

Sunday Bulletin

November 24, 2019

Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christmas Fair Today!! (Parish Hall)

After Sunday Mass (9:30 or 11:20), come down for a bowl of homemade chili (for just \$5) and see the crafts and baked goods available for sale. Proceeds from the event will go to the Parish's Building Fund.

St Joe's Women's Centre — Christmas Update



ST. JOE'S
Women's Centre

The 2019 Christmas season is fast approaching and many families are patiently awaiting this joyous time of year. Yet, for those who come to St. Joe's Women's Centre, Christmas is often a time of worry and tight budgets. The mothers who come to the Centre would love nothing more than to provide a warm and nutritious meal and a little something under the tree for their family but often struggle to make this a reality. This is why we are reaching out to you and generous supporters like yourself.

We would like to invite you to support one of our families during this Christmas season. In previous years, single people, families, groups, co-workers and many others, have decided to sponsor a family for Christmas through the St. Joe's Women's Centre's Christmas Sponsorship Program.

St. Joe's Women's Centre is a not-for-profit organization that is situated in the heart of downtown Ottawa. The Centre offers many services to both women and their children. Some of our services include but are not limited to: an emergency food bank, access to laundry facilities, daily breakfast, lunch, children's playroom, as well as various children's outings. We cater our services to women and children that are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, disadvantaged, and /or who live in poverty.

Below is an example of what a typical Christmas sponsorship list may consist of: *Mom: Pajamas, slippers, socks, bath set, gift cards*

Dad: Sports items, slippers, socks, razor set, gift cards

Children: Toys, slippers, socks, underwear, books, art supplies, games etc.

Food: Turkey, juice, stuffing, vegetables, rolls, potatoes, cranberries, dessert

If this is something that you or someone you know may be interested in, or if you have any questions about the program, please contact **Stephanie Reynolds**, Programme Coordinator, at 613-231-6722 or sreynolds@st-josephs.ca. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a merry Christmas season and to thank you for your continued support.

Have Your Say, Respond to Flourishing Congregations Survey

Thus far, 46 St. Joe's parishioners completed the Flourishing Congregations survey. Thank you for providing your feedback on our parish's ministries and your priorities as a parishioner. This is a national academic survey spearheaded by Ambrose U and the U of Saskatchewan, with the support of the Archdiocese of Ottawa. The survey explores vitality or decline of parishes, by providing comprehensive data on the state of Christian denominations in Canada. St. Joseph's Parish will receive conclusions specific to our community which will be shared with you.

The Archdiocese asks that at least 25% of parishioners in each parish complete the survey, approximately 135 parishioner responses at St Joe's. Presently, our rate of response is approximately 9%. The deadline to submit your feedback is **November 30th, 2019**. Please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/fc405c>.

Welcome!

New Parishioners and visitors please introduce yourselves at the **Welcome Desk** at the back of the church or contact Maria Virjee, 613-234-6000, mvsali2@gmail.com

Registration

Forms can be found at the Welcome Desk or the back of the Church.

Donations

Register with the Parish either to receive envelopes, sign-up for auto-debit, online through **Canada Helps**.

Don't like passing the basket empty-handed? Stop by the Welcome Desk before Mass and pick up a laminated donation card that you can drop in the basket as it passes.

Children's Liturgy: 9:30am Mass 3 Sundays a month. Children are invited to meet in age groups (JK-1, Gr 2-3 & Gr 4-6) & share on the Word of God at their own level. All children are welcome.

MASS TIMES & RECONCILIATION

- *Week Day Mass:* Wed to Fri at 12pm in the Rectory Chapel
- *Weekend Masses:* Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9:30am (Family Mass) & 11:30am
- *University Mass (Sept-Apr):* Sunday 7pm
- *Reconciliation:* After weekday Mass or by appt.
- *Adoration:* 1st Fri. of the month after the noon Mass

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Malachi 4.1—2

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 3.7— 12

Gospel:

Luke 21.5 — 19



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HOURS & LOCATION

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Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 8am-4pm

Sat: 11am-5pm

Bequests

Consider including
St. Joe's in your will.

COLUMNS: St. Joe's Supper Table, Women's Centre, ROC and
Development & Peace



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SUPPER TABLE

Ryan Mitchell, Manager, 613-233-4095, x240, rmitchell@st-josephs.ca,
www.suppertable.ca

Happy weekend! We need **soup, stew, prepared pasta and tea towels**. Monetary donations are welcome, please make your cheques payable to St. Joe's Supper Table. Tax receipts are provided. Our satellite food bank location needs baby diapers (size 3 to 6), baby wipes, and school snacks. Stay tuned for our list of upcoming family fun events for December!



St. Joe's Women's Centre — Mentorship Programme

The St. Joe's Women's Centre Mentorship Programme is looking for a mentor for a very special 12 year-old boy. This mentor should be male, between the ages of 18-25, able to commit 2-3 hours twice a week & posses a police record check. If you are interested in gaining more information, please contact Jennifer Clark: jlark@st-josephs.ca , 613-231-6722 x2.

ROC Update: Gently used or New Skates Needed (all sizes pre school to adult)

The Skating Buddy Program is one of several ways The Catholic Center for Immigrants (CCI) introduce newcomers to fun things they can do to become comfortable with winter. With a team of volunteers, they teach newcomers of all ages to skate at City Hall's Rink of Dreams. Last year a number of the families the Refugee Outreach Committee were helping took part in this program and hope to continue if skates are available. Three of our children from an African country took to skating with much enthusiasm and laughter. New or gently used skates for all ages are needed. They can be obtained either from your family's hand me downs or at Value Village & Salvation Army Thrift shops at very inexpensive prices. If you would like to donate, please drop skates off in the labelled box at the back of the church. If you would like more information please contact John Weir: jhnwr99@yahoo.ca.



**Development and Peace: Dispatches from the Frontlines
Panel, Info: devp.org**

Panel: *Dispatches from the Frontlines of a Conflict Caused by Climate Change*
Understand how climate change, by drying up Lake Chad, is fuelling hunger, displacement and extremism. Featuring: **Dr. Isaac 'Asume' Osuoka**, Director, Social Action, Nigeria, and visiting scholar, Environmental Studies, York University; **Hamzat Lawal**, Co-founder, Follow the Money; Chief Executive, Connected Development; **Christian Champigny**, Director of International Programs, Development and Peace-Caritas Canada. **November 28, 2019, 7 PM – 9 PM** , Sacré-Cœur Parish, 591 Cumberland St. Free admission.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dispatches-from-the-frontlines-of-a-conflict-caused-by-climate-change-tickets-80750662405>.

Volunteers Needed: English Conversation Group for New Comers

Our main goal is to enable the participants (Often newcomers to Canada including immigrants, refugees, students, etc) to have a one on one conversation with a volunteer who speaks English fluently. We have a relaxed ,inclusive and friendly atmosphere at our sessions to encourage social interaction and to enable language skills to be improved in a supportive, friendly and enjoyable way. The English Conversation Group meets every Wednesday (except in the summer) from 7pm to 8:30 pm in room L-142 of LaFramboise Hall at St Paul's University , 233 Main St, Ottawa. For more info contact: : Michaelrichard2008@hotmail.com

St. Joe's Ministry News & Updates

Parish & Ministry Information

Young Adult Ministry
Andrew Pump
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University Mass every Sunday at 7PM.

Email Andrew to get on the Young Adult Mailing List.

Up Coming Events

Advent Discernment Journey: *Closer Than a Heartbeat - A Four Session Retreat Experience Offered at St. Joseph on Thursday Evenings During Advent for Young Adults.* As Advent approaches

and the evenings grow darker you are being invited to retreat into the stillness and to listen expectantly. It is within this very stillness that Mary heard the words of the Angel Gabriel. What words do you hear in the stillness? Do you have the courage to believe that God reaches for you in the ordinary and extraordi-

nary moments of each and everyday?

Karen Johnson. B.A. B.Ed, M.R.E. is a follow journeyer, parish member and adult educator who has a passion for teaching people how to become "heart literate". She developed Closer Than a Heartbeat when she recognized that very few were teaching young adults how to listen to their hearts in order to hear the voice of God in their lives.

The sessions will be held every Thursday of Advent starting Nov. 28th and will include dinner and fellowship. Please sign-up by emailing Andrew.

Continuing Events

Student Weekly Writing Café:

On Thursdays until December 5, from 9AM-12PM, we will be having a writing café in the Oblate Lounge or the Library. This is for anyone working on publications, theses, and papers.

Our Financial Stewardship COLLECTION Nov 17, 2019: \$6,399

Step Up—Building Fund: \$20,400



Library News —Library titles about the **HOLY SPIRIT** include – Haase, A. *Enkindled: Holy Spirit, holy gifts* (BT121.2.H242 2001), Pacwa, M. *Holy Spirit: a Bible study guide for Catholics* (BT121.3.P23 2006) and Vost, K. *Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit* (BT767.3.V67 2016).

St. Joe's Children's Christmas Pageant

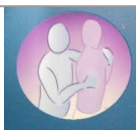
The first rehearsal for this year's Children's Christmas pageant will be held this Sunday November 24 immediately following the 9:30 am morning Mass. All children who are interested in acting/ participating may attend this brief rehearsal. For more information please contact Toni at tarasco.toni@gmail.com.

November 27 — Advent Small Group Faith Sharing

You are invited to join fellow parishioners in enlivening your Advent journey through faith sharing and community building at St. Joe's as we reflect on the Sunday scriptures leading up to Christmas. Wednesday evenings **Nov. 27 to Dec. 18 at 7:15 PM** in the Oblate Lounge. Join us for all sessions or when able. Enter by the Laurier Ave. entrance. Please visit the **Welcome Desk** for more information or to sign up.



December 6th — One on One Healing Prayer



Come to experience one on one healing touch if you are feeling stress, anxiety, grief, or physical, emotional, spiritual pain. Offered **December 6, Friday morning 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM** in the church by **Helena Robb and Norah McMahon**. Please sign up at the **Welcome Desk** or contact Norah at

norah.mcmahon@rogers.com or 613 828-1350. For last minute cancellations, contact the Front Office at 613 233-4095.

Coffee Sales

Fair-Trade Coffee is sold near the Welcome Desk after each Sunday Mass. Bags (340g) are \$13. All proceeds directly benefit Development & Peace.

Parking

Parking is free during weekend Mass & 30 mins after. Or park in UofO Lot B **only** on Sundays from 8am-2pm (enter off Cumberland between Wilbrod & Stewart).

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Missing information?

To Add or Update Ministry contact info, please contact Kathleen Strader at kstrader@st-sjosephs.ca or extension 251.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

November 25th — December 1st, 2019

	Monday 25 th	Tuesday 26 th	Wednesday 27 th	Thursday 28 th	Friday 29 th	Saturday 30 th	Sunday 1 th
This Week	(1) Male Spirituality Circle at Bethesda Renewal Centre: 7PM-9PM (2) Christian Meditation: 9:30AM Library		(1) Advent Faith Sharing: 7:15pm Oblate Lounge (2) Christian Meditation 4:00PM Library (3) English Conversation Group: 7PM—8:30PM, rm L-142 Lafromboise hall, St Paul's Uni	(1) Advent Journey: (YAM) (2) Writing Café: 9AM-11AM Library (2) Dispatches from the Frontlines: 7PM—9PM Sacré Coeur	(1) Christian Meditation: 7PM Oblate Lounge	(1) Flourishing Congregations Survey Due Today	
Up Coming		(1) ROC (3rd Tuesday), 6:30pm, Library		(1) Gracenote Advent Vespers: Dec 12 th , 8pm, Galilee Centre.	(1) One-on-One Healing touch: Dec 6 th (1 st Fri), Church (2) Adoration: Dec 6 th , Main Floor Chapel		(1) Advent Retreat: Galilee Centre, Dec 8 th , 4PM.



Christmas postal stamps — A small way to help revive the meaning of Christmas is to use postal stamps with a religious theme. Goodbye Santa Claus, reindeer and snowmen. This year's 87 cent Christmas stamp - *the magi following the star* - is now available in limited quantities because Canada post doesn't want to be left with out-of-season stamps. Why not buy a lot and use them all year. The incarnation of Christ is not seasonal.



GRACENOTE ADVENT VESPERS: Dec 12, 2019 at 8PM. Join us for evening prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise. This talented group of artists brings a vibrant, joyful and soulful approach to this ancient Christian Prayer. Good Will Donations gratefully accepted, RSVP.

AN ADVENT CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT: Dec 8 – Dec 10, 2019. Facilitators: Susan Kehoe & Mary Ellen Berry, A Light Shines in the Darkness. Come away. Come pause awhile in the silence of community prayer, in the silence of nature, in the silence of the heart. You are invited to participate in a two-day period of silent Hope-filled waiting. Retreat begins with registration at 4 PM Dec 8th and runs until 1 PM Dec 10th. Cost: Single \$310, Double \$285.

To **RVSP** Or **Register** at 613-623-4242 ext. 21 or email info@galileecentre.com.

Mass Intentions:

Wed. November 27, 2019: Dorothy Hamm

Thur. November 28, 2019:

Fri. November 29, 2019:

Mass intentions are available on Wed., Thur., and Fri. during Noon Mass for a \$15.00 donation. Please notify the Front Desk for arrangements. Thank you!



To add a name to the Book of the Sick: Either inform the Front Office or write it in the binder located at the Welcome Desk. We pray for those who are listed during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Prayers for the sick: Anna Kizas, Nyra Mineros, Madeline Forget, Hal Rowan, Sheila Granger, Christina De Simone, Vivian Gutierrez, Anne Patterson, Reesa Greenberg, Fr. Tim Coonen OMI, Dale Keller, Frank O'Donnell, John Powell, Laurie Alain, Doyle Wilson, Sheila Barr Dalzell, Jenn Turner, Ron Kedrosky, Jairiaba Manneh, Mary Catherine Njie.

Prayers for those who have died: Louise Picard-Labelle, Basile Foote OSB, Jeanine Herie, John Tymchuk, Mary Joy, Sister Jenny Nasello CND, Una Burke, Aideen Nicholson, Deborah Fournier, Hunter Straight-Smith, Louise Picard-Labelle, Jennifer Fernandes, Marie Beauchemin, Suzanne Sayers, Terence McCluskey, Anne Drouin, Msgr Leonard Lunney P.H., Francis Hampshire, William Griffiths.