

St. Joseph's Parish: an inclusive community

Weekend Bulletin

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OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE

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New Parishioners and visitors welcome! Parish registration details on page three.

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

September 27-28 2025

The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Mass Times and Reconciliation

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

Music at the Masses

- Saturday and University Mass - Cantor with piano accompaniment, including instrumental prelude and postlude
- Sunday morning Mass - Choir with organ accompaniment, including instrumental prelude and postlude



Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Artist **Anne-Marie Forest**

describes the symbolic elements in her painting blending Christian and Indigenous spiritualities. A child is dressed in traditional Innu hunter's clothing, surrounded by references to purity (fleur-de-lis), resurrection (butterfly), and Christ's sacrifice (moccasins with a cross). Symbols such as the cloudberry, fish, salmon, and birch bark basket reflect both Indigenous culture and Christian values, especially the **Fruits of the**

Spirit, which are paralleled with the **Seven Indigenous Teachings** (wisdom, love, courage, honesty, respect, humility, and truth).

The scene includes Canada geese, a canoe, bear, caribou, and a tent with smoke; referencing both Innu life before colonization and biblical imagery like the **Tent of Meeting**. **Anne-Marie** emphasizes her collaboration with Inuit and Indigenous women on this project, viewing the creation as a prayerful, reciprocal process guided by the Holy Spirit.

Artwork researched and summarised by Mikayla Odut

For more information about this art and the artist, visit: <https://missioncheznous.com/notre-dame-des-innus/>

As an Oblate parish, we have a duty to meaningfully partake in Truth and Reconciliation in all our activities. The weeks surrounding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation highlight how necessary these actions are.

Are you looking for meaningful events and activities for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation? See Page 2 for suggestions!



Sunday Community Prayer - September 28/25

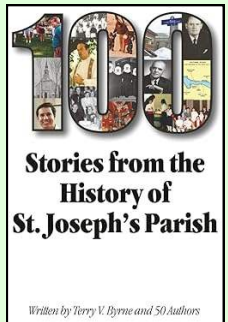
All wishing to gather with other community members to pray for someone or something important to them, are invited to come together by the west front altar space immediately after Mass.

100 Stories from the History of St. Joseph's Parish

Do you have your copy yet? You can still grab one! Copies will be available for sale this weekend before and after Mass (or come ask questions!), and they are always available on Amazon through their print on demand service.

Pre order for Sept 27-28 pickup: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/100-stories-from-the-history-of-st-joes-advance-purchase>

Amazon: <https://a.co/d/ivpJjpx> - ships anywhere!



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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation events

KAIROS Blanket Exercise: September 29 at 7pm - Parish Hall

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise (KBE) is an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous rights history we're rarely taught. Developed in response to the 1996 Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, which recommended education on Canadian-Indigenous history as one of the key steps to reconciliation, the Blanket Exercise covers over 500 years of history in a one and a half hour participatory workshop.

Blanket Exercise participants take on the roles of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Standing on blankets that represent the land, they walk through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. They are directed by facilitators representing a narrator (or narrators) and the European colonizers. Participants are drawn from the experience by reading scrolls and carrying cards which ultimately determine their outcomes. By engaging on an emotional and intellectual level, the Blanket Exercise effectively educates and increases empathy. The exercise concludes with a debriefing session in the form of a talking circle in which participants have the opportunity to discuss the experience as a group.

Participation is **free** of charge and open to parishioners and non-parishioners alike. **Advance registration** is required as **space is limited**, please use the following link (also accessed by scanning the QR code): <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/kairos-blanket-exercise-st-josephs-parish>



Reconciliation Through Art - Almonte

Please join representatives from the Archdiocese at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum in Almonte for *Reconciliation Through Art*. This event features an Art Exhibition of local and Indigenous artists from across Ontario. Artists will be selling their art, explaining and demonstrating their craft, and telling stories and significance behind their pieces. In addition, Indigenous educators, dancers, and musicians will deliver teachings and demonstrations throughout the day. Not only is this a great event, *Reconciliation Through Art* has been the recipient of two grants from the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund – money that you have generously contributed over the last three years (through the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall which St. Joe's has taken special collections for: <https://journeyforhealing.ca/about-the-fund/>) It is definitely worth the drive to this pretty town. Be sure to check out: www.reconciliationthroughart.ca

Archdiocesan Mass for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30, 2025

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to gather at Notre Dame Cathedral, 385 Sussex Drive, for an Indigenous-incorporated mass on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with Archbishop Marcel Dampousse presiding. A reception will follow featuring Hoop Dancers from Akwesasne and Inuit throat singers.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a vital component of the reconciliation process, and we join in public commemoration of the tragic and painful history of residential schools and their ongoing impacts. We invite you to gather with us in prayer, reflection, and solidarity. We will honor the residential school survivors, the children who never returned home, and their families, committing ourselves to walk with Indigenous peoples on the path of healing and hope.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH
AND RECONCILIATION

Visit these sites for additional events in our Region

KAIROS Canada Sept 30 events: <https://kairoscanada.org/national-truth-and-reconciliation-events-2025>

CTV News suggested events: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/ottawa/article/events-in-ottawa-to-mark-national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation/>

Governer General - Doors Open Sept 28: <https://gg.ca/en/visit-us/rideau-hall/events/doors-open-ndtr>

Parish Announcements

Notice of Parking Lot Construction

The entire parking lot at St. Joseph's Parish will be CLOSED to all staff, volunteers, and the general public on **Thursday, October 2, 2025** (weather dependent) for parking lot maintenance. This work is estimated to take place from 9am to 9pm.

Any vehicles in the lot at the start time of this work will be ticketed and towed. Thank you for your understanding!



111th Annual World Day for Migrants and Refugees: Sunday, October 5th

As usual, the St. Joe's Refugee Outreach Committee (ROC) will play an active role in both the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning masses celebrating this special day.

St. Joe's parishioners are very supportive of the ROC's activities. The parish traditionally devotes proceeds of a special collection to support ROC's on-going work for and with refugees. You will find **special envelopes** in the pews which include a QR Code to enable you to donate online if that works best for you.

We are delighted that ROC has recently become part of the **Canadian Council for Refugees** which was formed in 1978. It includes over 200 likeminded groups across Canada who, like the ROC, advocate for and support refugees. It has come to be recognized as a key advocate for refugee and immigrant rights in Canada, educating the public and putting issues onto the national agenda.

After the 10:30 Mass on Sunday Oct 5, we are delighted to welcome **Ms. Gauri Sreenivasan, CCR's Co-Executive Director**, to talk about the CCR's work. Before the presentation, the Supper Table will provide a light lunch. To help with planning please RSVP by the form below or on a sign-up list at the back of the church.

Other community members are also most welcome to join us, registering in advance for lunch numbers.

We look forward to having you join us!



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NOTICE OF MARRIAGE BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between **Nicolas Génier** and **Miléna Frachebois**. If you know of any just and valid reason why this couple may not be lawfully joined in marriage, kindly inform the Parish Office in writing.

Homemade Preserves for Sale to help a St. Joe's Family

Amarylis Serrano Juarez and Mary Jane Beavis are raising funds to help cover family – Alberto and Hilda's – medical expenses, which have become overwhelming. Alberto and Hilda are newcomers to Canada.

Support our family by purchasing our vegan sourdough bread and homemade preserves, including sugar-free applesauce, apple butter, strawberry jam, bread and butter pickles, apple chutney, apple jelly, and pickled onions and beets.



From L-R: Mary Jane, Amarylis, Alberto, and Hilda

Orders can be picked up at Mass or at 169 Lees Avenue.

To place an order, please contact Amarylis Serrano Juarez.

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Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!

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Register with Us!

Pick up a registration form at the back of the church, or find more info/register digitally here:

<https://www.st-josephs.ca/register-with-the-parish/>



September 29
to October 5

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOE'S?

TRUTH, RESPECT, AND
RECONCILIATION
FOR ALL

#EveryChildMatters



	Monday 29th	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 1st	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd	Saturday 4th	Sunday 5th
Office Hours	CLOSED (today only)	CLOSED	9am-1pm	2:30-6:30pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	After the 10:30 Mass
This Week	- Christian Meditation 9:30am, Library - RCIA 7pm, Lounge - KAIROS Blanket Exercise 7pm Hall	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Faith Formation 7pm, Library - Campus Chaplaincy 4-9pm, Lounge	- Weekday Mass, 12 noon - Faith Formation 7pm, Lounge - Rideau Swing Collective, 7pm	*Parking Lot Closed* - NO NOON MASS - AA 7pm, Oblate Lounge - Vibe Salsa, 7pm	- Weekday Mass, 12 noon - Christian Meditation 7pm, Library - OSDS 7pm, Hall	- Lay Reflector Retreat 9am, Library - Saturday Mass 5pm	- Sunday Mass 10:30am - Canadian Council of Refugees talk, 12 noon - University Mass 7pm
In the future...							

"The important aim in Christian meditation is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality but THE reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are." – John Main, WCCM

Library books on FAITH include:

O'Murchu, D. Adult faith: growing in wisdom and understanding (BV4597.55.O47 2011)
Turcotte, G. Small things: reflections on faith and hope (BF4637.T87 2016)
Plantinga, A. Knowledge and Christian belief (BT50.P535 2015)



FREE BOOKS! St. Joe's Library books which are duplicates or dated will be displayed on tables at the back of the Church on October 4-5 and October 11-12 before and after Masses.



Our Financial Stewardship

September 20-21 Collection: \$5,547

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

Want to support our Parish? Donate one time or ongoing here:

<https://linktr.ee/st.josephs>



Mass Intentions are available Wednesday through Friday during the Noon Mass for a recommended contribution of \$15.00. Please contact the Front Office or use the link below for arrangements.

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

Wednesday, October 1: Bonnie Bijou †

Thursday, October 2: NO MASS

Friday, October 3: Vaughne Hollar †

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:
Alberto Zumirin & Pierre Cyr.

Prayers for those who have died:
Sr. Sarah Comeaux SSA, Elizabeth Kerr, Bryan Daniel Kaufman, Marie Griffin, Sandy Atkinson, Geoffrey Spackman, Edward Schultz, Marilyn Wylie, & Russell Bond.

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