

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 8-9 2025

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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



Remembrance Day Prayer

O God of peace,

Today we remember all who have served and sacrificed for our freedom. We give thanks for their courage and honour their memory.

Grant comfort to those who mourn and inspire us to work for a just and gentle world.

May we never forget the price of peace. Amen.

Development and Peace Coffee – A good deal while doing good



Coffee prices have risen in cafés and grocery stores, but not at St. Joe's. We are still charging the same price that we did when we resumed coffee sales after mass in May 2024 - \$15 a bag, for organic, fair trade, locally roasted coffee.

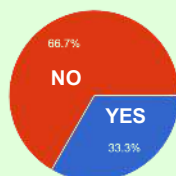
The wholesale price we pay to our supplier, Equator Coffee Roasters in Almonte, has risen, especially for decaf. This means that the "profit" we make and donate to Development and Peace is not as much as it was last year. This "profit" is the difference between the wholesale price we pay and the \$15 we charge you.

We are still making a small amount from each bag you buy. Our group's intention is to stay at \$15 for as long as we can. All coffees are **available for purchase** at the kitchen at the **back of the church** after Mass **every Sunday** except Hospitality Sunday. Proceeds help support the work and partners of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada in the Global South.

Thank you for your faithful support. New buyers always welcome.

Parishioner Engagement Survey Results

This month we asked you if you've done anything for the Jubilee Year; and if so, what. Here's what you told us:



I've done a personal pilgrimage

I did a five day pilgrimage walk from Assisi to Spoleto in Italy with three friends. The trip included some designated Jubilee sights, natural beauty, and many steep climbs! Even with 30 degree sunny weather, sore feet and aching legs, everyday was a Wow day!

A trip to Rome's four major Basilicas



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<https://forms.sendpulse.com/03e5aee083>

Parish Announcements

The **St. Joe's Women's Centre** Holiday Auction becomes LIVE on November 10! Learn more, see what the auction has in store, and *start bidding* on the link/QR to the right!



<https://www.32auctions.com/sjwcholidayauction2025>

The Saturday Potluck Returns!

Come one, come all: young and old, new and past attendees – everyone is welcome to gather for dinner **after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday November 22**. Please bring something to share if you can – hot or cold, sweet or savory. It is okay if you aren't able to bring food, or if you forget, or if you decide at the last moment to stay. The dinner is a loaves-and-fishes kind of affair, where hospitality and fellowship fill our hunger, and there's always (miraculously) enough food for everyone.

Mark your calendar, and we'll see you there!

St. Joe's Young Adults Host Successful Church Luncheon

Nearly 40 young adults from our parish community prepared and served a tasty, multi-course lunch for parishioners after the morning Mass on Sunday, November 2, 2025. More than 80 parishioners came down to the Parish Hall to enjoy Beef Picadillo or Chickpea Curry, alongside rice, salads and homemade desserts. Our youth provided a top-notch restaurant-style experience, serving each table with a smile! The meal was by donation, making it accessible to all. The young adults raised \$1,700 in support of our church and its young adult ministry.

In addition to raising funds, the purpose of the luncheon was to encourage encounter. Attendance at University Mass regularly reaches 120 and our young adult programmes, including retreats and Scripture study, are at full capacity. This fall, 30 students attended our overnight retreat at Shalom House in Alexandria — which was the retreat centre's maximum capacity. The luncheon was an opportunity for young adults new to our parish to connect with longstanding parishioners. Many thanks to all who helped make this lunch a success — including many youth working hard in the background cooking meals and washing dishes! Thanks as well to the St. Joe's Supper Table for providing its kitchen and supplies. We're experiencing an exciting time of growth at St. Joseph's Parish!

— **Christopher Adam, Executive Director**



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

Baptism Preparation Ministry in Action

Normally once per month, ministry volunteers meet with new families and prepare their children for the sacrament of Baptism. This is a great time to meet parents in the parish. It is an essential time in sharing faith, answering all questions about the sacrament and what the ceremony will look like so the celebration of Baptism is more meaningful. Here's a photo of a recent Baptism Prep meeting for infants and their families, with our Ministry volunteers in action!



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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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Community Announcements

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.)**

Throughout the month of November, donations can be brought to the Front Office during normal business hours. Thank you for your generosity!

For more information: <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/tele/le-telejournal-ottawa-gatineau/site/segments/reportage/1942417/marche-cadeaux-secondaire-eleve-paul-desmarais>

If you have any questions or if you would like to coordinate a drop-off, please contact: suppertable@st-josephs.ca



St. Joe's is glad to welcome a new rental partner: **Sandy Hill
Community Yoga!**

Their classes are open to the public and held in the Parish Hall,
Mondays at 5:30-6:30pm in four week sessions. Their next
upcoming dates are November 10, 17, 24, and December 1. The
cost is \$20 drop-in or \$75 for the full four classes!
After this, there will be a break until the New Year.



The next webinar in **St. Basil's Conversations for Our Times** series will feature Dr. Moira McQueen, recently retired from her position as Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute at the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto and Professor of Moral Theology at the Toronto School of Theology. Together we will explore Catholic guidelines for making challenging ethical decisions in today's complex world.

All are invited to join the online conversation: **Sunday, November 16th 2-4:30 pm**

Registration is necessary on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/v7k13FdKQpmd1-Ju3tLFQg>

For further information, please contact Rosemary at rosemwilliams@yahoo.ca



For 26 years, the **Ottawa Swing Dance Society** has built a joyful community of music and movement. Now it's your turn to join the celebration.

Join the OSDS for three unforgettable days packed with live music, fierce battles, and nonstop dancing in the nation's capital starting at St. Joe's on November 14. Find out their schedule and learn more here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/765254506335900>

Diocesan Eucharistic Celebration

You are warmly invited to join Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, for the Eucharistic celebration on November 9, 2025, at 12 noon at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. As a diocesan family, we will give thanks and pay tribute with gratitude and affection to our Venerable Élisabeth Bruyère, founder of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa (Grey Nuns), a woman of faith and compassion, and a true witness of Christ's love. As our late Holy Father Pope Francis reminded us: she embodies that humble, everyday holiness, "the holiness next door." If you are unable to be present in person, we invite you to unite with us in prayer and spirit.

November
9 to 15

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOE'S?



	Sunday 9th	Monday 10th	Tuesday 11th	Wednesday 12th	Thursday 13th	Friday 14th	Saturday 15th
Office Hours	After the 10:30am Mass	12-4pm (today only)	CLOSED	9am-1pm	2:30-6:30pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED
This Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family Mass 10:30am - ORYC concert, 4pm - University Mass 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yoga 5:30pm, Hall - RCIA 7pm, Oblate Lounge - Book Club 7:30pm, Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faith Formation 7pm, Library - Campus Chaplaincy 4-9pm, Lounge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NO MASS - Faith Formation 7pm, Lounge - PPC 7pm, Chapel/Zoom - Rideau Swing Collective, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NO MASS - Liturgical Environment 10:30am - ROC 1pm, Lounge - Liturgy Committee 5pm, Library - AA 7pm, Oblate Lounge - Vibe Salsa, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekday Mass, 12 noon - Christian Meditation 7pm, Library - OSDS 7pm, Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday Mass 5pm - Opera: The Lion Heart, 8pm
In the future...	- Nov 16: Opera: The Lion Heart		- PPC & PFC, in person			- Nov 21: uOttawa Orchestra	- Nov 22: Potluck after Mass

Library titles about ETHICS include:

Kline, S. Ethical beings, a Catholic guide to contemporary issues (BJ249.K55 2013)

McQueen, M. Bioethics matters: a guide for concerned Catholics (B725.56.M36 2011)

Buckman, R. Can we do good without God? biology, behavior and the need to believe (BJ1012.B745 2004)



Our Financial Stewardship

November 1-2 Collection: \$7,615

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, November 12: **NO MASS**

Thursday, November 13: **NO MASS**

Friday, November 14: Jean Claude Filion ✝

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:
Earl Wynands, Mary Duggan, Margie Duthie, & Colleen O'Meara.

Prayers for those who have died:
Gilles Touchette & Lionel Sargalis.

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