

Sunday Bulletin

August 13th 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church Flooded by Storm on Thursday

The severe storm that hit Ottawa on Thursday, August 10th, 2023 – dumping some 70 millimetres of water on the city in just a few hours -- also impacted our parish. At noon, right when a half-dozen parishioners were gathering in the church for communion service, water began gushing from the sink in the confessional kitchen, flooding the church. Paul Dansereau and I rushed into the tunnels located adjacent to the parish hall and noticed that the east hall – running 100 feet – had at least 3 inches of water pooling on the floor and water shooting out from sections of the storm pipe. The quantity and pressure from the water, and an overwhelmed city system, damaged the storm pipe. Water then also surged from this area up into the confessional kitchen. At the same time, water pooling in the tunnels flooded the hall.



Staff from the church, Women's Centre and Supper Table scrambled to remove the water as soon as possible from the hall and church. In the hall, it risked damaging our hardwood floors. In the church, water got under the pews and when we lifted a row, the pew fell apart. As plumbing companies were overwhelmed, nobody was able to come out yesterday to

pump the water out of the building. By around 5 pm, however, we were able to clean up the church and hall, and the waters in the tunnel had started to recede. It has now completely receded and the tunnel is dry.

Friday morning, Mr. Rooter plumbing came out to assess the work that will need to be completed to replace around 24 feet of storm pipe in the tunnel. Although an average rainfall will not cause flooding even with the cracks in the storm pipe, more extreme weather is becoming increasingly common in Ottawa and we do need to proceed with this repair. I will receive more information on the scope of work next week and will continue to update the parish. I will also coordinate with our insurance to see what may be possible in terms of upcoming costs. In the meantime, the confessional kitchen is temporarily out-of-order. The church will reopen this weekend for Masses, and the hall will be available next week.

Several parishioners happened to be on-site when the flood happened and they helped us quickly identify and address the issue. Thank you! This morning parishioner Robert Sykes, who is a general contractor, also came on site and assisted with removing the broken pew, with the piping in the confessional kitchen and was present when the plumber was here – along with our faith formation coordinator, Paul, who has been helping a great deal with both repairs and mitigation. Thanks to all the staff that stepped up, dropped what they were doing and worked for over 4 hours removing water from the facility.

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

UPDATED:

MASS THIS WEEKEND

All three masses this weekend will be conducted by Fr. Richard Beaudette, OMI. Please excuse the error in the last publication!

Thank you.

FRONT DESK

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

PARISH CONTACTS

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Office Hours

St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

St. Joe's Supper Table



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.



Library News — Books on MYSTICISM include – Demkovich, M. *Introducing Meister Eckhart* (BV5095.E3D44 2005), Rohr, R. *Naked now: learning to see as the mystics see* (BV5082.5.R64 2009) and Hardy, P. *Search for nothing: the life of John of the Cross* (BX4700.17 H37 1987).

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 3rd 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 18th 2023** by contacting Eleanor Rabnett at rabnete@gmail.com. We look forward to celebrating together with all of you.



St. Joe's Women's Centre

SJWC Steering Committee Member—Volunteer Posting

Summary:

St. Joe's Women's Centre is a day program that is dedicated to the needs of low income/homeless women, those that identify as women, and their children, in a supportive and safe environment. Social and educational programs are offered to promote empowerment, autonomy, and dignity in a non-judgmental atmosphere.



“Where there is a sense of belonging and self respect, there is hope.”

The St. Joe's Women's Centre Steering Committee is a connected advisory team that supports and promotes the Centre's Mission through active participation, open communication and inclusiveness.

The dedicated work St. Joe's Women's Centre does each day is overseen by a passionate Steering Committee which provides leadership, knowledge and support to our Director and their team.

Description:

Are you looking to make a positive impact on your community?

We are seeking dedicated and enthusiastic individuals who are looking for an opportunity to contribute their knowledge, passion and creativity to join our Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee is a permanent advisory body tasked with overseeing the sound financial, program and services management of St. Joe's Women's Centre, while upholding its mission.

The candidate(s) are asked to dedicate approximately 2 hours per month of active participation in Committee activities/meeting (these may be virtual or in person within Ottawa) and to participate in fundraising/networking initiatives (time and intensity of committee work varies).

If you would like to join a dynamic team and equally share a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusivity, we would like to hear from you.

As part of our commitment to diversity, we strongly encourage applications from members of historically marginalized groups. For more information about the roles and responsibilities of this position or to submit a letter of expression of interest, please contact Jennifer Clark, Director, jclark@st-josephs.ca

“In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.”

-M. Williamson

Parking

Parking is free during weekend 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.

Our Financial Stewardship COLLECTIONS

from July 30th, 2023: \$6, 054 and Aug 6th, 2023: \$5,148

WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

August 14th — August 20th, 2023

	Monday Aug 14th	Tuesday Aug 15th	Wednesday Aug 16th	Thursday Aug 17th	Friday Aug 18th	Saturday Aug 19th	Sunday Aug 20th
This Week	(1) Christian Meditation, 9:30am, Sacristy	(1) Liturgy Committee, 5pm, Sacristy	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm (2) Engaged Couples Night, 7pm, Oblate Lounge (3) AA Meeting, 8pm, Women's Centre	1) Weekday Mass, 12pm	(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm	(1) Weekend Mass, 9:30am and 11:30am

PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

If you are looking for assistance with back to school supplies, please feel free to reach out.

Elementary School Supply List	High School Supply List
School Bag	3-Ring Binders and Dividers
Pens and Pencils	Loose-leaf Lined Paper
Pointed Scissors	Pencil Case
Pencil Case	Pens and Pencils
Pencil crayons and Crayons	School Bag
Erasers	Highlighters
Ruler	Pencil Crayons
Spiral Notebooks	Pocket Thesaurus and Dictionary
Folders with Bottom Pockets	Ruler and Scientific Calculator
Glue Sticks	Compass and Protractor
Composition Book	Spiral Notebooks
Box of Large Ziploc Bags	Erasers
Lunch Box	Lunch Box

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

We are requesting that the supplies be dropped off no later than **August 30th, 2023.**

Thank you very much for all your support!

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!



There will be **no announced 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. 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, Frank O' Brien, Carol Macdonald.

Prayers for those who have died: