

Sunday Bulletin

April 23rd, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter



Celebrating Earth Day with Environmental Justice

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 is Earth Day. As a parish, justice-related issues are integral parts of the Oblate charism that grounds us. Care for Creation is also part of our Christian spirituality. Over the past years we have become more conscious of the importance of environmental justice, with the 2015 Papal encyclical *Laudato Si'* calling us to be intentional in safeguarding the natural world around us, which faces degradation and exploitation at the hands of human and particularly corporate activity. Caring for Creation means that the “use of highly polluting fossil fuels – especially coal, but also oil and, to a lesser degree, gas – need to be progressively replaced without delay” (*Laudato Si'* 165). Consequently, this entails “spreading the use of ethical, responsible, and integral criteria for investments, avoiding the support to companies that harm...environmental ecology (for example fossil fuels)” (stated in “Journey Toward Our Common Home, Five Years after *Laudato Si'*”, Interdicasterial Working Group of The Holy See On Integral Ecology, p. 178, 179.)”

St. Joseph's Parish carefully invests funds and shares an investment advisor with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate's Lacombe province. Parish Finance Council reviews our portfolio of investments with the aim of investing our funds in a manner that is both fiscally and ethically responsible. The Parish's *Statement of Investment Policies and Guidelines* calls for investing “**ethically in socially responsible companies and financial institutions, including by taking an environmental, social and governance (ESG) approach.**” Among the considerations when investing in a company or financial institution is “**the effect of their operations on the environment, including greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.**”

The Parish can announce that it has divested of the one Canadian fossil fuel company previously in our portfolio and is committed to investing in green energy. We have registered this decision with the *Laudato Si'* Movement and the National Catholic Reporter has included us in a recent article: <https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat/faith/ahead-earth-day-31-faith-organizations-divest-fossil-fuels>

Christopher Adam, Executive Director

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

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24th

- Kate Stolwyk, a community member and parish chorister, will be staffing the front desk from **Monday April 24th through Friday April 28th**. Olivia will be back in the office on May 1st.
- Fr. Robert will be away on retreat with the Oblate community from Monday April 24th through Friday April 28th. **Weekday Mass is cancelled on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**
- **Sunday, April 30th is the last 7:00 University Mass for the school year.**

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St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

St. Joe's Supper Table

SONGS FOR ST. JOE'S SUPPER TABLE



The "Songs for St. Joe's Supper Table" concert on April 16th raised \$3,385 for the St. Joe's Supper Table soup kitchen and food bank. For context, this covers the cost of approximately 1,120 meals. Thank you to the choirs that have partnered with us and have taken the initiative in supporting our poverty relief ministries, namely the Ottawa Catholic School Board Children's and Chamber choirs, the Ottawa Regional Youth Choir and the Ottawa Children's Choir Chamber Choir. Many thanks to Jamie Loback who connects these choirs to our parish and to Tom Fagan, our parish organist, as well as to all who volunteered and supported us at the concert!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

As we move into the summer months (and let our wonderful students go home for a bit), the Supper Table is hoping to recruit some new volunteers. We are looking for people who can commit to one three-hour shift per week. Tasks include preparing meals (chopping veggies), plating, serving at the window and, of course, cleaning! The commitment is from May-September, so if you have some availability, we'd love to hear from you! Please email: suppertable@st-josephs.ca

Thank you, Sue-Anne!

Sue-Anne Hess will be leaving our staff team on April 29th, at the end of her contract. We appreciate the work that Sue-Anne did over the past year building a new, resilient team of volunteers in the Supper Table and in re-engaging our community meal program with the broader community in many ways. Thank you, Sue-Anne, and many blessings in your future endeavours!

Welcome, Natalie!

We have hired a new part-time member of our staff team. Our new Supper Table Assistant Kitchen Manager is Natalie Meunier. Beginning Tuesday, April 25th, Natalie will work from Tuesday to Friday, from approximately 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Natalie's work will focus on meal preparation, cooking, working with volunteers, assisting on the front line and assisting with overall kitchen management.

St Joe's Refugee Outreach Committee (ROC): Plans are well underway for the ROC to have a busy summer. We will soon begin recruiting volunteers to join our team and are planning an informal gathering in the coming weeks. If you would like to learn more about our work and explore ways that you can get involved, please email Dona at donabowers22@gmail.com.

OMRA — Grocery Card Program

Consider supporting the OMRA grocery card program - one of St Joe's outreach ministries. When you purchase \$100 or \$50 Loblaws cards, \$100 or \$50 Metro/Food Basic cards, \$50 Farm Boy cards or \$50 Shoppers Drug Mart cards through OMRA, you get the full value of the card, and the stores give OMRA a 5% rebate. In 2022, OMRA raised almost \$50,000 this way and used it all to offer portable rental subsidies to refugee families in Ottawa! To learn more about the Grocery Card Program, contact Donna. To purchase grocery cards for May 2023, please contact Donna Rietschlin at dbrietschlin@hotmail.com or 613-720-0438 with your order by noon Apr 27th.

Faith Formation Ministry

Young Adult Ministry

Last University Mass April 30th

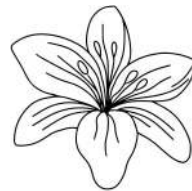
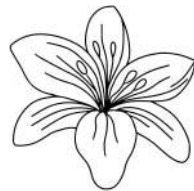
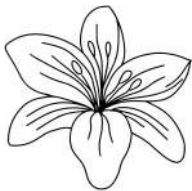
The last 7pm Sunday evening "University Mass" of the year will be on April 30th. The University Mass will resume in September of 2023. Thank you to all who have attended over the past eight months, and especially those who have volunteered as lectors and to run the slideshow. A special thank you to Fr. Robert for sharing his Sunday evenings with us, as well as the musicians and cantors.

Young Adult Ministry: University Mass Year End BBQ

Join us at 5pm, April 30th for a BBQ on the rooftop patio at St. Joseph's prior to the last University Mass of the school year. Hamburgers and Hotdogs provided, feel free to bring your own (non-alcoholic) beverage and/or a snack to share.

First Communion:

A special congratulations to Violet Julien, who will be receiving her First Holy Communion at Mass on Sunday April 30th.



Library News — BEATITUDES include – Crosby, M. Spirituality of the Beatitudes: Matthew's challenge (BT382.C73 1991), Bosio, J. Blessed marriage: a guide... Beatitudes for Catholic couples (BX2250.B7 2007) and Rohr, R. Jesus' plan for a new world: the Sermon on the Mount (BT380.2.R6 1996).

CHEO Games for Life

St. Joseph's is acting as a drop-off point for the Games for Life Campaign. The campaign is a donation in-kind opportunity for those looking to support CHEO by trading in their unused video games, trading cards, or collectibles. If you're interested in donating any unused video games, consoles, or trading cards, please let Olivia know. Drop off will become available at masses and at the front desk during regular hours. Further info is available at the back of the church. There are only a few weeks left, so spread the word! Thank you for your continued support.

More info can be found at <https://gtgames.ca/pages/games-for-life-campaign> or by emailing info@gtgames.ca.

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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Front Office

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2023 Church Envelopes:

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

Our Financial Stewardship COLLECTIONS

for April 16th, 2023: \$5,878

WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

April 17th— April 23rd, 2023

	Monday April 10th	Tuesday April 11th	Wednesday April 12th	Thursday April 13th	Friday April 14th	Saturday April 15th	Sunday April 16th
This Week	(1) Christian Mediation, 9:30, Sacristy	(1) Campus Chaplaincy, 5:30pm, Oblate Lounge		(1) Canterbury High School <i>After Hours</i> Music Performance, 7pm	(1) Greening Sacred Spaces Event, 2pm, Oblate Lounge (2) Christian Meditation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge		(1) Young Adults, 6pm, Oblate Lounge
Future		(1) LGBTQ2S+ Ministry, Apr 25th, 6:30pm					

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

European Pilgrimage

Fr. Gerard Plant, Pastor of St. Leonard Parish, Manotick, is leading a 12 day pilgrimage to France, Spain, and Portugal, Sept. 23rd-Oct. 4th, 2023. Cost is \$4,499 (all inclusive). If you are interested, or for more information see: <https://www.st-josephs.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Sept.-24-Oct.-4th-Pilgrimage.pdf>

No Weekday Masses : Apr 26th, 27th or 28th

Due to an Oblate retreat, there will be NO weekday masses held on Wednesday Apr 26th, Thursday Apr. 27th, or Friday Apr. 28th. Thank you for your understanding.

Donate to St. Joseph's by Credit Card!

You can donate to the works of our parish through *Canada Helps*, an online giving portal which allows you to make single or recurring contributions via credit card. Find St. Joseph's page at canadahelps.org.

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 at 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, Leo Janna, Bob Graham, Gerald Schmitz, Ann Van Regan, Cody Dowson, Chris Cuming, Carmel Shales, Zilma Awad.

Prayers for those who have died: Sheila Cuming.