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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

May 17, 2026 - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



"God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet." Psalm 47



Sat. May 16	5:00pm	For the People
Sun. May 17 (BS)	9:00am	Stephen Tysick
Sun. May 17	10:30am	Sabu J. Chelamootil
Mon. May 18	No Mass	No Adoration
Tues. May 19	No Mass	
Tues. May 19	No Mass	Fr. Jacob on Retreat
Wed. May 20	No Mass	from Monday May 18 - Friday May 22
Thurs. May 21	No Mass	
Fri. May 22	No Mass	
Sat. May 23	5:00pm	Curran & Traynor Families
Sun. May 24 (BS)	9:00am	For the People
Sun. May 24	10:30am	Jack McConnell

Ascension of the Lord - Reflections

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, presents the scene of Jesus' Ascension, the promise of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' instructions to the Apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the Power from above, and missionary command to the Apostles to bear witness to him. Today's Responsorial Psalm suggests that, by his Ascension, the risen Lord "mounts his throne" in glory. In the second reading, Paul teaches us that God revealed His might in the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, thus exalting Him over all angelic forces. Today's Gospel tells us that, with his return to the Father, Jesus completed his personal mission on earth.

Life Messages

We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives.

We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of faith, hope, love, forgiveness, mercy, and salvation by his life and his preaching and gave us the same mission for the conversion of our brothers and sisters.

We need Jesus as our source of strength and encouragement in doing His will: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith, as well as baseless fears, anxieties, and worries, by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches — that we, too, are called to share his Glory in Heaven

The Catechism of the Catholic Church: First Fruits of the Holy Spirit

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the fruits of the Holy Spirit are perfections formed in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. While St. Paul lists nine in Galatians 5:22-23, Catholic traditionally enumerates twelve, which are signs of the Holy Spirit active in a person's life. The fruits are the results of utilizing the gifts we receive at Confirmation.

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| 1. Love | 4. Patience | 7. Generosity | 10. Modesty |
| 2. Joy | 5. Kindness | 8. Gentleness | 11. Self-control |
| 3. Peace | 6. Goodness | 9. Faith | 12. Chastity |

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. Chelamootil, Beverly Nadeau, Stephen Tysick, Keith Cassell, Jean Pierre Proulx, Fr. Bill Steacy, Suzanne Johncox, Edie Cordick, Mary Huard, Mary Kacur, Jack McConnell, Joseph Peringelil, Fidelis Ajawara, Marion Luklow, Norma Cordick, and those whom we hold within the silence of our minds and hearts.*

Praying for the healing of 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 *Ross Mayer, Marcel Stevens, Brigitte Berube, Pat McGlade, Kathy Tysick, Elaine Black, Dan Boyle, Hubert Splinter, Svittlana 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

May 17	Confirmation Prep
May 18-22	Fr. Jacob away on Annual Priest Retreat
May 19	K of C 4th Degree Meeting 7:15pm
May 20	K of C 3rd Degree Meeting 7pm
May 21	CWL General Meeting (lower HH) 6pm
May 23	Little Flowers (upper HH)
May 24	1st Communion Prep (upper HH)
May 24	Confirmation Prep (lower HH)
May 26	Van Horne Mass 10:30am
May 27	Little Flowers 6pm (lower HH)
May 28	Choir Practice 6:30pm
May 31	First Communion Sunday
May 31	Confirmation Prep (lower HH)

Into the Future Candle will be lit the week of May 17, for a **Special Intention**, requested by Lucie Cooper.

Devotion of the Month: Our Lady

May is dedicated to the Month of Mary, a time to honour the Blessed Virgin through special devotions, prayers, and the "May Crowning" of her statues with flowers. Notable Feast Days: Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), Mary Help of Christians (May 24), and the Visitation (May 31). This month serves as a time for special focus on Mary's intercession and to turn to her for guidance.

Pope's Prayer Intention for May

That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

*Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: **If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.** For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.*

St. Augustine of Hippo

Collection Counters	Rosary Leaders
May 24 Gary Mitchell, Lauralee Merkle, Louise Anderson	May 23 Will Spencer May 24 Line Brady
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00pm May 23 Greg Hull Cathy Bridson	Pierre Chartier
9:00am May 24 Jennifer Ritchie	Nancy Mahon
10:30am May 24 John Brohman Mary Ellen Drapeau	Rob Drapeau

Running out of Mass Intentions for our Daily Masses

Offering intentions during Mass is a deeply rooted Catholic practice that serves as two beautiful purposes: they apply the infinite graces of the Eucharist to your specific intention, and they provide vital support for the material needs of the altar. Common types of intentions are: repose of a soul, health and healing, special occasions or special petitions. Please reach out to the parish office, as offering a Mass is the greatest gift we can give. Thank you to those who responded to our call for Mass Intentions.

Annual Priest Retreat for Archdiocese of Kingston

I will be joining for the annual retreat of the priests in the Archdiocese of Kingston at St. Peter's Seminary in Toronto from May 18-22. During these days, there will not be Mass or Adoration. I will be keeping you all in my prayers, Adorations and Mass during the retreat. Please keep us and our Archdiocese in your prayers too.

Is Jesus Calling You?

Spend an Hour with Him in Adoration

We are looking for adorers during our Monday Adoration, especially with the summer holidays approaching. Please reach out to Cathy at 613-283-2785 or 613-285-7375. Your commitment ensures that our chapel doors remain open for everyone seeking a moment of prayer.

Adoration will be closed on Monday May 18 due to the Victoria Holiday.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - May 17

The Ascension of the Lord is a Christian holiday that commemorates Jesus's ascension into heaven after His resurrection. It is celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter. The Ascension is a symbol of hope and promise, signifying that Christ is now in heaven, reigning with Divine Authority. It also signifies the beginning of the Church's journey, as Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his mission.

Pentecost Sunday - May 24

Next Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost 50 days after Easter, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles in Jerusalem, marking the birth of the Church. It signifies the Holy Spirit's arrival, power, and ongoing presence in believers, empowering them to share the Gospel. Pentecost also celebrates the unity of believers from all nations and the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send another Advocate.

World Communications Day - May 17

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communications (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

Archdiocese of Kingston 200th Anniversary Icon

The Archdiocese of Kingston is marking its 200th anniversary (1826–2026) with a specially commissioned icon, designed to be a focal point of prayer and reflection throughout the bicentennial year. The Icon will be on display this weekend. There are copies at the entrance of the church of the Reading of the Icon for those who wish to learn more.

First Communion - May 31

Please pray the novena for our 14 First Communion candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on **Sunday May 31 at the 10:30am Mass.**

Dear Lord, we thank you and praise you for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. We ask you to bless all those who are preparing to receive your Body and Blood for the first time on May 31. You have provided for us richly through the gift of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Receiving the Holy Eucharist is a tremendous blessing, and we ask you to help even young children to prepare well before receiving you. Please assist all who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion, and we particularly ask that you bless and assist all children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion! Help us to grow in love for you each day of our lives. Help us to always appreciate the great gifts you have given us for our salvation. I especially ask in this novena (your intentions here). Lord, hear our prayers! Amen.

Car Trunk Sale

CWL will be sponsoring a Fundraising Car Trunk Sale on Saturday, May 30 from 9:30am-1:30pm in our parish parking lot to support Bridge House (LCMH) transitional housing project to help homeless adults). There will be a bake sale as well. Reserve your car parking spot (\$35/car) annmbjohnson@gmail.com or phone 613 868-4090.

CWL Summer Gathering

Our CWL annual summer gathering will take place at Settler's Square (260 Brockville Street) on Thursday June 4. Social time 5pm followed by dinner at 5:30pm. Menu: Parmesan/herb chicken or Vegetarian-meatless burger mini casserole with tomato, navy beans and cheese. Both options served with scalloped potatoes, green beans, glazed carrots, garden salad, roll/butter, dessert, coffee/tea. Water and fruit punch will be available. **Cost: \$30**

Options for payment:

- 1) E-transfer to Dorothy at quattrocchidorothy@gmail.com
 - 2) Pay Dorothy by cash on May 17 at Blessed Sacrament Church, May 21 at the General Meeting, May 24 at Blessed Sacrament Church
 - 3) Pay an executive member.
 - 4) If ALL the above options do not work, drop payment at the rectory.
- All payment and confirmed attendance is needed by **May 28**. Looking forward to seeing you at this event!

K of C 2444 Annual Pro-Life Collection

Every life counts: from the beginning to the end, from conception to natural death
Pope Francis, Twitter Jan 19 2018

During the month of May there will be envelopes available in the pews to facilitate your donations for the annual collection to assist local Pro-Life organizations. Donations of \$25.00 or more, if requested by noting your contact information, will receive a receipt from K of C Council 2444 for income tax purposes. 100% of all donations will be distributed to local organizations. Thank you and God bless! Rob

After attending a convention led by Billy Graham a woman wrote to him. "Dear Sir, I feel that God is calling me to preach the Gospel. But the trouble is that I have twelve children. What shall I do?" The televangelist replied: "Dear Madam, I am delighted to hear that God has called you to preach the Gospel. I am even more delighted to hear that He has already provided you with a congregation in your own home."

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