

Sunday Bulletin

December 25h, 2022

Nativity of the Lord



Christmas Reflection 2022

For a child, the anticipation of Christmas is a time of excitement and joy as they count down the days for the up coming feast. All of this excitement slows down to a quiet whisper as the child experiences the 'not yet' moment. Getting up early on Christmas morning and tiptoeing to the front room to see the Christmas tree which outstretches its arms in a protective gesture of the many gifts waiting to make a child's delight.

All of these sights and sounds of Christmas are not for everyone. Our world still hungers for peace and a sense of belonging. Our Lord, like many people today, has experienced being a refugee in the land of Egypt. Climate change, political unrest and wars have forced people to flee their country of origin --becoming refugees and migrants as they journey towards and uncertain future.

On the night Our Lord was born, angles came to bring news of great joys to shepherds tending their sheep in the dark of the night. Their message was about the arrival of the Messiah, the one who is to lead the people of Israel through the troubled times they were experiencing. In our modern world we need to recognize this announced savior who comes to save and liberate. The role of a true leader is to gather people not only in good times but also in times of darkness, uncertainty, and trials. These are individuals, who do not loose they focus in times of confusion but are able to lead with conviction. For these leaders the needs of the people come first. Our Lord is such a leader.

The Lord tells us over and over again that he will not abandon us in our time of need. In Scripture the words, "BE Not Afraid" is re-stated many times. How is the Lord present today? He makes his presence felt through the disciples he sends to give witness of his love and concern. I can see this in the people who are struggling with either crushing heat during the summer or the bitter cold being experienced by Canadians in the western part of the country. Although the situation can seem dire, the Spirit of the Lord continues to inspire people, ordinary people, who reach out to those in need in bringing hope in times of darkness. This year, more than ever, we are all called to be pilgrims of hope in communion with one another. May the star of Bethlehem be your guide to the Christ Child this night and always giving you strength to be authentic witnesses to the Gospels we live.

Fr. Robert Laroche, OMI

Welcome!

New Parishioners and Visitors Welcome! **Registration** Forms can be found through the Front Office (frontdesk@st-josephs.ca) or at the back of the Church

Donations

Register with the Parish either to receive envelopes, or to sign-up for auto-debit, online through **Canada Helps**.

MASS TIMES & RECONCILIATION

- *Week Day Mass*: Wed to Fri at 12PM
- *Weekend Masses*: Saturday 5PM
Sunday 9:30AM (Family Mass) & 11:30AM
- *University Mass (Sept-Apr)*: Sunday 7PM
- *Reconciliation*: After weekday Mass or by appt.
- *Adoration*: 1st Friday of the month after the noon Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S HOLIDAY HOURS

St. Joseph's Parish will be closed for the holidays, aside from scheduled Masses, from December 23rd, 2022 through January 2nd, 2023. Please see the Christmas Mass schedule in this Bulletin.

The Front Office will be closed from December 23rd, 2022 through January 5th, 2023. Please email or leave a message and it will be returned when the office is open again. Other Parish staff will return to work on January 3rd. Thank you for your understanding!

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Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm

St. Joe's Outreach Ministries

Music Ministry

Thank you to everyone involved in the Music Ministry for the Festival of Lessons and Carols celebrated in our church on Sunday, December 18th. And special thanks to Jamie Loback for continuing to spearhead such high-quality music in our parish, drawing in many people from beyond our own community. This unique liturgy raised \$2,000 for the St. Joe's Supper Table through special offerings. Many thanks to all who attended and contributed – and to those who contributed baked goods for the reception that followed!

St. Joe's Supper Table

Here at the Supper Table, we've finished the year on a high note.

Today, we are welcoming 120 Supper Table guests for a turkey dinner in the parish hall.

It will be the first time in since the pandemic that our guests have enjoyed indoor dining.

We are very grateful to those who have contributed to make it a wonderful event.

In particular, our beautiful gingerbread church has been purchased, and donated back to our guests as a Christmas gift.

Our Supper Table will now be closed until January 3rd, when we will open once again for breakfast.

Warmest Christmas wishes to all our supporters, donors, volunteers and guests!



- Sue-Anne and Kathleen

Refugee Outreach Committee

Write for Rights — On December 10th, International Human Rights Day, Amnesty International launched its annual global Write for Rights campaign. The world's largest letter-writing campaign is aimed at influencing world leaders to protect individuals and communities whose human rights have been denied, and demonstrating solidarity with those unjustly imprisoned through cards and letters. The Refugee Outreach Committee encourages you to participate in the campaign until the end of January through letter writing and petition signing. All the information can be found at <https://www.amnesty.ca/writeathon/write-for-rights-cases/>

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Liturgical Environment Committee

Behind the scenes, lots of work goes into preparing our sacred space for the liturgical seasons, but most especially for Christmas. Members of the Liturgical Environment Ministry, coordinated by Wayne Moyle, spent many hours this week making sure our church was ready for the Christmas liturgies. We are grateful for the generosity and commitment that all in this ministry continue to show! Thank you!

Young Adult Ministry

University Mass: There will be no 7pm University Mass on Sunday Dec. 25th, or Jan. 1st. The next one will be January 8th, 2023 at 7:00pm.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Thank you to those who contributed to the poinsettia dedications.
Poinsettias have been donated in memoriam of :

Aline Lalonde
Patricia Dunnigan
Geraldine Dunnigan
Mervyn Tripp
George Sadler
Richard Anderson
Gene & Bill Wilson
Jane Williams
Phillip Donaldson

Deceased members of the Fagan and Murdoch Families
The O'Meara Family
The Ouellette and White Families



Library News — More ADVENT titles include: Mongeau, G. Called to pray, Advent and Christmas (BX2170.A4C35 2011), Pennoyer, G. God for us, rediscovering the meaning of Christmas (BV40.G58 2014) & Rohr, R. Preparing for Christmas, daily meditations for Advent (BV40.R65 2008).

Parking

Parking is free during week-end Mass & 30 mins after. Parking is also available in UofO Lot B **only** on Sundays from 8am-2pm

Ministry Contacts

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Missing information?

To add or update Ministry info, please contact Front Office at frontdesk@st-josephs.ca or extension 251.

Front Office

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2023 Church Envelopes: If you have not yet picked up your box of 2022 church donations envelopes, you can do so by contacting the Front Office.

2023 Missals are available for purchase, \$5 cash, or cheque. Please contact the Front Office if you would like to purchase one.

**Our Financial Stewardship
COLLECTION, Dec 18th, 2022 : \$9,882**

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Mass Schedules



	Monday December 26th	Tuesday December 27th	Wednesday December 28th	Thursday December 29th	Friday December 30th	Saturday December 31st	Sunday January 1st
This Week	All Offices Closed	All Offices Closed	All Offices Closed	All Offices Closed	All Offices Closed	(1) Solemnity of Mary (World Day of Peace) Mass, 5pm	(1) Solemnity of Mary (World Day of Peace) Mass, 11am
Future						(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm	(1) Weekend Masses, 9:30am, 11:30am, and 7pm

Christmas Eve: Nativity of the Lord—Mass During the Night

Saturday, December 24, 2022— 5:00pm, 7:00pm, and 9:00pm Masses

Christmas Day: Nativity of the Lord—Mass During the Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022— 11:00am Mass*

*There will be no 9:30am or 7:00pm masses on December 25, 2022.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (World Day of Peace)

Saturday, December 31, 2022— 5:00pm Mass

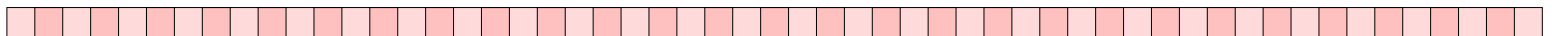
Sunday, January 1, 2023— 11:00am Mass*

*There will be no 9:30am or 7:00pm masses on January 1, 2023

Epiphany of the Lord (Regular Schedule Resumes)

Saturday, January 7, 2023— 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 8, 2023— 9:30am, 11:30am, and 7:00pm Masses



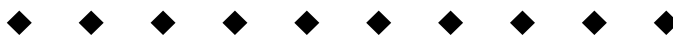
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that the parish will be completely closed on **Dec 26th through Dec 31, 2022.**

There will be no weekday masses during this time.

Faith communities from throughout the Nepean and Ottawa communities will be gathering for a special service of prayer for peace. The gathering will bring together Muslim, Jewish, Baha'i, Hindu, and various Christian communities who are united in their desire to pray together for peace throughout the world. All are invited and a time of hospitality will follow the service. The event is hosted at St. Basil's Roman Catholic Church at **899 Maitland Avenue on January 1, 2023, at 3pm.**

2023 Donation Envelope Boxes are available for pickup. Please contact the front desk by phone or by email (or catch Olivia after a Mass) to pick up your box. Thank you!



The Sunday Bulletin is our main communication vehicle at St. Joes. We are looking at making changes to it with an aim to better inform parishioners about issues that they want to know more about. Beginning in January, we will be starting some new initiatives.

Ask the Pastor

Many of us have questions about our faith and this is one approach to help provide you with some clarity. The response will be limited to under 100 words and if appropriate references will be provided for advancing your knowledge.

Ask the Executive Director

We have questions about the administration of the parish and unless we know who to ask, often have these questions remain unanswered. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and receive a written response in the bulletin. Once again, answers will be limited to under 100 words.

Historical Anecdotes and Welcoming New Parishioners

In addition, we will be periodically featuring quick anecdotes about the history of our parish.

We are also looking into how best to use the bulletin to introduce new parishioners to the greater St. Joes community. More information regarding this idea will be forthcoming.

Do you have questions? Simply write down your question on a piece of paper and include it in the collection basket during the weekend masses. No need to identify yourself unless you want to.

Mass Intentions:

There are no noon masses the week of Dec 26, 2022. Weekday masses resume on Wednesday, Jan 4, 2023.



Mass intentions are available on Wed., Thur., and Fri. during Noon Mass for a \$15.00 donation. Please notify the Front Desk, frontdesk@st-josephs.ca for arrangements. Thank you!

To add a name to the prayers for Sick or those who have died: Email the Front Office, frontdesk@st-josephs.ca. We pray for those who are listed during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Prayers for those who are ill: Colleen O'Meara, Carmel Shales, Vilma Awad, Sheila Cuming, Sarah Gwebu, Linda Mitchell, Arnold Midgley, Patrick Morris, Scottie Ault.

Prayers for those who have died: Anne Frances Morris