

Sunday Bulletin

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Music Ministry—St. Joe's Choir Concert — December 14, 2019

St. Joseph's Music Ministry will be hosting their annual Christmas Concert in support of **St. Joe's Supper Table** on Saturday, **December 14th at 7:30PM**. Escape the hustle and bustle of the season to relax, enjoy some music, sing along to some favorites and join us for post concert refreshments. The concert will be held at St. Joseph's church, 174 Wilbrod Street. Admission is a **free will donation and/or nonperishable food items**.



Thank you to the May Court Club of Ottawa!

St. Joseph's Parish gratefully acknowledges the generous \$3,000 grant from the May Court Club of Ottawa awarded to the St. Joe's Supper Table this month to support our nutritious meal program. We look forward to offering our guests healthy breakfast items on weekdays and supporting our monthly Saturday brunch program spearheaded by the Secular Franciscans. The May Court Club, established in 1898, assists community groups that serve families living on the margins. For more information on their activities, visit: <https://maycourt.org/>
Christopher Adam, Parish Executive Director

Christmas Poinsettia Donation



Give a Christmas flower in honour of, or in memory of, a loved one. Parishioners are invited to bring poinsettias and other Christmas flowers to help decorate the church for Christmas. Many donate in honour of someone special, or in memory of someone who has died. The list of names of those being honoured or remembered will be published in our Christmas bulletin on the weekend of **Dec. 24-25**. Please drop off flowers (or monetary donations) at the **Welcome Desk** or at the **Front Office**. Be sure to include: "In honour of ..." or "In memory of ..." with flowers. Thank you!

Thank you to all Christmas Market volunteers!

Thank you to all who contributed in so many ways to our Parish Christmas Market on November 24th, 2019. Special thanks to the talented and generous women of "**Chicks With Sticks**", and the **Oblate Associates**, who donated all of the proceeds from the sale of handmade gift items, baked goods and preserves to the Parish's Building Fund. Thanks as well to all who made the **Refugee Outreach Committee** Table possible, the **St. Joe's Supper Table kiosk** and **L'Arche Ottawa** by donating home cooked and baked items, as well as crafts. The Parish served hot chili as well, thanks to **Joan O'Connell, Donna Rietschlin, Eleanor Rabnett** and **Georgeta Mutu**.

All in all, we raised **\$3,000** for parish ministries and had a great community get-together!

Christopher Adam, Executive Director

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:

Isaiah 1.1-10

Second Reading:

Romans 15.4-9

Gospel:

Matthew 3.1-12



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Office Hours

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Bequests

Consider including
St. Joe's in your will.

Outreach Ministries Column



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SUPPER TABLE

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Happy weekend! Please check out our yearly update and year at a glance located at the Welcome Desk after mass. **We are looking for winter boots in Women/Men sizes 7.5 —11.5, school snacks including juice boxes, fruit snacks, and lunchables; spices especially salt and pepper; baking soda; chocolate chips and baby supplies (wipes, food, cereal),** Drop off donations at reception or the offering basket. Monetary donations are welcome, please make your cheques payable to St. Joe's Supper Table. Tax receipts are provided.

SUPPER TABLE NEWS: Ottawa Community Foundation Grant Received!

We received a grant in the amount of **\$10,000** for our infrastructure and programming project "**Table for one, Food for all**" at the **St. Joe's Supper Table** for 2020. We look forward to upgrading our outdated equipment and we would like to thank the **Ottawa Community Foundation** for their generous support.



ROC UPDATE —Support Amnesty International Write for Rights

December 10th is International Human Rights Day. To mark this day, hundreds of thousands of people around the world take part in Amnesty International's Global Write for Rights event, the world's largest letter-writing campaign. Aimed at influencing world leaders to protect individuals or communities whose human rights have been denied, letter writing demonstrates solidarity and gets results.

The Refugee Outreach Committee encourages everyone, on any day during December, to write a letter, sign a petition, or make a donation at writeathon.ca.

For more information contact Deborah Dorner at 613 612 3626

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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) introduces 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.

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 8:30PM 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

Young Adult Ministry
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**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**

University Mass every Sunday at 7PM.

Email Andrew to get on the Young Adult Mailing List.

Current Events:

Advent Discernment Journey: Closer Advent Discernment Dinners (Closer than a Heartbeat) - A Reflective Retreat Experience Offered at St. Joseph on Thursday Evenings During Advent by Karen Johnson: During Advent, as 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 extraordinary moments of each and every-day? Karen Johnson B.A. B.Ed, M.R.E. is a follow parishioner 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. These sessions will be held every Thursday evening of Advent. We will start with dinner and fellowship at 6PM, then move on to the discernment activities and reflections. If you are available for those days it would be great to have you journey with us. Please sign up by contacting Andrew.

Young Adult Christmas Dinner: We will be having a Young Adult Christmas Dinner between the 5PM and 9PM Christmas Eve masses. If you are staying in town 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.

Reminder: There will be no University Mass on the 22nd or 29th of December.

Our Financial Stewardship COLLECTION December 4, 2019: \$7,898
Step Up—Building Fund: \$21,610



Library News — Books on ADVENT include – Connors, D. *Living Advent with Mary* (BV40.C77 2006), Lewis, S.M. *Living in joyful hope: Advent & Christmas meditations* (BX2170.A4L495 2005) and Dues, G. *Catholic customs & traditions: Advent & Christmas* (BT972.J57 2002). We welcome book donations – please drop them off in the Library just beyond the Sacristy or at the Front Desk. Thank you.

2020 Envelopes

The 2020 donation envelopes will be available at the **Welcome Desk** after all Masses the weekend of **December 15, 2019**. If you any questions or wish to register for envelopes please contact the Front office (613) 233-4095 ext. 251, or ask the Welcome Desk for registration forms.

Advent Small Group Faith Sharing

All are welcome to join us for any of the remaining sessions as we continue to our share faith stories in light of the Advent Sunday scriptures. Wednesday evenings until December 18 at 7:15PM in the Oblate Lounge. Enter via the Laurier Avenue entrance.



Christmas Concert at Notre Dame Cathedral

Christmas Concert at Notre Dame Cathedral, 385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, on Sunday December 15th at 2:30PM. Reception to follow. **Free will offering.**

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).

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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

December 9th — December 15th, 2019

	Monday 9 th	Tuesday 10 th	Wednesday 11 th	Thursday 12 th	Friday 13 th	Saturday 14 th	Sunday 15 th
This Week	(1) 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 University	(1) Advent Journey: 6PM, meeting room (YAM) (2) Gracernote Advent Vespers: Dec 12 th , 8PM, Galilee Centre.	(1) Catholic LGBT & Straight Alliance (2nd Friday) (2) Christian Meditation: 7PM Oblate Lounge	(1) St. Joes Choir Concert: Dec 14 th , 7:30PM	(1) Flourishing congregation survey, DUE TODAY (2) Available 2020 Envelops, Welcome desk (3) Pick up OM-RA grocery cards at Mass (4) Holy Cross Parish Christmas Concert: 1:30PM (5) Notre Dame Cathedral Christmas concert: 2:30PM
Up Coming	(1) Male Spirituality Circle at Bethesda Renewal Centre: 7PM-9PM (last Mon.)	(1) ROC, 3rd Tues., 6:30PM, Library			(1) Adoration: 1st Fri, Main Floor Chapel. (2) One-on-One Healing touch: Feb 7 th , Church		(1) Heal prayer following mass: First Sunday in Feb

Last chance to complete the Flourishing Congregations Survey!

Your feedback is essential to our pastoral planning at St. Joe's, as well as efforts in the Archdiocese of Ottawa to map out the near to medium-term future. Today is your last day to submit your feedback and be part of a nationwide study on the status and trajectory of churches in Canada. Please complete the survey using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/fc405c>.

Volunteer Opportunities - Ancoura



Looking for meaningful volunteer work? Ancoura is a community agency in Ottawa that provides affordable housing and social supports to people living with a mental illness. We are looking for people to be: visiting volunteers who develop relationships with our residents by spending time with them at home and/or in the community; occasional volunteers who help from time to time with tasks like moving furniture, doing minor apartment repairs, or putting on events; and committee and board members. For more information, please contact Max Derenoncourt at 613-830-8130 or max@ancoura.ca

Galilee Centre — 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. To **RVSP** or register, contact us at 613-623-4242 ext. 21 or email info@galileecentre.com.

Mass Intentions:

Wed. December 11, 2019:
Thur. December 12, 2019:
Fri. December 13, 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: 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, Reesa Greenberg, Fr. Tim Coonen OMI.

Prayers for those who have died: Peter McDougal, 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, Terence McCluskey.