

# 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.

### December 20-21 2025

The 4th 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



## The Perfect Gift

Finding the perfect gift can be tricky – especially for the people in our lives who already seem to have everything. This year, give a gift that truly matters. Our beautifully designed donation cards (displayed above) offer a heartfelt and meaningful way to celebrate birthdays, holidays, and special occasions.

Charitable giving in honour of a loved one is a great idea! At St. Joe's, we make this easy. The donation card serves as the gift, letting the individual know that a donation, in their honour, has been made to either **St. Joseph's Church**, the **Refugee Outreach Committee**, **St. Joe's Women's Centre**, or **St. Joe's Supper Table**. This simple gift creates a meaningful impact, all inspired by someone we love.

This Christmas, skip the last-minute shopping and give a gift that makes a difference. *Donate in honour of a loved one* and your contribution will be transformed into tangible community good!

To donate in honour of a loved one and receive a personalised donation card, please contact our parish office, or see Mikayla at the back of the church after this weekend's Masses.

#### Advent Faith Sharing Group

Drop in on Tuesday December 23rd at 10:30am in the Library (access from the church) for an hour of reflection and sharing for Advent. It is not necessary to have attended the previous weeks to join in. Contact Claire Cheesman at [clairecheesman@rogers.com](mailto:clairecheesman@rogers.com) for more information.



#### Use of uOttawa Lot B for Sunday Mass

As the church gets busier during our Advent services, we would like to publish a reminder about Sunday morning parking overflow availability and the procedure. The University of Ottawa offers us use of Lot B (40 Stewart Street) at no cost. Parishioners are asked to register with the Hotspot App. Instructions below:

**Option 1.** Parishioners can download the Hotspot application on their phone and create a profile using the following instructions. Please note that you will need to enter a valid credit or Interac debit card number to complete the profile, but that no charge will be made to the card.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Parishioners can use the meter / zone number 2013 to park free of charge between the hours of 9am-1pm on Sundays. Leave the field for discount code blank.

**Option 2.** Parishioners can use the QR code to the right instead of creating a profile online.



## Parish Announcements

The parish is inviting parishioners to donate poinsettias to remember a deceased family member or friend, and to help decorate our church for Christmas. Your loved one's name will be included in a commemorative list to be published in the Christmas issue of our Parish Bulletin, and their dedication decorates our liturgical space. You may donate a poinsettia or simply make a contribution and we will purchase the plant on your behalf.

You can **purchase a plant** through us in four ways:

- Add your name and the memorial name to a blank envelope with \$20/plant and drop in the collection basket at Mass
- Visit/Contact the Front Office during office hours
- Visit the site/scan the QR to the right to purchase with a credit card and leave your dedication
- **NEW:** Mikayla will be available after Mass on Saturday and Sunday this weekend for poinsettia contributions

Sales and plant donations end **December 21st**, and all funds collected go to Christmas liturgical decor. *Thank you for your support!*



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-ca/ticketing/poinsettias-2025>

### 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-communication 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](mailto:info@st-josephs.ca) or call 613.233.4095 x251

### First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation

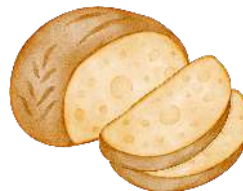
Preparation for children (ages 7-10) interested in receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion will be taking place beginning early 2026. If you are interested in having your child prepare to receive these sacraments here at St. Joseph's, please contact Paul at [pdansereau@st-josephs.ca](mailto:pdansereau@st-josephs.ca)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

### 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:

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

**NEW:** Mango Jam



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](mailto:serrano_ama@yahoo.com)

*Thank you for your kindness and for supporting us!*

## Ministry Contacts

### History Committee:

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### Pastoral Visiting Contact:

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[info@st-josephs.ca](mailto:info@st-josephs.ca)

### English Conversation Group for newcomers:

Michaelrichard2008@hotmail.com

### Christian Meditation:

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Beth Smith: Fri @ 7pm  
613-563-7091

### Grocery Card Program (OMRA):

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### Funeral Ministry:

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### Development and Peace

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### Hospitality Committee:

Kathleen Allan  
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### 2SLGBTQ+

#### Accompaniment Ministry:

Andrew Pump  
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To add or update Ministry info on this sidebar, please contact Mikayla at [info@st-josephs.ca](mailto: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/>



December  
21 to 24

# 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 21st	Monday 22nd	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th
Office Hours	After the 10:30am Mass	CLOSED	Open from 1-4pm	CLOSED until January 5
This Week	- Family Mass, 10:30am and Hospitality Sunday - Festival of Lessons and Carols, 3pm	- LEM 10am	- Staff holiday appreciation brunch - Faith Sharing 10:30am, <b>Library</b>	Christmas Eve Services: <b>5pm - Children's Pageant</b> <b>9pm - Candlelit with Choral Prelude</b>

After last year's successful pilot, we will be creating another **Christmas Edition of our Parish Bulletin!** This will be distributed the afternoon of Christmas Eve. The Christmas Bulletin will contain events, service reminders, the names from the poinsettia memorial fundraiser, and Christmas well-wishes from our ministries. The deadline for submissions is midnight on Monday, December 22.

## Library titles about CHRISTMAS include:

Becklo, M. Word became flesh (BV40.B2 2022)  
Monasterio, E. God's nativity scene (PZ7.M613 2012)  
Loder, T. Tracks in the snow: tales spun from the manger (PS3562.0296T7 1997)



## Our Financial Stewardship

December 13-14 Collection: \$6,671

*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>

December 23 - January 2: **NO NOON MASSES.**  
We will resume Noon Mass on Wednesday, January 7.

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:**

Kathy Jackson, Bēātē Bernhardt, Rebecca Thoburn, Klaus Ruhland, Marie-Anne Burgess & Jim McDonald.

### **Prayers for those who have died:**

Henry and Patricia Moore, Carol Hare, Gary Tithecott, Frances Richardson, Bryan Harvey, & Herman De Souza.

## Connect with us!



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