

Sunday Bulletin

January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**.

Ask the Executive Director – Responses from Christopher Adam

Ask the Pastor and *Ask the Executive Director* are new columns that will appear in the Parish Bulletin on a regular basis. The Pastor and the ED take the opportunity to answer questions submitted by parishioners. This weekend we begin with an answer to a question submitted to the ED.

Q: Do we know what attracts people to St. Joe's and why some choose to leave?

In 2019, St. Joseph's Parish participated in a nation-wide survey of parishes entitled *Flourishing Congregations*. The study was spearheaded by researchers at Ambrose University in Calgary. A total of 133 parishioners from St. Joe's completed the survey. Fifty-five percent of respondents were over 60 years of age and 65 percent had attended St. Joe's for more than a decade. When asked about the ministries or aspects of the parish that were most important to respondents, 33 percent listed social justice, 19 percent found music and worship to be most central, 16 percent found most value in preaching, 15 percent in community, 10 percent in diversity and 7 percent in volunteer opportunities. When asked about whether St. Joe's makes engaging in evangelism a priority, 10 percent indicated that it was a high priority, 31 percent were neutral or unsure, 30 percent found it to be somewhat of a priority and 30 percent responded that it was not a priority.

The Parish's strong commitment to the Preferential Option for the Poor, particularly through the St. Joe's Supper Table, the Women's Centre and the Refugee Outreach Committee, continues to draw people to our parish from diverse spiritual experiences and from many walks of life. In my eleven years as executive director, I have often seen people who have little to no experience of church, or those who have drifted away from the Catholic faith, connect with our parish through our social justice ministries. People of faith and of no religious faith often share a common belief in the importance of poverty relief initiatives. As Catholics, we can understand the root of this shared belief as a God who is present in the lives of everyone, continually drawing all of us closer to God.

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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

FRONT DESK

- Please note that names for the Prayers of the Faithful will remain in the bulletin for 4 weeks unless otherwise specified! Please email the front desk if you need a name removed or renewed.

- 2023 Donation Envelopes will be available for pickup after Mass on the following dates:
 - *Sat, Jan 21 (5pm)*
 - *Sun, Jan 22 (9:30, 11:30am)*
 - *Sun, Jan 29 (9:30, 11:30am)*

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Ask the Executive Director— continued from Front Page

For over four decades, St. Joseph's Parish has also served as a spiritual home to traditionally marginalized demographics that sought an inclusive Catholic community – one that was intentional in its outreach and in its pastoral response. Catholics who may have felt disaffected by a range of issues in the broader Church – a personal experience of clericalism, the role and treatment of women and the laity more generally, concern around specific Church teachings, judgmentalism, or other considerations – have often explored joining St. Joe's.

The quality of our music ministry, thoughtful homilies and reflections and engaging liturgies in which we are called to full, conscious and active participation have also drawn people to our parish.

While many factors draw people into our parish, other factors have caused parishioners or visitors to leave. In 2021, news around the discovery of potential unmarked graves on the grounds of former residential schools, several once operated by the Oblates, resulted in some parishioners leaving the parish and disengaging from the institutional Church in general. Some have since decided to reengage, perhaps as a result of Reconciliation-related programming in the Parish, while others have not returned.

Many younger Catholics seek a more traditional faith and liturgical experience than what St. Joe's has often been known for in the broader community. It's not uncommon to have younger Catholics, often international students at the University of Ottawa, initially struck by some of the unique elements of our parish community. Many will never have experienced lay reflections, some were surprised that we occasionally share food in the entrance area of the church near the "confessional kitchen," the lack of a crucifix, the lack of kneelers in most pews, or the tension that can exist between our pastoral response in specific situations and how Church teachings are understood have caused some visitors, frequently younger, to choose a different parish. In some cases, the warmth and welcoming nature of our pastor has helped these younger Catholics become more comfortable with our community. Our pastors have always made themselves available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, frequently sought by many younger Catholics. Having a dedicated Coordinator of Faith Formation and Young Adult Ministry who is available to meet one-on-one with young adults and with others just exploring the faith is important too. We won't ever be able to appeal to the full spectrum of Catholics. But offering a place of welcome to Catholic faithful with a different experience of church is part of being an inclusive parish that is open to the tensions of our faith. — **Christopher Adam**



Library News — Titles about SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA include Newberger, A.E. *St Kateri Tekakwitha* (BX4700 T3N48 2012), Jacob, M. *Indian pilgrims, indigenous journeys of activism and healing...* (E99.J4T4 2016) and Cavins, E. *Lily of the Mohawks* (E99.M8C38 2013).

St. Joe's Supper Table



A purple poster with a yellow masquerade mask at the top center. The text 'Mardi Gras (Shrove Tuesday) Feast!' is written in a white, cursive font. Below the title, ticket prices are listed in yellow: '\$30 Adult', '\$20 Concession (student, senior, low income)', and '\$50 Family (children under 5, free)'. The RSVP date 'RSVP: February 15th' is in white. The event details 'SATURDAY, 18TH OF FEBRUARY, @ 6 PM' and 'ST JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL' are in yellow, with the email 'email: suppertable@st-josephs.ca' in white at the bottom. The background is decorated with small white, yellow, and green dots.

Seeking a Coordinator for Sunday Mass Collections

Sunday offerings play an important role in sustaining the operations of the Parish and its social outreach programmes. Thank you to all who have helped with the collection baskets at Mass over the past months. In an effort to have more consistency in how we manage this essential aspect of our liturgies, we're looking for a volunteer to coordinate the collections at the Masses. This would involve coordinating a small team of collectors and creating a monthly schedule. We expect that this would only involve a modest time commitment but we would appreciate having a parishioner step forward to take this on. If you're interested, please contact Chris at: cadam@st-josephs.ca. Thank you!

Improved Accessibility at the Church's Entrance

In order to improve the accessibility of the parking lot entrance, the Parish hired the services of a contractor to install a metal handrail to the right-hand side of the stairs leading into the church. This handrail will be a permanent fixture and will remain in place even after the front entrance is rebuilt and reopened. Additionally, the Parish has contacted the City to ensure that snow is removed from the curb by the current accessible entrance to the church on Cumberland Street.

Our Financial Stewardship
COLLECTION for January 15th, 2023: To Be Counted Next Week!

Parking

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

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



It seems appropriate somehow, that as we move together towards a pilgrimage in synodality we pray for Christian unity. As we take beginning steps on our pilgrimage towards synodality, we often find ourselves wondering where these first steps are leading us.

We trust that it is the Spirit who has invited us to walk together in new ways, and that the Spirit will lead us on a new path that might still be unclear and seemingly without direction.

Once again, we offer you the link to the Parish Synodality page on its website: [Synodality](#). The second document that we are invited to read is the “*Synodal Synthesis – Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall*” which is the report from our Archdiocese to the next level and grouping of the archdioceses and dioceses from this end of the country. It is like a glimpse into how God might be calling each of us as members of a larger group to widen our focus and recognise ourselves in a larger picture.

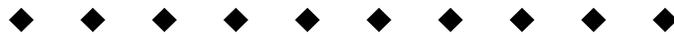
We will continue to monitor our parish email (synod@st-josephs.ca) for any questions, suggestions or comments you might have.
-Eleanor Rabnett

Enlarge the Space of Your Tent: A virtual panel on the Continental Stage of the Synod on Synodality

Panel: Most Reverend Paul-Andre Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau;
Sandy Prather, HOMI, Provincial Animator or Oblate Associates;
Linda Staudt, Co-chair of the Diocese of London's Synod Committee.

As the Synodal process in the Catholic Church moves to the Continental stage of the consultation, many are wondering what will come of all that was generated in stage one. This 3-part virtual conversation will provide an opportunity to learn about the synodal process going forward and to explore ways to stay informed and engaged throughout.

Tuesday, Jan 31, 6:30pm-8:00pm • Register by calling (613) 623-4242 ext. 21



Faith Formation Ministry

St. Joseph's is once again hosting a Marriage Preparation course for couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage in the Catholic Church. Similar to the Fall, Marriage Prep is being offered in two formats in the coming months:

1. Weekend of March 4th & 5th, 2023. All day Saturday and Sunday, 8:30am-4:30pm.
2. Weeknights, Jan. 19th- March 30th, 2023. Thursday evenings from 7pm-8pm.

Marriage Bann

First announcement: There is a promise of marriage between Ms. Joy Idara Umoafia and Mr Osasu Ken Odigie.

If anyone can show any just cause why these two people may not be lawfully united in marriage, let that person declare it to Fr. Laroche in writing.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

January 23rd — January 29th, 2023

	Monday January 23rd	Tuesday January 24th	Wednesday January 25th	Thursday January 26th	Friday January 27th	Saturday January 28th	Sunday January 29th
This Week	(1) Christian Meditation, 9:30am, Library (2) Library Ministry 10:30am, Library (3) RCIA, 6:30pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Campus Chaplaincy, 5:30pm, Oblate Lounge (2) 2SLGBTQ+ Accompaniment Pathways Meeting, 6:30pm, Chapel	(1) Christian Meditation, 3pm (2) RCIA, 6:30pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Marriage Prep, 7pm-8pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Christian Meditation 7pm, Oblate Lounge (2) Campus Chaplaincy Grad Bible Study, 5pm, Sacristy Library	(1) Drum Circle, 10am, Oblate Lounge	(1) Children's Liturgy 9:30am Mass (2) Young Adults Ministry, 8pm, Oblate Lounge (after University Mass)

Future

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Alternatively, you can e-mail your questions to the Pastor or Executive Director. The Pastor/Executive Director will choose questions to respond to on a weekly basis.

Mass Intentions:

Wed. Jan 25th, 2023:

Thu. Jan 26th, 2023: Gabor Borsai

Fri. Jan 27th, 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, Linda Mitchell, Arnold Midgley, Patrick Morris, Scottie Ault, George White, baby Crew Keller, Wendy Wagner, Leo Jana, Maureen Parker. Beats Bernhardt.

Prayers for those who have died: Anne Frances Morris, William Rankin.