



St. Joseph's Parish: an inclusive community

Weekend Bulletin

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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.

October 11-12 2025

The 28th 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 & 7pm
- 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



SJST: Third Annual Autumn Harvest Dinner

Since The Supper Table does not receive guaranteed government funding — and has not received any this year — we rely on events like this to keep our programs running strong. This year, we are highlighting the Ottawa Regional Youth Choir (ORYC) who have been supporting the Supper Table since 2014. Dinner will be lovingly prepared in-house, with your choice of:

Pulled Pork Sliders

Chicken in a Cream Sauce

Roasted Squash Lasagna (vegetarian-friendly!)

For dessert, take your pick between poached pears or pumpkin spice cannoli — or both, we will not judge.

This year's raffle includes an painting by Father Robert Laroche, gourmet food baskets, an air fryer, and more.

Get a group of friends together, or treat yourself to a dinner out, in support of St. Joe's Supper Table! Tickets are \$55ea or \$400 for a table of eight. Join us on **Saturday, October 25 at 6pm** to support Sandy Hill's food security programme!



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/sjst-3rd-annual-autumn-harvest-fundraiser>

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

Luncheon



Join us for a meal hosted by the St. Joseph's Parish young adult group (free will offering)

November 2nd

after the 10:30 am mass

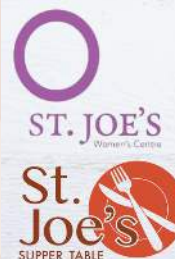
St. Joseph's Parish Hall
174 Wilbord St, Ottawa

St. Joseph's Parish and its staffed ministries will be **CLOSED Monday,**

October 13

for Thanksgiving Monday.

Regular operations resume October 14.



St. Joseph's Parish

For this year's parish event, join the Young Adult group for a Luncheon on November 2 after the 10:30 Mass. Wishing to build community and hold more parish events, this event is entirely run and organised by the Young Adults. Join us for fellowship and a few activities down in the parish hall (stairlift accessible - see Mikayla). Admission is a freewill offering.

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FACILITIES

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LOCATION

Church & Hall

174 Wilbrod St.

Office Entrance

151 Laurier Ave. E.
Ottawa, ON
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Parish Events

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.



October Parishioner Engagement Survey

God shows in all places, and in many different ways. One parishioner shared photos with us from her bike ride; seeing a cathedral of trees.

This month, we ask you:

***Where have you seen God in
nature during the just-ended
Season of Creation?***



<https://forms.gle/yy73Gj18oeR1oPZn8>

NOTICE: Maintenance at St. Joe's this coming week

Reconstruction of rectory parking lot entrance steps: The wooden steps and landing leading up to the rectory parking lot door are near the end of their lifespan. We have hired a contractor to replace this structure and the work is anticipated to begin on or around October 15. The renovation will take approximately one week. During this time, please note that parishioners and volunteers will not have access to this entrance. Please use 151 Laurier Ave E door during regular business hours or coordinate with your staff contact or ministry lead for alternative access.

Hanging lights in the church: From Wednesday through Friday of next week (October 15-17), we will be having maintenance and conversion to LED lights in our church. LED lights are long lasting and are known to use approximately 90% less energy than incandescent bulbs – and the lift that will be used will be fully electric, eliminating gas fumes in the church. Both of these components of the work advance our commitment of prioritising sustainability and being environmentally conscious wherever we can.

See the next page for details regarding Noon Masses during this work.

Since Nick's retirement at the end of 2024, Chris and Mikayla have been co-managing larger parish maintenance projects such as these; demonstrating the ongoing versatility and commitment of our parish staff.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this maintenance!

Members of the Oblate Associates Raising Funds for Oblate Missions in Kenya - Tea Sale

OMI Lacombe Oblate Associates within the greater Ottawa area will be selling Kenyan Tea at St. Joe's on the weekend of October 18 – 19 (Mission Sunday). This is a fundraiser for the Oblate Associates in Kenya to help fund not only programs and formation of Kenyan Associates, but also for Catechesis materials and supplies. Depending on the amounts raised, funds can also support Oblate Youth to distribute more food to many of the poorest Kenyans.

The **Kionyo Black Tea** is available in 100g packages, and is known as some of the best tea in all of Africa. The cost is \$20/bag, or 2/\$35. Please consider purchasing, as this is the first time we have offered this fundraiser since Covid. This can also make for a great Advent or Christmas gift!

Payment can be made by cash or e-transfer. For more information or to pay by e-transfer, contact Eleanor at rabnete@gmail.com



Saturday, November 1, 2025, is All Saint's Day

Traditionally, it is a day set aside to remember and honour relatives, friends and members of the community, both near and far, who have completed their journey here on earth. Please join us on Saturday, November 1st at 1:30 PM for a community Memorial Service, hosted by the Funeral Ministry. All are welcome.

Parish Announcements

Noon Masses and Private Prayer this Coming Week

Due to the aforementioned church maintenance this coming week, the noon Weekday Masses on October 15, 16, and 17 will take place in the Chapel located in the rectory.

Normally, when Mass takes place in the Chapel, individuals can still access the Chapel via the Church, following signage. As overhead work is happening in the Church, this will not be possible. We instead ask that you please access the Chapel via our office entrance at 151 Laurier Avenue East. However, this entry point has stairs. If you have trouble with stairs, please contact the front office via phone when you arrive and Mikayla will be pleased to meet you at the Wilbrod ramped entrance, escorting you through the construction. We will do the reverse when you leave from Mass.

Our church is normally open to the public for private prayer each Tuesday to Thursday from 9am-1pm. On October 15 and 16, the church will be closed during these times; again due to the overhead maintenance work.



Thank you all for your support through our special collection for the *World Day of Migrants and Refugees*, benefitting our Refugee Outreach Committee!

If you missed or would like to re-read the Reflection from this weekend, please visit:

<https://www.st-josephs.ca/publications/bulletins/>

St. Joseph's Parish: A Community of Care

At St. Joe's, we abide by the *preferential option for the poor*, recognising that all people possess inherent dignity given by God. We invite you to look *beyond* our church to our social justice ministries, where the **Supper Table** and **Women's Centre** provide food, dignity, and hope to thousands of Ottawa's most vulnerable every day. Please visit supper-table.ca and stjoeswomenscentre.org to learn more.

Hospitality Sunday: October 19

Hospitality Sunday is a time of fellowship after Mass where all are invited to stay and socialize over coffee and baked goods, to connect and build community. Donations for the table are always welcomed. Please plan to join us!



Canada Post Strikes and the Impact on St. Joe's

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers initiated a total strike starting September 25, and will change to a rotating strike following Thanksgiving.

Thankfully, a mail strike has minimal disruption on St. Joe's – in comparison to other charities, we receive minimal donations through lettermail, thanks to our main donation method of the **collection plate** as well as recurring donations through **online platforms** and **Autodebit**. We do have limited option for some payments, however, that must be paid by cheque. These have been arranged to be picked up or hand delivered to the payee, or couriered when neither is possible.

We will continue to monitor the status of lettermail, extending these alternate measures if needed.

Northern Elements - Ottawa
Live concert and recording
Oct 19, 2025

Éléments du nord à Ottawa
Concert et enregistrement public
19 Oct 2025

CAPITAL CHAMBER CHOIR

Taking place at St. Joe's. Get your tickets here:
<https://www.capitalchamberchoir.ca/tickets/northernelements>

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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/>



October
13th to 19th

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOE'S?

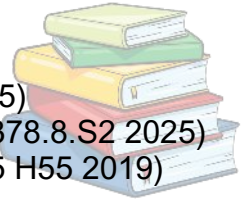


	Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th	Saturday 18th	Sunday 19th
Office Hours	CLOSED	CLOSED	9am-1pm	2:30-6:30pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	After the 10:30 Mass
This Week	October 13: Thanksgiving PARISH CLOSED	- Faith Formation 7pm, Library - Campus Chaplaincy 4-9pm, Lounge	- Weekday Mass, 12 noon: CHAPEL - Faith Formation 7pm, Lounge - Rideau Swing Collective, 7pm	- Weekday Mass, 12 noon: CHAPEL - AA 7pm, Oblate Lounge - Vibe Salsa, 7pm	- Weekday Mass, 12 noon: CHAPEL - Christian Meditation 7pm, Library - OSDS 7pm, Hall	- 2SLGBTQ Retreat - Saturday Mass 5pm	- Sunday Mass 10:30am; followed by Hospitality Sunday - Capital Chamber Choir concert, 3pm - University Mass 7pm
In the future...							

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you." — Helen Keller.

NEW additions to the Library include:

Bunson, M. Leo X1V: Portrait of the First American Pope (BX1378.8.B9 2025)
Schmitz, M. When the White Smoke Clears, a guide to Pope Leo XIV's early days (BX1378.8.S2 2025)
Holland, Tom. Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World (BR115.C5 H55 2019)



Our Financial Stewardship

October 4-5 Collection: \$6,108

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 15: No intention

Thursday, October 16: Brian Watson ✠

Friday, October 17: No intention

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:

Carolyn Nora "Kat" Palmer, Frank O'Donnel, Donna Legault, & Earl Wynands.

Prayers for those who have died:

Sandy Atkinson, Geoffrey Spackman, Edward Schultz, Marilyn Wylie, Russell Bond, Mike Zaharie, & Henry Rudachyk.

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