



St. Joseph's Parish
An inclusive community

A Parish of the Oblates of
Mary Immaculate
since 1856

St. Joe's Weekend Bulletin

December 4, 2016 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

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Church & Hall

174 Wilbrod St.

Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 8am-7:30pm
Sat: 11am-5pm

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am
7pm University Mass

Weekday

Mass

Wed/Thur/Fri at 12noon
during the school year

Reconciliation

after noon Mass during the
school year or by appt.

Adoration

1st Fri. after the noon Mass
in the Church.

Parking

—In our lot (no need to
pay meters while attending
weekend Mass + 30
minutes after Mass. If you
are parking for non parish
related activities, please
pay the meter located at the
southern corner of the lot.
—Or park in U of O Lot B
only on Sundays from
9am-2pm (enter off Cum-
berland between Wilbrod
& Stewart). Get pass at
Welcome Desk to display
in car. *Questions? Contact
Brandon at x251.*

Reminder

St. Joe's is a busy place.
Please do not leave valua-
bles in plain sight in your
cars, and please don't leave
purses etc. in the pews,
even when you come for-
ward for Communion.

Thank you, all!

Last weekend's 160th
Anniversary festivities
were very well attended
and wonderfully carried
out by all involved. The
International Day Festival
and Anniversary Masses were a great celebration of our history, community
and culture. Thank you to all who participated, donated and volunteered their
time to make it a memorable weekend. A special thanks goes out to all of the
embassies and cultural groups who shared their food and art with us at the In-
ternational Day Festival.

To see photos from this past weekend, please visit our Facebook page
(www.facebook.com/stjosephlaurier) or website (www.st-josephs.ca).



OMI Community Celebration

You're invited to the OMI
Community Celebration of the
Feast of the Immaculate Con-
ception on **Thursday, Dec. 8,**
Canadian Martyrs Church,

100 Main St. Mass will begin at 7 pm, followed by a reception. If you plan to
attend, RSVP by Dec. 4 to McE Galbreath at 613-567-6418 or
ontariodistrict@omilacombe.ca.

John, The Master of Descent By Richard Rohr

*"The one who is more powerful than I
is coming after me; I am not worthy
to stoop down and untie the thong of
his sandals. I have baptized you with
water; but he will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit." Mark 1:7-8*

John the Baptist's qualities are most
rare and yet crucial for any reform or
authentic transformation of persons or
groups. That is why we focus on John
the Baptist every Advent and why
Jesus trusts him and accepts his non-
temple, offbeat nature ritual, while
also going far beyond him. Water is
only the container; fire and Spirit are
the contents, John says.

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Welcome!

Are you new to St. Joe's or
a visitor? Please introduce
yourselves at the Welcome
Desk at the back of the
Church, or contact Maria
Virjee, 613-234-6000,
mvsali2@gmail.com

Registration

Forms can be found at the
Welcome Desk

Donation Envelopes

Are provided upon regis-
tration. Please mark your
name clearly on front of
each envelope.

Online Giving

Sign up for auto-debit at
Welcome Desk or through
"Canada Helps"

Requests

Please consider including St.
Joe's in your will.

Thank you!!

Upcoming Events

Reconciliation Services:

Tuesday, Dec. 20th
12 pm & 7 pm

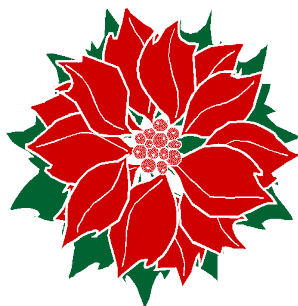
See the **Christmas
Mass
Schedule**
on page 2.



Poinsettia Donations

Give a Christmas flower in honour of, or in memory of, a loved one!

Community members are invited to bring poinsettias and other Christmas
flowers to help decorate the church for Christmas. Many donate in honour of
someone special, or in memory of someone who has died. The list of names
of those being honoured or remembered will be published in our Christmas
bulletin on the weekend of Dec. 24-25. Please drop off flowers (or monetary
donations) at the Welcome Desk or at the Front Office. Be sure to include:
"In honour of..." or "In memory of..." with flowers. Thanks!



Our Financial Stewardship...COLLECTION for November 27: **\$6,307**

The work of our parish is supported through the generosity of our parish community. This includes the spiritual life of our faith community, care for those who come to our doors and efforts to promote social justice in our city, country and world. To maintain a balanced operating budget for our church and all our ministries, including the Women's Centre and St. Joe's Supper Table, requires an average minimum collection of \$6,200 per week based on a full year. Donations fluctuate seasonally. We are grateful for every gift.

****Please be sure to write the amount of your donation on your envelope. It really helps.
Envelopes are available in most pews for visitors who wish to use them.*

Weekly Events Sundays

—Masses at 9:30am & 11:30am + 7pm University Mass (Sept-April).

—**Children's Liturgy** at 9:30 am Mass three Sundays a month. Children are dismissed with leaders during Mass to meet in age groups (JK-1, Gr 2-3 and Gr 4-6) and share on the Word of God at their own level. All children are welcome.

Erin.anderson@rogers.com

Mondays

—weekly 9:30am **Christian Meditation** 613-730-0108.

Wednesdays

—**English Conversation and Practice for Newcomers to Ottawa**

7- 8:30 pm (Sept - June)
Saint Paul University,
233 Main St.,
Laframboise Hall, Rm L142.
613-744-2429 or
michaelrichard2008
@hotmail.com

Fridays

—weekly 7:30pm **Christian Meditation** 613-236-0155

—**Catholic LGBT & Straight Alliance** meets the 2nd Fri/month

(SJcglgroup@gmail.com)

Saturdays

—**Vigil Mass** at 5pm

News from around the Table...

The Supper Table

from Mary Murphy, Manager
mmurphy@st-josephs.ca,
613-233-4095 x 240
www.stjssuppertable.ca



Thank you for the Ensure and diapers

Five of our guests have benefited since your donations. One stopped by Monday night to tell us how much more energy he had — and he did look much better. Another told her doctor that she had received this from us, and the doctor ended up giving her a prescription for it.

Help the Dalhousie Food Cupboard

The Dalhousie Food Cupboard (located in Bronson Centre) is looking for fabric or re-usable grocery bags. They can be dropped off here or at the Bronson Centre.

Christmas suggestions for your friends or colleagues

—If your friends or work colleagues are looking for places to make donations, you can pick up a Christmas Postcard for them that lists

some suggestions, as well as new brochures to give them information. These are at the church entrance. Thanks for spreading the sharing!

Need to get souls out of purgatory?

We have a kitchen, storage area and freezer that need a good cleaning on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1-3 pm.

Thank you!

Thank you to the Sunset Singers for their donation from their recent concert!

Meal Program Needs: sliced bread, sandwich meats, lunch bags.

Food Bank Needs: peanut butter, jam, canned fruit, apples, oranges, potatoes, carrots, lentils, red beans, pinto beans, chick peas, cereal, juice, canned tomatoes, tomato paste, sugar, instant coffee, sweetener, herbs and spices, turkeys or other meat (which can be placed in the Supper Table fridges).

Seasonal Guest Needs: boots (size 9 wide, 10, 11) hats, mitts, coats, socks.

Carols for Christmas—St. Joseph's Music Ministry will perform a concert of Christmas Carols on **Dec. 18, at 7:30 pm**, here at the parish. Admission: freewill monetary donation and/or loaves of sliced bread or non-perishable food items. All donations will support the St. Joe's Supper Table. All are welcome!

Christmas Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Are you able to volunteer this Christmas? Please sign up at the back of the church. Thank you!

St. Joe's Christmas Schedule



Christmas Eve: Saturday, Dec. 24

4:40 pm - Organ Prelude
5 pm - Christmas Eve Mass & Pageant
8 pm - Organ/Choral Prelude and Carol-Sing
9 pm - Christmas Eve Mass
11 pm - Choral Prelude
12 am - Midnight Candlelight Mass

Christmas Day: Sunday, Dec. 25

6:45 am - Organ Prelude
7 am - Christmas Day Mass at Dawn
9:30 am & 11:30 am - Christmas Day Mass
*no 7 pm University Mass

Feast of Mary, Mother of God:

Saturday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve)
5 pm Mass

Feast of Mary, Mother of God:

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 (New Year's Day)
9:30 & 11:30 am Mass

Epiphany of the Lord:

Saturday, Jan. 7 - 5 pm Mass
Sunday, Jan. 8 - 9:30 am and 11:30 am Mass

** Last Sunday for 7 pm University Mass is Dec. 11. It resumes again on Sunday, Jan 8.

Contacts

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Library News

Books available on ADVENT include: Lee, Sharon. *Joyous Days: a collection of Advent and Christmas activities* (TT900,C4L47 18984), Rolheister, Ronald. *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas* (BX2170.A4R64 2005) and Simcoe, Mary Ann. *Parish Path through Advent and Christmas Time* ((BV40.P3 1983).

Community Healing Service

Saturday, Dec. 10, at 10 am

This is sponsored by St. Joseph's church and St. Paul's Eastern United Church. There will be prayer, readings, reflection, anointing and songs, followed by a reception. We hope that you will come and extend the invitation to others.

Scripture speaks to our unbeliefs

We often make God too small, too limited to be trusted to attend to our great need. In the words of the angel to Jesus' mother, we hear, "For nothing will be impossible with God." Lk.1:37

Jesus himself states to his disciples: "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." Mtt.19:26

God desires to heal us, and God wants to hear our need expressed. "Ask and it will be given you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you." Mtt. 7:7



Stamp Collecting

The Sisters of Holy Cross are collecting used stamps this Advent for their

mission in Haiti. There is a collection box at the back of the church. Thank you so much for your support!

LGBT+ and Straight Alliance's Christmas Party

This year our Christmas party's theme is Active Hope. We will encourage ourselves as individuals and as a community to channel our feelings of concern for the well-being of our planet, our world and our LGBT communities into hope and mindful action. All are welcome! **Friday, Dec. 9, 7 pm, Main Floor Meeting Room.** Please bring a dessert, a plate of finger foods or a beverage to share.

Advent Small Group

Faith Sharing—Our group will continue to meet Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm in the Oblate Lounge until Dec. 14. All are welcome to come when available to share your faith story as related to the Advent Sunday scriptures. Enter via the Laurier Avenue entrance.



LGBT+ and Straight Alliance's

Book Club—Our book for December and January is *The Song of Achilles*, by Madeline Miller. Please join us for discussion on **Friday, Jan. 19, in the Oblate Lounge.** We will gather at 7 pm. If you plan to attend the meeting, please read the book.



Need info on:

- Baptism
- First Communion
- Confirmation
- Adult Initiation
- Marriage Prep
- Weddings

Visit website, then contact

Michelle Miller x235 or
mmiller@st-josephs.ca

--Funerals

Sharon Gravelle
segravelle@bell.net

--Memorial Masses

contact the Front Office

--Pastoral Care or Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Front Office or Fr. Richard Beaudette

--Our Bulletin

—Is also posted on our website each week.

—Email submissions online at the website under "publications/bulletin/submission" by Wed noon.

—To receive this Bulletin via email each week, contact the Front Office

Confirmations Next Sunday

Next Sunday, Dec. 11, at the 9:30 am Liturgy, we welcome Auxiliary Bishop Christian Riesbeck as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young disciples. Please keep them in your prayers: **Olivia, Sunita, Xavier, Allen, Pride and Georgia.** Come, Holy Spirit!

Prayers Please

Pray for the sick: Phil Swift, Dorothy Chakilas, Aline Lalonde, Mary Catherine Pye, John Delacourt, Gerald Roy, Dennis Foreman, Ann Van Regan, Rolly Leroux, Manfred Bohn, Paul Simone, Michelle Popowick, Pauline Shields, Carol Speed Zeyen, Fr. Ken Forster OMI, Robert Bourdon, Patricia MacLaren, Nicole Nilsson, Kenula Amodya, Charlotte McCarthy, Mark Allaye Chan, Cora Petraki, Jordan Ladoucier, Odette Demars, George MacFarlane, Jack Lalonde, Teresa Fletcher, Rita & Kevin Barr, Duain Wolfe, Ann Young, Bob Britton, and Tony Graziadei. **Pray for those who have died:** Sister Marjory Gallagher, Mona Chisholm, Moira Esdaile, Gloria Saunders, Leonard Cohen, Ron Chuchuk, Virngina Liens, Dr. Greg Walsh, Jim McAlduff, Halim Abboud, Melhem Marakar, Hedy Surtel, Ron Guest, Mary Bingham, George Anderson, Michael McSweeney, Victor D'Souza, Joshua Briere, Andy Boothroyd, Joe Cashen, Tania Lorriman, Betty Ann Lebouldic, Jim Prentice, Sandra Bender, Joseph LaRonde, Jacinta Belanger, and Paul Prendergast. **To add a name,** please inform the Front Office or write it in the binder at the Welcome Desk.

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Yet if we are not like the great John, we will invariably substitute our own little container for the real contents. We will substitute rituals for reality instead of letting the rituals point us beyond themselves.

John the Baptizer is the strangest combination of conviction and humility, morality and mysticism, radical prophecy and living in the present. This son of the priestly temple class does his own thing down by the riverside; he is a man born into privilege who dresses like a hippie; he is a superstar who is willing to let go of everything, creating his own water baptism and then saying that what really matters is the baptism of "Spirit and fire!" He is a living paradox, as even Jesus says of him, "There is no man greater than John...but he is also the least" in the new reality that I am bringing about (Matthew 11:11). John both gets it and does not get it at all, which is why he has to exit stage right early in the drama. He has played his single and important part, and he knows it. His is brilliantly a spirituality of descent, not ascent. "He must grow bigger, I must grow smaller" (John 3:30).

The only way such freedom can happen is if John learned to be very empty of himself already as a young man, before he even built his tower of success. His ego was out of the way so much so that he could let go of his own ego, his own message, and even his own life. This is surely the real meaning of his head on a platter! Some have cleverly said that ego is an acronym for "Edging God Out." There's got to be such emptiness, or we cannot point beyond ourselves to Jesus, as John did. Such emptiness doesn't just fall into our laps; such humility does not just happen. It is surely the end product of a thousand letting-go's and a thousand acts of devotion, which, for John the Baptist, gradually edged God *in*. Baptist gradually edged God *in*.

Spiritual Seekers Mini-Retreat

Saturday, Dec. 10, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, in the Parish Hall. Our theme is "Preparing for Christmas," with Fr. Richard Rohr (audio presentation). Rohr invites us beyond the "baby Jesus" into full participation in the Mystery of Christ. The retreat is for all to Sabbath in the Grace of community and Good News that transforms. There is no charge, and parking is free, although freewill offerings are appreciated (for the free Rohr lending library). Info & RSVP: davidanthonyperry@gmail.com

Young Adult News

Study Hall

Each day of exams (Dec 8-22), there will be a meeting room reserved in the parish office for quiet study — weekdays from 9 am-9 pm, Saturdays 11 am-5 pm. Closing times may vary. WiFi is available but temperamental. Snacks and coffee are usually around. Enter at 151 Laurier, and be ready to show a student ID.

Young Adult Christmas Brunch

Sunday, Dec. 18 after 11:30 am Mass in 3rd-floor lounge. Bring \$5 or something to share.

Our Last 7 pm University Mass for the semester is Sunday, Dec 11. We start again Sunday, Jan 8, 2017.

Join the Young Adult Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/397094266998828/>

Weekly Young Adult email

Contact Michelle Miller at mmiller@st-josephs.ca or sign up in the red binder at the Welcome Desk.



Senior Christmas Luncheon

—All those 55+ are invited to our Christmas Luncheon for Seniors on **Thursday, Dec. 15, after the noon**

Mass. Volunteers needed for set-up at 11 am, as well as clean-up. Suggested donation for lunch is \$5. RSVP at the Welcome Desk or at the Parish Office by Wednesday, Dec 14, and include any dietary restrictions.

FROM AROUND THE COMMUNITY...

UPCOMING EVENING CONFERENCES - Hosted by the Department of Theology at Saint Paul University:

- The Origins of Christmas
Wednesday, Dec. 14
- What is the Significance of the Book of Revelation?
Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017

More info at:

http://ustpaul.ca/en/discover-our-evening-conferences-in-theology_6011_17.htm

WORKSHOP: RESENTMENT – FINDING FREEDOM:

At Serenity Renewal for Families, **Saturday, Dec. 10.** Facilitators: Wally Clare and Sister Louise Dunn. This workshop will look at the relationship between anger, fear, shame and resentment; identify specific resentments and the source of the wound or hurt at the root of our resentment; and offer an

exercise to let go of a specific resentment, helping to understand how to let go of all resentments. Register now. Serenity Renewal for Families provides hope and support to individuals and families affected by addiction and addiction-related issues.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP: St. Mary's Parish (100 Young St.) is hosting a Spiritual Gifts introductory workshop on **Friday, Dec. 9 (7-9 pm) and Saturday, Dec. 10 (9 am-4 pm).** Anyone who is interested in learning about the charisms the Lord has given you and how to serve other people within your gifts is welcome to join. Cost: \$35/person or \$60/couple (lunch and material included). For more information, contact Sr. Penelope Nguyen.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: *Make a good marriage great.* **Jan. 20-22, 2017.** Kathleen & Guy Séguin, 613-800-0866 or kgseguin@gmail.com before Dec. 20. Info: www.wwme.org