



St. Joseph's Parish: an inclusive community

A parish of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Weekend Bulletin

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New Parishioners and visitors welcome! Registration forms can be found at the Welcome Desk.

Register with the Parish to receive envelopes or our e-bulletin, sign up for autodebit giving, or to volunteer.

January 18-19, 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Welcome to final members of our Refugee Family!

On Friday January 10 ROC members joined a very excited family at the airport as they awaited the arrival of an ROC sponsored mother/grandmother and a sister they hadn't seen for five years. Warm hugs and tears of joy greeted the newcomers who despite their exhausting trip were all smiles. Even the littlest grandchildren, dressed in their party clothes and bouncing with excitement got into the act. With this highly anticipated arrival, a gap in a family ROC has known for 5 years has been closed.

More good news:

Having successfully raised the required funds, thanks to our parishioners' generous support, the ROC submitted Mohammad & Heba's application for their family of four as Privately Sponsored Refugees. Surprisingly to our delight, the application was quickly accepted as complete and now the waiting begins for a decision which could re-unite another family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

And a request:

One of our families welcomed a newborn last month. They are requesting a stroller so that Mom can visit the other families. Does anyone have a stroller they are no longer using? Please contact Dona at donabowers22@gmail.com

A Message from the Hospitality Committee

Plan to join in again, connecting with the community after the 10:30 Mass on January 19th!
The Hospitality Committee welcomes you to stay after Mass for sweets and coffee or tea.



Mass Times and Reconciliation

- Weekday Masses Mon-Fri at noon
 - Reconciliation after weekday Mass or by appointment
- Weekend Masses
 - Saturday, 5pm
 - Sunday, 10:30am
 - University Mass: Sunday, 7pm
- Adoration: 1st Friday of the month after noon mass

Front Office Hours

- Sunday: 12-4pm
 - Mon, Wed, Fri: 9am-1pm
 - Thursday: 2:30-6:30
- see back page for amendments*

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Parish Announcements

Contributions to the Parish

We are pleased to let you know about the return of the “**Equal Sacrifice**” cards! These small blue business card-sized papers can be added to show your support for the Parish by digital monetary means, or your strong volunteership. Get one at the Welcome Desk at each Mass to add in the collection plate and show that you support our vibrant Parish.

Thank you to Bloomberg Philanthropies!



Bloomberg Philanthropies of New York City made a generous donation of \$10,034 to St. Joseph's Parish. Established by businessman and former NYC mayor Michael Bloomberg, Bloomberg Philanthropies is among the largest charitable foundations in the United States and has contributed to St. Joseph's Parish in previous years as well. We are very grateful for this generous support. Thank you!

2024 Tax Receipt Distribution and Questions

Tax receipts for donations made by AutoDebit and cash/cheque will be available for you to pickup at the January 25 (Saturday 5pm) and 26 (Sunday 10:30 and 7pm) Masses. After this, we will mail out remaining receipts to addresses on file.

If you have misplaced your Canada Helps tax receipts, please contact us (info below) and we can re-send them through the Canada Helps platform to the e-mail used at the time of the donation.

For any questions about tax receipts and donation methods (including autodebit) or to change your address and contact information, please contact Mikayla at frontdesk@st-josephs.ca or 613.233.4095 ext 251

Update on Campaign to Improve the Church Sound System

Recently, we turned to our Parish community with plans to upgrade the church's aging sound system in two phases: initial improvements have been completed before Christmas and a second phase of upgrades is coming in 2025.

What does the work look like? The two phases of work are the following:

- Phase 1 of the upgrade includes new wiring and re-angling some of the speakers.
- Phase 2 of the upgrade includes the purchase and programming of a new sound processor and amplifier. These elements of our sound system are over 30 years old and are at the end of their life.



The total estimated cost of these upgrades is \$17,000. As this is a capital expense and not covered by regular income from Sunday collections, we created special offering envelopes labelled "Step Up — Sound System" which are available at the Welcome Desk or in each pew.

Special offering envelopes will be available, and we will track our total progress each week in the Parish Bulletin (see the back page). To make an offering to this campaign electronically, please use Canada Helps and select "Building Campaign" from the drop-down menu:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131771990rr0006-saint-joseph-parish/>

Thank you for helping to make our liturgies more accessible to all!

--Christopher Adam, Executive Director

Parish and Community Announcements

STAFF DIRECTORY

The Welcome Ministry needs more volunteers for the 10:30am Sunday Mass. Can you help us?

Duties are minimal and take very little time:

- Arrive 20 minutes before Mass.
- Set up Welcome Desk items.
- Set up 'My Little Church' area - activities provided
- Greet Parishioners (answer questions and give directions as needed).
- Put items away afterwards.



If you can help us, please speak to someone at the Welcome Desk on Sunday or email Mikayla at the front office who will put you in touch with the Welcome Ministry. Thank you!

New Eucharistic Ministers Urgently Needed for Sunday 10:30 Mass



Would you be interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister to serve Communion at the 10:30 am Mass? It's a beautiful way to volunteer - sharing the bread and wine with fellow parishioners. The time requirement is during Mass, 1-2x a month. Training is provided. For more information, contact Angela McCanny angela.mccanny6@gmail.com or 613 324-7157.

Food Bank Wheelchair Ramp

Thank you all for your continued support of St. Joe's Supper Table! We are working hard to bring the Friday food bank back to Strathcona Heights. As we continue to gather the necessary equipment, there is one final piece we need: a wheelchair ramp.

The Strathcona Heights Food Bank requires this ramp to ensure accessibility for the many clients who use mobility aids to access the food bank. The cost to install the wheelchair ramp is \$1,290.

We are kindly asking for donations to help cover this essential cost. Your generosity will make a significant difference in ensuring that everyone has access to the support they need.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our community!



St. Basil's Parish, Ottawa
Conversations for Our Times
Zoom Series

**“POPE FRANCIS:
The Christian
Disruptor”**

**with Michael W. Higgins
Sunday, January 26
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.**



Zoom
Registration
Link:
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PASTORAL

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The week of January
20 to 26, 2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOE'S?



	Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th	Saturday 25th	Sunday 26th
Office Hours	9am-1pm	CLOSED	9am-1pm	2:30-6:30pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	12-4pm
This Week	- Christian Meditation 9:30am, Library - RCIA 7pm, Oblate Lounge	- Campus Chaplaincy 7pm, Oblate Lounge - Bible Study 7pm, Library	- Weekday Mass, Noon	- Weekday Mass, Noon - AA, 7pm Oblate Lounge	- Weekday Mass, Noon - Christian Meditation 7pm, Library - Swing Dance, Parish Hall 8pm	- Saturday Mass, 5pm	- Sunday Mass, 10:30am - University Mass, 7pm
A look ahead...				- 2SLGBTQ+ Meeting over Pizza: Colonnade Pizza, January 30			

Library titles about CHRISTIANITY include – O'Murchu, D. Ancestral grace: meeting God in our ancestral story (BT701.3.O24 2009) & Christianity's dangerous memory: a rediscovery of the revolutionary Jesus (BT205.O48 2011), Harper, T. Pagan Christ: recovering the lost light (BR129.H37 2004).



Our Financial Stewardship

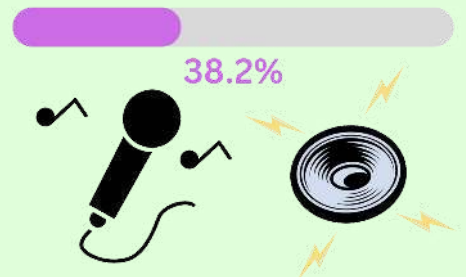
January 11/12: \$5,193



Step Up - Sound System Campaign: \$6,500 of \$17,000
(January 11/12 Sound System collection: \$375)

Thank you for your generous contributions to the operations and social outreach programmes of St. Joe's!

Sound System Campaign Progress



Mass intentions are available Wednesday through Friday during the Noon Mass for a recommended contribution of \$15.00.

Please contact the Front Desk or use the link below for arrangements.

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/mass-intentions>

Wednesday, Jan 22: Carmella MacDonald ✠

Thursday, Jan 23: Gene Pokoj ✠

Friday, Jan 24: Daniele Duini ✠*

*Small funeral service during Mass, all are welcome.

To add a name to the prayers for sick or those who have died: notify the Front Office. We pray for those who are listed during the Prayers of the Faithful.



Prayers for those who are ill: Sheila Nolan, Marie Bhaneja, Maureen Sullivan Ryan, & Susan Jameson.

Prayers for those who have died: Tony Clarke, Doreen Strader, Frank Wrona, Gene Pokoj, & Daniele Duini.