

# Christmas Bulletin

**December 22, 2019– January 1, 2020**

**Welcome!**

## St. Joe's Christmas Concert

**Ottawa Children's Choir - CD for sale!**



St. Joseph's Parish is the home of the Ottawa Children's Choir (OCC). The program's five choirs rehearse in the Church and the Parish Hall every week and perform three concerts here each year. The senior level of the OCC, Chamber Choir, will be touring Italy in April 2020 where they will perform at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, as well as during mass at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. The choir has produced a CD as a fundraiser for this tour. CDs are available for purchase for \$20. Please see Jamie Loback (Music Director) following mass or email him at [jamieloback@yahoo.ca](mailto:jamieloback@yahoo.ca) should you wish to purchase a copy.



### Christmas Mass Schedule

<b>Dec 24</b>	5:00pm	Children's Pageant & Mass
	8:00pm	Chorale Prelude
	9:00pm	Mass During the Night
	11:00pm	Chorale Prelude
	12:00am	Midnight Mass
<b>Dec 25</b>	11:00am	Mass during the day
<b>Dec 28</b>	5:00pm	Mass
<b>Dec 29</b>	9:30am	Mass
	11:30am	Mass
<b>Dec 31</b>	5:00pm	Mass
<b>Jan 1</b>	11:00am	Mass



On December 14, 2019 St. Joe's Choir held its annual Christmas concert and Carol sing-along. \$1,220 was raised for St. Joe's Supper Table.

# PARISH CONTACTS

## PASTORAL

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Sat: 11am-5pm



# Outreach Ministries Column



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE SUPPER TABLE

Ryan Mitchell, Manager, 613-233-4095, x240, [rmitchell@st-josephs.ca](mailto:rmitchell@st-josephs.ca), [www.supper-table.ca](http://www.supper-table.ca)

What a week! This past week we received just under **two tonnes** of fresh produce and non perishable food items; handed out Christmas care packages to over 120 families at our satellite food bank location at Wiggins Prvt. On Monday, we had our Christmas dinner in the Supper Table, We served over **150 guests** a home made scrumptious turkey dinner with all the fixing. We gave out **80 pounds** of handmade knitted cold weather gear thanks to Terry Byrne and the knitters at Busy Hands.



**We continuing to look for winter boots in Women/Men sizes 7.5 —11.5 - if you have some, please contact the Supper Table first.**

After the holidays, we will need **spices, especially salt and pepper; baking soda; baking powder; chocolate chips; baby supplies (wipes, food, cereal); canned meats; and tinned coffee (or \$5 coffee cards from Tim Hortons).** Drop off donations at reception or the offering basket. Monetary donations are also welcome, please make your cheques payable to St. Joe's Supper Table. Tax receipts are provided.

## The Sedera Project: Help Family Reunification— Supported by ROC

We are working with Sister Maureen Killoran to help her friend, Mehret, a former refugee herself, reunite with her brother-in-law, his wife and three young children. Originally from Eritrea, they have been living for eight years in difficult conditions in Sudan. Generous friends have already raised \$25,000 but we need \$7,000 more to meet Canada's "Group of 5" Sponsorship program requirements. Every small amount will help us to reach our goal and to give a safe and secure home to Mehret's family. You can contact us, Marilyn Hanley and Valerie Wright, by email at [thesedraproject@gmail.com](mailto:thesedraproject@gmail.com)

## 2019 Christmas Cheer Breakfast: St. Joe's Women's Centre & St. Joe's Supper Table



A team from St. Joe's Parish including the Women's Centre and the Supper Table attended the **2019 Christmas Cheer Breakfast**, which raises money for local charities. This year the Supper table was the recipient of \$1,000 donation.



## St. Joe's Ministry News & Updates

**Young Adult Ministry**  
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**ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME**



ner between the 5PM and 9PM Christmas Eve masses. If you are staying in town

University Mass every Sunday at 7PM.

and are away from family this season you can find food and fellowship with us. If you are interested just let us know by emailing Andrew.

Email Andrew to get on the Young Adult Mailing List.

**Reminder:** There will be no University Mass on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Young Adult Christmas Dinner:** We will be having a Young Adult Christmas Din-

**Our Financial Stewardship COLLECTION December 8, 2019: \$7,072**

**Step Up—Building Fund: \$24,385**



**Library News** — Library books on ADVENT & CHRISTMAS include Lewis, S. *Living in joyful hope: Advent & Christmas meditations* (BX2170.A4L495 2005), Monasterio, E. *God's nativity scene* (PZ7.M613 2012) & Loder, T. *Tracks in the snow: tales spun from the manger* (PS3562.0296T7 1997)

### St. Joe's Liturgical Environment Committee Update

A new committee has been established at St. Joe's - The Liturgical Environment Committee. Committee members are Terry Byrne, Joanne Lee, Helen Zettel, Bob Zettel, Henri Van Zandvoort, Andrew Pump, Christina Ronzio, Jamie Loback, John Sommers, and Pat Malikail. John Weir and Dorothy Collins have agreed to assist the LEC during this transition year, and Wayne Moyle has agreed to co-ordinate the work of the group (new committee members are always welcome). The LEC has accepted the difficult (nearly impossible) task of continuing the work that John Weir and Dorothy Collins have done for the past many years in establishing a liturgical environment that is conducive to the prayerful celebration of the Eucharist. For the next several weeks, the committee will use this section of the Bulletin to explain our plans and answer questions from the community. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please talk to one of the committee members, email the LEC coordinator [waynemoyl8@gmail.com](mailto:waynemoyl8@gmail.com) or use the comment section at the end of the bulletin and place it in the collection basket. Watch this space in coming weeks for more information from the committee. New volunteers are always welcome!

### Christmas From the Faith Formation Team: RCIA Christmas Brunch



## Parish & Ministry Information

### 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).

### Ministry Contacts

#### Bread Baking:

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#### Children's Liturgy:

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#### Christian Meditation:

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Rick Gariepy:  
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#### English Conversation Group for newcomers :

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#### Financial Coaching

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#### One-on-One Healing Touch:

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#### Refugee Outreach Committee (ROC)

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#### Missing information?

To add or update Ministry contact info, please contact Kathleen Strader at [kstrader@st-sjosephs.ca](mailto:kstrader@st-sjosephs.ca) or extension 251.




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## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME BREAKFAST: PARTICIPANTS & FAMILIES

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Thank you to our Catechists, Edwin Okoduwa and Priscilla Maria Orozco Raudez, for their hard work in teaching the Fall 2019 confirmation preparation programme.

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### Announcements

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**2020 Envelopes Available** — The 2020 donation envelopes will be available at the **Welcome Desk** after all Masses this weekend (**December 22, 2019**). If you any questions or wish to register for envelops please contact the Front office (613) 233-4095 ext. 251, or ask the Welcome Desk for registration forms.

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**Volunteers Needed** — It's that time again! This weekend we will post the signup sheets for ministry volunteers for all of our Christmas Liturgies. There will be signup sheets posted for all of the Christmas Liturgies; we will need Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, and people to take up collections. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Eleanor Rabnett at [rabnete@gmail.com](mailto:rabnete@gmail.com). Eleanor will be at the back of the Church after each of the weekend Masses to answer any questions you might have.

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#### *Passing on the Light*

*The light shone in the darkness  
And the darkness did not overcome it*

For the Light and Life of the world was destined to enter the darkest of darkness and it seemed for a while as if the darkness had won...

But in the darkest hours just before sunrise darkness gave way to a new dawn, an eternal dawn: eternal light shone upon the world

The Light of the World returned to God but passed the light on to his disciples to Peter, to Mary, to the Twelve

And to the Three Thousand who saw the light of the Spirit's new coming and believed

And the light appeared to Saul and Saul became Paul and took the light to the nations, to Rome

And some took the light into desert places  
And some to the east  
And some to the south  
And some to the north

The light dwelt with Benedict and Scholastica  
The light went with Patrick, to Ireland  
And came from Ireland to Iona with Columba and was passed to Aidan, to Hilda to all the Celtic peoples

And the light lived in the darkness of the fall of Rome  
It passed to Gregory, to Augustine and small lights shone in the darkness of the Dark Ages

The light passed on to Hildegard to Dominic, to Thomas, to Eckhart  
To Francis and to Clare whose lives glowed with the power of simplicity  
To Julian and Margery whose lives were hidden until the world was ready  
To Ignatius, to Teresa who found God in the power of imagination

But the light became divided and humans tried to possess it: to claim it as their own

Yet the light was not defeated:  
The light passed to those who loved God's Word who translated it and placed it into the hands of believers

The light passed to those who sought to understand God's creation and explored its wonders

The light passed to those who saw the dignity of human beings and fought to bring justice to the poor, freedom to those who were slaves

The light travelled to new continents and passed to new peoples to Rose and to Juan and to those who believe in the Americas to Paul Miki and to those who believe in the East to Charles Lwanga and to those who believe in Africa

The light passed to Bernadette and Therese to Charles de Foucauld to Dietrich and to Maximilian to Martin Luther King and to Dorothy Day to Brother Roger and to Mother Teresa to us

The light waits

Who will keep the light burning in our day?  
Who will take the light into the world?  
Who will carry the light into a new year, a new century, a new Millennium?

***Who will carry the light, if we do not?***

# Christmas Flower Donations

## In Memory of:

Garry Byrne

Helena Newton

Fagan Family

Patricia Dunnigan

Murdoch Family

Cecilia Malikail

Jan & Helen Ivanco

Margita & Imrich Stolarik

Mary Ann Doucette

Roland & Raymonde Riopal

Mary & Mason Johnston

Regina Sommers

Fr. Lawrence MacLennan, OMI

Fr. Paul Feeley, OMI

Fr. Charles Donovan, OMI

George Crichton

Ida O'Connell

Byrne Family

Rolly Leroux

Jane Williams

Peter Hoysted

Eleanor Boissoneault

Pat Royds

Hodgson Family

Cochrane Family

Marie & Halim Abboud

Peter Adam

Eva Wahba

Margaret Oszlanszky

William & Genevieve Wilson

Stephen D'Annuzio

Edith & Edgar Strader

Mary Joy



# CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 — January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>This Week</b>	NO MEDITATION	(1) Children's Pageant & Mass, 5PM (2) YAM Dinner after 5PM Mass (3) Chorale Prelude, 8PM (4) Mass during the Night, 9PM (5) Chorale Prelude, 11PM (6) Midnight Mass, 12AM	(1) Christmas day Mass, 11AM	NO NOON MASS	NO NOON MASS	(1) Holy Family, Regular Mass Schedule	(1) Holy Family, Regular Mass Schedule



	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Next Week</b>	NO MEDITATION	(1) Solemnity of Mary: Mass, 5PM	(1) Solemnity of Mary: Mass, 11AM, church (2) NO NOON MASS		(1) Adoration: Main Floor Chapel, after 12PM Mass.		(1) Healing prayer following Mass

<b>Up Coming In 2020</b>	(1) Christian Meditation: 9:30AM Library, Jan 6 (2) Male Spirituality Circle at Bethesda Renewal Centre: 7PM-9PM (last Mon.)	(1) ROC: 3rd Tues., 6:30PM, Library	(1) English Conversation Group: 7PM—8:30PM, rm L-142 Lafromboise hall, St. Paul's University (2) Christian Meditation 4:00PM Library		(1) Christian Meditation: 7PM Oblate Lounge (2) One-on-One Healing touch: Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> , Church (3) Catholic LGBT & Straight Alliance (2nd Fri)		
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**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:** Ghislaine Le Blance, Nancy Nichols, Anne Morgan, Ken Switzaer, Dale Wilson, Peggy Whelan, Bernie, Maureen Grace, Doyle Wilson, Jean-Claude Fillion, Edmund Beckis, Jainaba Manner, Catherine Njie, Anna Kizas, Nyra Mineros, Madeline Forget, Hal Rowan, Sheila

Granger, Christina De Simone, Vivian Gutierrez, Anne Patterson.

**Prayers for those who have died:** Paul Lacasse, Denyse Cyr, Mary Agadah, Jane Anido, Peter McDougnel, Andrew Hill, Peter MacDougal, 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.

(Clip and place in collection basket)

My comment, suggestion, question for the **Liturgical Environment Committee:**

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