Cummings, Chair of the Board and Shelley Thompson, Director of Education will speak on the role of trustees and publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. They will share an update on recent accomplishments from schools in the area. Refreshments will be enjoyed at the end of the 30 minute presentation followed by the regular CWL general meeting. We look forward to seeing you at this important event.

A Pilgrimage Trip to Europe - Seeking Interest

Plans have been tentatively made for a pilgrimage to Europe in the fall. For this trip to get the green light, we are looking to see how many parishioners might be interested, before we consider opening it up to neighboring parishes. I would be your spiritual leader on this pilgrimage to Europe from September 27 - October 9, 2026. We would be making stops in Rome, Assisi, Florence, Pisa, Padova, Venice, Milan, Engelberg, Interlaken, Junfrauoch, Lucerne, Neuhausen am Rheinfall, Schaffhausen, Zurich, Titisee. Cost per person: Twin Sharing—\$6,850 CAD, single supplement (additional) \$900CAD
For more information, please see our Flocknote, or call or email the parish office for a copy of the itinerary, registration form and full details.

Care Not Coercion Q&A Discussion

Join us for a Town Hall Q&A discussion on "Care Not Coercion" to be held in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Carleton Place on Wednesday, April 22nd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. MP Garnett Genuis, a Catholic MP from Sherwood Park - Fort Saskatchewan is the author of Bill C-260 which was presented in the House of Commons. Supporting our Catholic Moral Teaching on the sanctity of life, this bill aims to prevent bureaucrats from offering MAiD to vulnerable Canadians seeking government support services

March for Life – May 14, 2026

This year's National March for Life will take place on Thursday May 14 on Parliament Hill. Bus service to and from Parliament Hill will be provided by the St. Johns Life Matters Group. This year's speakers at the March and Rose dinner are Alex Schadenberg and Aleš Primc. To register for the bus, sign on to lifemattersnetwork.ca/bus. Bus fare is \$20.

A priest, a hippie, and the smartest man in the world were flying on a small plane. Halfway through the flight, the pilot turned around and said "I have bad news, this plane is going to crash and I can't do anything about it. There are only three parachutes on board and this one is mine." He jumps out of the plane. The smartest man in the world says "Look, guys, I'm the smartest man in the world. Everyone needs me to live. I could cure cancer. I'm a very important guy," and he grabs a parachute and jumps out. The priest turns to the hippie and says "Take the last parachute, my son." The hippie says, "Naw, man, that's not necessary." The priest insists, telling the hippie, "It's my job to lay down my life for you. You must take the last parachute, my son." The hippie again says, "That's not necessary, man." The priest starts to get agitated and says, "What do you mean?! I want you to live! I'm ready to meet the Lord!" The hippie says "Not necessary, man. The smartest man in the world just jumped out of the plane with my backpack on."

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