

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.

November 29-30 2025

The 1st Sunday of Advent

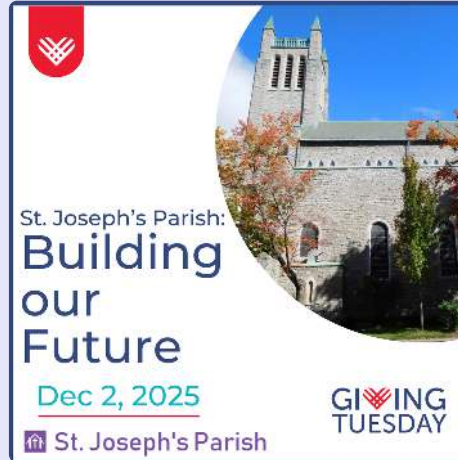
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Mass Times and Reconciliation

- 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



Support our Building Fund this Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is known as the **International Day of Giving**, serving as the end of year giving campaign for many nonprofits. This year, we ask that you take a look at our Giving Tuesday campaign for the Building Fund, supporting necessary repairs for our versatile parish with its frontline service ministries and home to dozens of grassroots community groups.

Giving Tuesday is strategically placed after Black Friday as a reminder to support community initiatives that make a difference in your local community. Please see the full campaign here: <https://www.st-josephs.ca/contribute/building-our-future-this-giving-tuesday-2025/> Donations can be made online at <https://linktr.ee/st.josephs> or with **Step Up – Building Fund** envelopes at the back of the church.

– Mikayla Odut, Giving Tuesday Campaign Coordinator



Advent Faith Sharing Group

Drop-in on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am in the Oblate lounge for a time of reflection and sharing for Advent. This four-week drop in takes place December 2, 9, 16, and 23. No need to register, just come when you can. Contact Claire Cheesman at clairecheesman31@gmail.com for more information.

First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation

Preparation for children (ages 7-10) interested in receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion will be taking place beginning early 2026. If you are interested in having your child prepare to receive these sacraments here at St. Joseph's, please contact Paul at pdansereau@st-josephs.ca for more information or to register.

Volunteers Needed – Get Involved!

You told the Parish Council last spring that you would like opportunities for more social and faith building activities. This spot in the bulletin is to give interested parishioners a way to find each other and start organizing.

First off – a Social Events Committee!

If you are interested in participating in any way, please email Mikayla at info@st-josephs.ca. A member of the Parish Pastoral Council will be in touch to help you get started.


Parish Announcements

Another Saturday Potluck Success!

Our parish tradition of seasonal Saturday evening potlucks following the 5 pm Mass continued on November 22, 2025, when some 50 parishioners stayed to share a meal and chat after the liturgy. Members of our community contributed a wide array of dishes, including lasagnas, chicken casseroles, spring rolls, many salads and desserts. We were also very pleased to see the participation of young adults from the Sunday 7 pm Mass, who also stayed behind to help with clean-up. Many thanks to all who helped, and an especially big thank you to the main organizers, Bob Laurin and Paco Javier Paniagua-Solis. Bob and Paco take care of the many details, manage the set-up and have become the soul of our potluck tradition. We're hoping to have our next one in early 2026. Stay tuned!

— Christopher Adam, Executive Director



 The Presider's Assistant ministry is looking for some shoeboxes. They can be dropped off in the Sacristy before or after Mass. Thank you!

ROC UPDATE

The Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR), of which the ROC is a member, recently launched "WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER", a country-wide campaign designed to promote public support for refugees and immigrants. As part of this important initiative, they have developed a very useful Message Guide which provides examples of effective ways to talk about refugee-related issues, e.g. What to say, What not to say, How to respond to negative comments about newcomers etc. For more information and more resources see the campaign website, We're Better Together – Our Canada includes immigrants and refugees: bettertogethertocanada.ca

The funeral of **Dr. John Earl Wynands** will take place here at St. Joe's on Wednesday, December 3 at 10:00am with Fr. Richard Kelly OMI presiding. Earl had the special ability to make connections with people of all ages and all walks of life. He had a way of putting people at ease with genuine curiosity and caring. He was a man of deep faith with an unwavering devotion to his family. We are grateful for his dedication to St. Joseph's Parish.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.hpmcgarry.ca/obituaries/Dr-John-Earl-Wynands?obld=46379573>



Advent Giving Tree

Find a star on the Giving Tree and gift the listed item this Advent for those who rely on our poverty relief ministries, ensuring we support those who need it this Christmas!



Since 2015, two local high schools, École secondaire catholique Paul-Desmarais and École secondaire catholique Saint-Jean-Baptiste, have collaborated to organize a Christmas Free Store, where families in need can choose Christmas gifts for their children at no cost.

After the main Free Store event taking place on December 7th at École secondaire catholique Saint-Jean-Baptiste, any leftover donations will be organized into baskets to be gifted to the **St. Joe's Supper Table Food Bank** clients the following weekend (December 13th-14th).

To ensure the success of this initiative, we are accepting donations of:

**toys, games, puzzles | baby items | books | clothing (size baby-adult)
shoes, boots, slippers (size baby-adult) | wrapping paper
teen gifts (art supplies, purses/bags, jewelry, games, beauty products, etc.)**

Until December 7, donations can be brought to the Front Office during normal business hours. If you have any questions or if you would like to coordinate a drop-off, please contact: suppertable@st-josephs.ca Thank you for your generosity!

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English Conversation

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To add or update Ministry info on this sidebar, please contact Mikayla at info@st-josephs.ca or extension 251.

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/>



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Contact Mikayla in the Front
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LOCATION

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Community Announcements



Do you know anyone who is unable to participate in the parish and would benefit from connection? The Parish Pastoral Council will once again be participating in the initiative to write **Christmas cards for shut-ins**. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving one this holiday season, please reach out to the front office.

New Parishioner in Search of Lodging

A middle-aged Egyptian man, who has recently joined the parish, is in search of lodging. He is currently living a fair distance from St. Joseph's, relying on public transit, and yet would like to attend more regularly, especially as he undertakes the process of entering into full-communion with the Catholic Church as part of the RCIA this year. He has a stable source of income, and is simply looking for a room to rent, in a house or apartment, with access to laundry and a kitchen for preparing meals, if possible, either somewhere in the vicinity of St. Joseph's or within easy access via public transit.

Any potential leads would be most appreciated – please contact info@st-josephs.ca or call 613.233.4095 x251

PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO OUR

* HOLIDAY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM *

St. Joe's Women's Centre offers the Holiday Family Support Program each year to support families living with low income & experiencing housing instability.

This program offers a wide selection of gifts for mothers to personally choose from for their children, ensuring that each child has that special moment to experience the joy of the season!

MOST-NEEDED ITEMS

- Headphones
- Soccer Balls/Basketballs
- Slippers (various sizes)
- Hats, Mittens, Scarves
- Science Kits
- Art Supplies
- Board Games
- Wrapping Paper
- Gift Cards
- Cozy Blankets (gender neutral)

*Creative ideas
for kids 0-18
years old
welcome!*

Donation Deadline: Friday, December 5th

Donations can be left in the collection bins at the back of the Church, or brought to the Front Office

For more information, please contact Alia at
SJWC.support@st-josephs.ca
(613) 231-6722 ext. 4

Scan this QR code to
donate monetarily now! →



Homemade Preserves & Sourdough Bread for Sale

Our family is grateful for the opportunity to share our homemade goods with our parish community! We are offering **fresh sourdough bread** along with a selection of **homemade preserves**, perfect for your pantry or as thoughtful Christmas gifts. All preserves are safely canned, the seal is guaranteed, and they can be stored for years to come. Our available varieties include:

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| Strawberry Jam | Bread & Butter Pickles |
| Mixed Berry Jam | Pickled Beets & Onions |
| Orange Marmalade | Pickled Onions |
| Apple Jelly | Sugar-Free Applesauce |



If you have any **mason jars** you're willing to donate, we would be delighted to reuse them. As a small thank-you for your generosity, we'll fill one of your jars with a **free preserve** of your choice.

All proceeds go toward **medical expenses for Alberto and Hilda**, newcomers to Canada from Cuba who would greatly appreciate your support.

If you are interested, please contact Amarylis Serrano Juarez at 613-807-2417 or serrano_ama@yahoo.com

Thank you for your kindness and for supporting us!

November 30
to December 6

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOE'S?

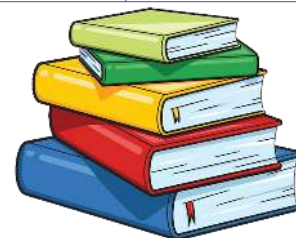


See the Advent / Christmas Mass Schedules here:
<https://www.st-josephs.ca/about/mass-and-prayer-times/>

	Sunday 30th	Monday 1st	Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th	Saturday 6th
Office Hours	After the 10:30am Mass	9-11am; 2-4pm (today only)	CLOSED	CLOSED (today only)	2:30-6:30pm	9-11am (today only)	CLOSED
This Week	- Family Mass, 10:30am - uOttawa Choir/Ottawa Chamber Orchestra concert 3pm - University Mass 7pm	- Yoga 5:30pm, Hall - RCIA 7pm, Oblate Lounge	Giving Tuesday - Faith Sharing 10:30, Lounge - Faith Formation 7pm, Library - Campus Chaplaincy 4-9pm, Lounge	- Weekday Mass, 12 noon - Dr. Wynands Funeral , 10am - Faith Formation 7pm, Lounge	- Weekday Mass, 12 noon - AA 7pm, Oblate Lounge - Vibe Salsa, 7pm	- Weekday Mass + Adoration, 12 noon - Christian Meditation 7pm, Library - OSDS 7pm, Hall	- Saturday Mass, 5pm - 2SLGBTQ+ Retreat
In the future...		- Dec. 8: Book Club		- Dec. 10: Planting Seeds Int'l Bake Sale			

Library titles about ADVENT include:

Eimer, R.D. Dayspring from on high: Advent prayer (BX2170.A4E54 1999)
Romb, A. Walk with the Lord: sharing the silence (BX2170.A4R65 1990)
Rolheiser, R. Light for the world: daily Advent reflection & prayer (BX2170.A4R65 2014)



Our Financial Stewardship

November 22-23 Collection: \$6,589

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, December 3: Halim, Ouidad, & Adele ✝

Thursday, December 4: Dr. Ronald Lloyd ✝

Friday, December 5: Beryl D'Souza ✝

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:

Mary Duggan, Normand Emond, Frank O'Donnell, Eleanor Rabnete, Bryan Edwards, Cathy Jackson, & Madeline Forget.

Prayers for those who have died:

Colleen O'Meara, Theresa Mullaly, Dr. Earl Wynands, & Moreen O'Connor.

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