

Sunday Bulletin

March 24th, 2024

Palm Sunday



Change to One Mass on Sunday Mornings

Over the last months, there has been a great deal of consultation about the idea to merge the 9.30am and the 11.30am Mass into one Sunday morning Mass at 10:30 am. This was not an easy decision as each of the Sunday morning communities had their own unique spirit which they treasured.

The idea of a single Sunday Morning Mass began after the experience of the vibrant One Mass on Palm Sunday in April 2023. Many parishioners noted that it was so lovely to have a full Church. The desire was to build community.

In addition, there are some factors that have to be addressed at this point in our parish history:

- A shift in attendance on Sunday morning and the result that there were fewer parishioners to serve in essential ministries at 11.30am Mass.
- Average age of our Oblate priests is 78, well above retirement age. Four weekend Masses (including the University Mass on Sunday evening), with two on Sunday morning is physically taxing.
- The back-to-back Sunday morning Masses did not allow adequate time for parishioners to gather and connect with each other after Mass.

Over the last year, in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Liturgy Committee the idea was developed to run a trial period during the 2023 Advent Season. Towards the end of this trial, a survey was conducted (in-person and online) to solicit feedback from parishioners about their experience with the single Sunday morning Mass. The overall response was positive and so the decision was made to continue the trial into the new year, at which point a new survey was sent out. This one focused on the preferred Mass time of 10:00 or 10:30 am. The results of this survey were quite evenly split between the two times. So, for continuity and out of respect for the various needs within the parish, the decision was reached to maintain the 10:30 am Mass time.

As with any change, there are challenges. However, in the 170 years of our church there have been various ebbs and flows in the life of the parish. Each time, the parish has adapted and thrived. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to continue to grow as a parish, expand our ministries and get to know each other better.

Submitted by **Roshene Lawson and Angela McCanny**

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

FRONT DESK NOTES

The Front Office will be closed on Good Friday (Mar 29) and Easter Monday (Apr 1). Thank you for your understanding!

WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr. Robert is celebrating all weekday 12pm masses through the winter season in the Chapel, which is located in the Rectory. The Church entry will still be open.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need volunteers so that we can celebrate our 2024 Triduum Liturgies at St. Joe's on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass.

We are asking you to please consider helping at one or all of the above liturgies to ensure they are life-giving for everyone.

We will need people to help with the Foot Washing on Holy Thursday. We need strong people to carry the Cross on Good Friday, as well as candle bearers, ushers and collectors during the service. The Easter Vigil requires persons to welcome people as they arrive at the Church and hand them a candle, people who will help take lit candles to the centre aisle and those on east and west sides of the church, to light parishioner's candles, people to take up a collection during the Mass and help to seat late-comers.

There will be sign-up sheets at the back of the church. We cannot do this without the help of many. Please see Eleanor Rabnett at the back of the church for more information or contact her by email no later than Monday noon to sign up virtually. Thank You. (rabnete@gmail.com)

Presentation of Holy Oils within the Church

Over the centuries, the Holy Oils that were blessed by the bishop at Chrism Mass (Holy Thursday) were then ceremoniously brought to local churches for use in the sacraments. These Holy Oils, which are used for baptism, confirmation, and for the sacrament of the sick, are kept in a cabinet by the baptismal police.

These oils are not only blessed oils but consecrated oils, used exclusively with the sacraments.

Use of uOttawa Lot B for Sunday Mass

The University of Ottawa has transitioned to mobile parking confirmation, so to continue use of Lot B on Sunday mornings, parishioners are asked to register with the Hotspot App. Instructions below:

Option 1. Parishioners can download the *Hotspot* application on their phone and create a profile using the following instructions. Please note that you will need to enter a valid credit or Interac debit card number to complete the profile, but the no charge will be made to the card.



Parishioners can use the **meter / zone number 2013** to park free of charge between the hours of 9am-1pm on Sundays. Leave the field for discount code blank.

Option 2. Parishioners can use the QR code to the left instead of creating a profile online. You can take a picture of the code to keep when you need it, otherwise, it will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the back of the Church.

Please contact the Front Desk for questions. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this issue.



Our Financial Stewardship

Offerings for March 17th, 2024 : \$5,218

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Share Lent 2024 - 6th Sunday of Lent

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024! Development and Peace - Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Reaping our Rights* campaign with your Share Lent donation. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you haven't yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the collection basket or donate online at devp.org/give.

Holy Week Activity – If you are looking for something different for your Holy Week quiet time, please see the weekly reflections written by Development and Peace – Caritas Canada animators and youth ambassadors across the country. Go to [News | Development and Peace \(devp.org\)](http://News | Development and Peace (devp.org)) and scroll through to find the reflection for each week of Lent. The one for the 5th Sunday of Lent was written by Marina Bonnin, Youth Ambassador in Ontario. Some parishioners may have met Marina when she attended the University mass the week-end we signed the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada. There is also a very interesting reflection on the parable of the talents which challenges our notion of the good servant and dispels some misconceptions we might have about peasants. See [EN Faith-based reflexion 2024.pdf \(devp.org\)](http://EN Faith-based reflexion 2024.pdf (devp.org))



Rest in Peace Betty Maione – Betty Maione was the widow of Romeo Maione, the first executive director of Development and Peace. Both Romeo and Betty were major influences in the Development and Peace movement especially in the early years. She passed away here in Ottawa on March 12. [Elizabeth Maione | Obituary | Ottawa Citizen \(remembering.ca\)](http://Elizabeth Maione | Obituary | Ottawa Citizen (remembering.ca)) and <https://www.facebook.com/devpeace>.



Library News — March 23, 24 2024 - Library titles about CREATION include – Jenkins, C. *Your will be done on earth: eco-spirituality activities* (BT69.5.J463 1993), Fox, M. *Creation spirituality: liberating gifts for the peoples* (BX2350.65.F69) and Teilhard de Chardin, P. *Hymn of the universe* (B2430.T373H93).

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:

1. 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."
2. 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.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

March 25th — March 31st, 2024

	Monday Mar 25th	Tuesday Mar 26th	Wednesday Mar 27th	Thursday Mar 28th	Friday Mar 29th	Saturday Mar 30th	Sunday Mar 31st
This Week	(1) Christian Meditation, 9:30am, Sacristy (2) RCIA, Oblate Lounge, 7pm (3) Finance Committee, 7pm, Women's Centre	(1) Feast and Faith, 6pm, Oblate Lounge (2) Faith Formation Bible Study, 7pm, Sacristy Library (3) Finance Committee, 7pm, Women's Centre	(1) Marriage Prep, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel (2) Holy Thursday Mass, 7:30pm (3) AA, 7pm, Women's Centre	(1) Good Friday Children's Liturgy Mass, 11am (2) Good Friday Mass, 3pm	(1) Easter Vigil Mass, 8pm (2) RCIA, all day, Sacristy Library	(1) Easter Sunday Mass, 10:30am (2) First Reconciliation Prep, 11:30am, Oblate Lounge (3) University Mass, 7pm

Future

PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS— a CALL from the SOCIAL COMMITTEE

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, our Social Committee offers refreshments as we enjoy socializing. We need helpers to provide this opportunity to connect and build community. If you can help please contact Kathleen Allan (kathleenallan@magma.ca) or sign up at the back of the church after Mass.

Please note that **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** is cancelled on Mar 22 in lieu of Good Friday. See you on Fri, Apr 5th!



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 - 11:00am (*Includes Children's Service*)
March 29, 2024 - 3:00pm (*Veneration of the Cross*)

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord
March 31, 2024 - 10:30am

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: Patrick White †

Thu., Mar 21, 2024: John Farrell †

Fri., Mar 22, 2024: GOOD FRIDAY

Prayers for those who are ill: Maria Forde, Bēātē Bernhardt, Stella Rudachyk, Simon O'Shaughnessy, Fr Richard Beaudette, Hannah Taylor.

Prayers for those who have died: Mary Frances Taylor, Alma Kennedy, Betty Maoine.