

# Sunday Bulletin

July 30th, 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*A warm welcome - After several years of separation, two new Syrian families are happily reunited with their relatives in Ottawa. All four families were sponsored by the St. Joseph's Refugee Outreach Committee.*

## A Joyful Welcome to Canada

It was a joyous occasion on July 19 when two Syrian families, nine people in all, who are being sponsored by the Refugee Outreach Committee, were welcomed on their arrival at Ottawa airport. The two new families have spent many years living in a UN camp in Jordan.

The families consist of a: mother and her two daughters, and the mother's son, his wife and their four children. Here in Ottawa, they are reunited with two families who were sponsored by the ROC previously, one in 2017 and the other in 2019.

Given the difficulty in finding housing, the newcomers are at present staying with their relatives. When they get their own accommodation, ROC may be seeking help with household goods and furnishings.

These sponsorships could not have been achieved without the generosity of St. Joseph's parishioners, whose donations allowed us to meet the Canadian government's funding requirements. Just a reminder that donations can be made anytime through the Canada Helps website:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131771990RR0006-saint-joseph-parish/>

## Welcome!

**New Parishioners** and Visitors Welcome! **Registration** Forms can be found through the Front Office ([frontdesk@st-josephs.ca](mailto: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

## LITURGY of the WORD

Fr. Robert Laroche will be **away from July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 14<sup>th</sup>**. The weekend Masses will be covered and for the weekdays we will be offering a Liturgy of the Word at St. Joes for August 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 & 11, 2023 at Noon. If you would like more information please contact the Front Desk or Eleanor Rabnett at [rabnete@gmail.com](mailto:rabnete@gmail.com)

## FRONT DESK

Please contact the Front Desk ASAP if you would like to renew your envelopes for 2024!

Thank you.

# PARISH CONTACTS

## PASTORAL

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## HOURS & LOCATION

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### Office Phone

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### Office Hours

## St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

### Ottawa Pride Parade - Sunday August 27 2023



Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> is Ottawa Pride Parade day. We invite our 2SLGBTQ+ and friends to walk with us. While there are many of you who will be walking with other groups, some of you might still be thinking about it and we hope you will consider joining us.

We can carry small signs (please contact me about the wording) or wear our T-shirts from previous years. To create our own group we must register and pay for our group before August 7<sup>th</sup>, so I need to receive your registration no later than August 4<sup>th</sup>. If there are not enough for registration then please feel free to contact me and we can walk together as part of a larger group – together we will express our love and pride in the dignity of all persons.

You can contact me at [rabnete@gmail.com](mailto:rabnete@gmail.com).

### Update - 2SLGBTQ+ Summer BBQ

On Tuesday, August 29 the LGBTQ+ Accompaniment Pathways will be holding a BBQ for all LGBTQ+ folks and their families. It will run from 6:30 until 8:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Deck, Lounge and Dining Room.

We have received a sponsor for this and so we will be offering BBQ Chicken and Salmon, salads, and some fruit dessert, as well as soft drinks and juices.

In order to plan and buy what we need registration is required - no later than **Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 2023** by contacting Eleanor Rabnett at [rabnete@gmail.com](mailto:rabnete@gmail.com). We look forward to celebrating together with all of you.



### Library News — St. Joe's Library titles include:

Alcorn, R. *Heaven* (BT8463.A43 2004), Schmidt, T. *Journeys to the heart of Catholicism* (BX1390.S337 2007) and McDowell, J. *More than a carpenter* (BT202.M27 2004).

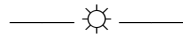
## ST. BASIL'S PARISH

### Contemplative Prayer for Global Peace August 6 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

With the number of world conflicts increasing and some with the serious risk of becoming nuclear, the need for global peace is more urgent. St. Basil's Parish is hosting a moment for Contemplative Prayer for Peace. This event is scheduled on the 78th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, the first use of the atomic bomb. People can stay for as long as they wish during this time. Organized by Sr. Jean Goulet c.s.c., Jim Ramsay, and John Watters. All are welcome.

### St. Joe's Supper Table

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Qamar Masood. As president of the Islamic Care Centre, Qamar Masood was a longtime supporter of St Joe's Supper Table. Mr. Masood and volunteers provided the Supper Table with biweekly halal meals, which became known as Halal Tuesday amongst our guests and volunteers. St Joe's Parish is grateful for this partnership and we extend our condolences to the Masood family.



The Supper Table is requesting clean, cloth bags for the weekly Food Bank. If you or someone you know has reusable cloth bags to donate, please bring them to the Supper Table or place them in the donations box at mass! Thank you very much in advance.

### Tee Off with a Cause

#### You're Invited to Bytown Catering's Annual Charity Golf Tournament



In support of the ALS Society of Canada and St. Joe's Supper Table. Includes 18 holes of "Best Ball" golf, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes, and mini-games!

Day-of registration opens 11am— "Shot Gun" start time at 1pm. To register, click the image above or visit <https://bytowncatering.com>. For more information, contact Bytown Catering by phone at **613-745-6389** or email [sales@bytowncatering.com](mailto:sales@bytowncatering.com).

### St. Joe's Women's Centre

## 2023 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It's that time of year again! St. Joe's Women Centre is seeking your help for donations of school supplies for students in elementary and high school.

For drop-offs at the Women's Centre, our hours are  
Mon, Wed— 9:30am– 5:30pm  
Tu, Thu, Fri— 9:30am -3:30pm

You also have the option of leaving the school supplies at the Front Desk Office.

For more information, please contact Brooke Annan, Program Coordinator.  
Phone: 613-231-6722  
Email: [sjwc.frontline@st-josephs.ca](mailto:sjwc.frontline@st-josephs.ca)

**Our Financial Stewardship COLLECTIONS**

*from July 24th, 2023 : \$7,303*

#### 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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##### Missing information?

To add or update Ministry info, please contact Front Office at [frontdesk@st-josephs.ca](mailto:frontdesk@st-josephs.ca) or extension 251.

# WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

July 31st— August 6th, 2023

	Monday Jul 31st	Tuesday Aug 1st	Wednesday Aug 2nd	Thursday Aug 3rd	Friday Aug 4th	Saturday Aug 5th	Sunday Aug 6th
<b>This Week</b>	(1) Christian Meditation, 9:30am, Sacristy			(1) Women's Centre Summer Festival, 10am, Parish Hall  (2) AA Meeting, 8pm, Women's Centre		(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm	(1) Weekend Masses, 9:30am and 11:30am

## Future

### REFLECTION BY FR. RICHARD BEAUDETTE

The word treasure has many connotations and its meaning, while having an objective definition in a dictionary, is different for each person.

In the first reading, young Solomon, as he assumes the throne of Israel, asks God for the gift of wisdom. God offers any gift that Solomon desires – power, victory over his enemies, fame, fortune would seem to be the obvious request by a king. Rather, Solomon asks for what he treasures most – the gift of wisdom. Solomon is quite aware of his youth, his inadequacies, his need for God's help and guidance. Unfortunately, as the history of Solomon unfolds, he gives in to the political structures of his time and embraces power that enables him and Israel to remain independent.

Jesus describes the kingdom by telling parables of people discovering treasure – how they are willing to give up all that they have in order to gain a certain treasure, how they sort through their “catch” to keep the good and throw out the worthless. In the case of the first two parables, the treasure “glitters” – it is a fortune, whether gold and silver or a fine pearl. The third parable is more practical – the treasure is fish; the good ones so necessary as food for survival. In every case, the individual values the treasure, and we assume in the case of the first two, does everything possible to hold on to the treasure. Perhaps we might question the purpose of obtaining the treasure – does the treasure benefit others, or is it a prize that is hoarded?

We have been given many treasures; life, talents, family, friends, faith, community...and the list can go on. The Word today challenges us to reflect on these treasures. Do I really value what God has given me? What is my attitude toward these gifts? How do I use these gifts, these treasures? St. Paul reminds us often in his letters that the gifts given to us are for the building up of the body; they are not solely for our own good, but shared with us for the good of all. A gift or treasure that is hoarded or used for selfish gain is merely glitter, a false treasure and Lord knows there is a lot of fool's gold in our world today. As disciples, we are called to use our gifts, our treasures in a way that benefits others as well as ourselves. Jesus shows us the way in his interactions with the people he meets on his journey, in the words that he speaks. We, in turn, are called to walk together with our sisters and brothers, building up the kingdom and ensuring that each person we encounter experiences the love of God in the encounter.

By Richard Beaudette, OMI

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](mailto:frontdesk@st-josephs.ca) for arrangements.

Thank you!

*There will be **no weekday masses** between **July 30th** and **August 14th**. Any mass requests will take place after Fr. Robert returns. Please see announcement on the front the page for further information.*



**To add a name to the prayers for sick or those who have died:** Email the Front Office at [frontdesk@st-josephs.ca](mailto:frontdesk@st-josephs.ca). We pray for those who are listed during the Prayers of the Faithful.

**Prayers for those who are ill:** Edward Conlin, Jerry Belanger, Archie Robinson

**Prayers for those who have died:** Kwesi Bassoe, Qamar Masood,