



# 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 13-14 2025

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

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## Christmas Memorial Flower Donations

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 three 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

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>

### Lessons and Carols, presented by the Parish Choir in support of St. Joe's Supper Table and Food Bank

#### 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

Mark your calendars, the annual Lessons and Carols service takes place on **Sunday, December 21 at 3pm**. This tradition, stemming from the Anglican Church, tells the story of Christ's birth through readings and song. Join us with a freewill donation to support St. Joe's Supper Table, the only food bank and free meal programme operated by a church in the diocese of Ottawa-Cornwall!



#### Advent Faith Sharing Group

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am in the Oblate lounge for an hour 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. (use Laurier Ave entrance) Contact Claire Cheesman at [clairecheesman31@gmail.com](mailto:clairecheesman31@gmail.com) for more information.

# Parish Announcements

## 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.



## Advent Giving Tree

Find a star on the Supper Table 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!

## Pastoral Home Visits in Sandy Hill

If you know a parishioner in Sandy Hill or nearby who is not able to participate in parish life, may be recovering from surgery, may be lonely and shut-in, may be elderly and who would like a home visit, please contact Mikayla. A member of the team will be in touch to arrange a visit. Visitors can come to chat and catch up, and also bring the Eucharist if requested.



## Hospitality Sunday: December 21

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!

Each year, **St. Joe's Supper Table** hosts a Community Christmas Dinner for our clients and the residents of Sandy Hill. This year, we will be hosting our Christmas meal on December 19, and we hope to make the celebration extra special by providing cold-weather gear such as hats, mittens, socks and scarves, for each of our clients (men, women and children), along with small toys, books, or art supplies for the children and young adults who attend.

If you would like to donate items for this event, please contact Kathleen at the Supper Table at [supporttable@st-josephs.ca](mailto:supporttable@st-josephs.ca)

Please note that we can only accept **new items**, and the deadline for donations is **December 15, 2025**.

## 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



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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## English Conversation

**Group for newcomers:**  
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## Christian Meditation:

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613-563-7091

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### Accompaniment Ministry:

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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  
14 to 20

# 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 14th	Monday 15th	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th	Saturday 20th
<b>Office Hours</b>	After the 10:30am Mass	9-11am; 2-4pm	CLOSED	9am-1pm	2:30-6:30pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED
<b>This Week</b>	- Family Mass, 10:30am - Ottawa Youth Orchestra concerts, 1:30 & 3:30pm - University Mass 7pm	- LEM 1:30-3pm - Yoga, 5:30pm - RCIA 7pm, Oblate Lounge	- Reconciliation Service 12noon + 7pm - Faith Sharing 10:30am, Lounge - Faith Formation 7pm, Library	- Weekday Mass, 12 noon CHAPEL - Faith Formation 7pm, Library - PPC 7pm, Lounge	- Weekday Mass, 12 noon - SJWC Holiday Party, Hall - AA 7pm, Oblate Lounge - Vibe Salsa, 7pm	- Weekday Mass, 12 noon - SJST Holiday Party, Hall - Christian Meditation 7pm, Library	- Saturday Mass, 5pm
<b>In the future...</b>	- Dec 21: Festival of Lessons and Carols, Hospitality	- Dec 22: LEM	- Dec 23: Staff Appreciation Brunch	- Dec 24: Christmas Eve services 5 & 9pm	- Dec 25: Christmas Service 10:30am		- Dec 27: Vibe Salsa

## Library titles about ADVENT include:

Koellhoffer, C. Pope Francis: Living Advent with joy and peace (BX1999.21.F813 2015)

Mongeau, G. Called to pray, Advent and Christmas (BX2170.A4C35 2011)

Pennoyer, G. God for us, rediscovering the meaning of Christmas (BV40.G58 2014)



## Our Financial Stewardship

December 6-7 Collection: \$7,704

*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 17: Moreen O'Connor ✝

Thursday, December 18: Dr. Earl Wynands ✝

Friday, December 19: Margaret Donnelly ✝

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:**

Eleanor Rabnete, Bryan Edwards, Kathy Jackson, B     Bernhardt, Rebecca Thoburn, & Klaus Ruhland.

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

Moreen O'Connor, Madeline Forget, Henry and Patricia Moore, Carol Hare, Gary Tithecott, Frances Richardson, & Bryan Harvey.

## Connect with us!

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