

Sunday Bulletin

March 17th, 2024

5th Sunday of Lent



Fr. Bill Burke visits St. Joseph's Church for the Lenten Mission 2024

On March 13th, 2024, St. Joseph's Church hosted the third gathering of a four-part Inter-Parish Lenten Mission, in partnership with St. Basil's, Holy Canadian Martyrs and St. Ignatius the Martyr parishes. Some 110 attended the gathering at St. Joe's entitled "Reconciliation: Our Notion is Too Small." Fr. Bill Burke, former Director of the National Liturgy Office for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, was our guest speaker. He offered an engaging and insightful reflection each night, pointing to a Church that is in a state of constant evolution. Is our notion of God too small, is our notion of reconciliation too small? These were the questions he pondered at St. Joe's. If we see the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) too narrowly, we adopt an impoverished understanding of what it means to be reconciled with God and we forget about the sacredness of the encounter with the other.

Reconciliation takes many forms, and it is hard work -- it may begin with an apology, but it does not end with that. There is a sacredness to the process. Reconciliation with God makes it possible to live more fully and humanly as the people God created us to be. We are ambassadors to the entire world around us of the reconciliation that we experience through our Catholic faith. Fr. Bill explored both personal and very public forms of reconciliation. Among the public examples, he spoke of The Troubles in Northern Ireland and the role that the Redemptorists played in moving towards peace in Belfast. He also spoke of our ongoing work here in Canada with Indigenous communities.

Thank you to Fr. Daryold Winkler who spearheaded this Inter-Parish Lenten Mission and for the kind words he spoke at St. Joe's about his positive memories and experiences of attending our church as a university student years ago. And many thanks to all who helped make our evening gathering meaningful and hospitable, both for our many guests and for our own parishioners. We look forward to exploring how this cooperation amongst our parishes can continue and flourish.

--Christopher Adam

Welcome!

New Parishioners and Visitors Welcome! **Registration** Forms can be found through the Front Office (frontdesk@st-josephs.ca) or at the back of the Church.

Donations

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

MASS TIMES & RECONCILIATION

- *Week Day Mass*: Wed to Fri at 12PM
- *Weekend Masses*: Saturday 5PM
Sunday 10:30AM
- *University Mass (Sept-Apr)*: Sunday 7PM
- *Reconciliation*: After weekday Mass or by appt.
- *Adoration*: 1st Friday of the month after the noon Mass

MASS CANCELLATION

Please note that Noon Mass on Wednesday, Mar 20, 2024 has been **CANCELLED**. Masses will resume on Thu, Mar 21.

SUNDAY MASS AT 10:30AM

A single Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am throughout Lent. Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 7 pm Masses continue as usual.

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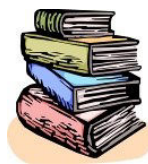
Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm

St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

St. Joe's Women's Centre was honoured to celebrate International Women's Day 2024 with the incredible women we serve. This day provided a wonderful opportunity to recognize the strength and resiliency present within the women who are part of our community.

This event was made possible thanks to the hard work of our collaborators, organizations who strive to support women every day, including the Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre, Belong Ottawa, Family Services Ottawa, Aids Committee of Ottawa, and the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women.



Library News — Library books on MYSTICISM include – Demkovich, M. *Introducing Meister Eckhart* (BV5095.E3D44 2005), Rohr, R. *Naked now: learning to see as the mystics see* (BV5082.5.R64 2009) and Hardy, P. *Search for nothing: the life of John of the Cross* (BX4700.17 H37 1987).

Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples – Upcoming Events

Holy Redeemer Parish in Kanata has invited St. Joe's parishioners to join them for two upcoming events sponsored by their parish:

A new discussion series called the "Holy Redeemer Indigenous Reconciliation Learning Circle", where they will be exploring Indigenous books, videos and other resources. These will be VIRTUAL sessions at 7:00 p.m. on the **third Tuesday of each month**. The first session is on **April 16th** and will explore a Jesuit sponsored film, Kevin Moynihan's "They came for the Children."

A blanket exercise with Donna Naughton on Sunday April 21st from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Holy Redeemer parish hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Both events will provide opportunities to learn about Canada's history with Indigenous peoples in a respectful, non-threatening environment.

If you are interested in either, please contact Tony Ritchie at ritchieanthony3@gmail.com to register, or Liz Murphy at lizmurph12@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Share Lent 2024

5th Sunday of Lent - SOLIDARITY SUNDAY!

This week-end is the annual national collection for the work of Development and Peace and its partner organizations in the Global South. It is when we can all show our solidarity with people in the Global South who are working for justice and peace while trying to reap their rights. We can think of our donations as helping our neighbours in a spirit of unity, and acting together for the good of all. Please give generously. Use the envelope in your pew or in your parish envelope box, or donate on-line at [Make a donation | Development and Peace - Caritas Canada](https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/) (<https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/>)

"Development and Peace - Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**" — Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia

Why not donate monthly and double your impact!

A great way to support Development and Peace is to become a *Share Year-Round* monthly donor. Your recurring, predictable donations reduce administrative costs and allow us to plan longer-term transformative work. This Lent, **if you start or increase your monthly donations** any time before Pentecost (May 19), **your total annual donation** (or increase thereof) **will be matched dollar for dollar!** This means that a monthly donation (or increase thereof) of \$10 will be matched for \$120, and Development and Peace - Caritas Canada will receive a total of \$240 over the year. This offer is valid until the matching fund of \$160,000, endowed by some generous individuals and religious communities, runs out. Brochures are available at the back of the church.

Many thanks to all those parishioners who joined in the **Solidarity Way of the Cross** the last three Sundays. Your generous participation and sharing made the Solidarity Way of the Cross the special Lenten tradition it has become at St. Joe's. See you next year.



Faith Formation and Young Adult Ministries

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT RECAP

This past Reading Week, February 19th-21st, St. Joseph's Parish hosted a retreat at Shalom House, Alexandria, ON for a group of thirteen young adults from the parish titled *Finding the Centre: Biblical Wisdom for Discovering God's Plan for Your Life*. In addition to the time spent in reflection and prayer—including an all-night vigil in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a new experience for some people—there were lots of opportunities for fellowship and fun. Both the pool and ping-pong table at the retreat centre saw lots of use, as did the yard where a game of ultimate frisbee in the snow took place. A big thank you to the staff at Shalom House, and Fr. Jon at St. Finnan's Basilica, Alexandria for their warm welcome and hospitality over the course of the retreat.

Our Financial Stewardship

Offerings for March 10th, 2024 : \$5,628

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WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

March 18th — March 24th, 2024

	Monday Mar 18th	Tuesday Mar 19th	Wednesday Mar 20th	Thursday Mar 21st	Friday Mar 22nd	Saturday Mar 23rd	Sunday Mar 24th
This Week	(1) Christian Meditation, 9:30am, Sacristy (2) RCIA, Oblate Lounge, 7pm	(1) Feast and Faith, 6pm, Oblate Lounge (2) Faith Formation Bible Study, 7pm, Sacristy Library		(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel (2) AA, 7pm, Women's Centre	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel (2) Christian Meditation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm	(1) Weekend Mass, 10:30am (2) First Reconciliation Prep, 11:30am, Oblate Lounge (3) University Mass, 7pm

Future

PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Children's Liturgy on Sunday, March 17 due to March Break. Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, March 24.

MASS TIMES for the PASCHAL TRIDUUM and EASTER WEEKEND

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper
March 28, 2024 - 7:30pm

Easter Vigil: Resurrection of the Lord
Saturday, March 30, 2024 - 8:00pm

Good Friday: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
March 29, 2024 - 3:00pm

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord
March 31, 2024 - morning Mass - Time: to be confirmed

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



To add a name to the prayers for sick or those who have died: Email the Front Office at frontdesk@st-josephs.ca. We pray for those who are listed during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Wed., Mar 20, 2024: MASS CANCELLED

Thu., Mar 21, 2024: Barbara Benson †

Fri., Mar 22, 2024: Franca DiDionete †

Prayers for those who are ill: Maria Forde, Bēātē Bernhardt, Dennis LaRonde, Marc Caissy, Hannah Taylor, Br. Len Rego, Barbara Schmidt, Stella Rudachyk

Prayers for those who have died: Mary Frances Taylor, Alma Kennedy, David Mallett, S. Nikalanda