

# Sunday Bulletin

August 27th, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Front Entrance Capital Project Nearing Completion

After many delays due to labour shortages and supply chain issues, at long last significant progress has been made on the construction of the new front steps and an accessibility ramp over the past two weeks. Masonry work began August 18<sup>th</sup> and will be completed by September 11<sup>th</sup>. The fabrication of ramp and guard rails began this month, with installation scheduled for the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. That same week, concrete for the sidewalk will be poured. According to the revised schedule submitted by the contractor, Waterdon, restoring landscaping, site clean-up and demobilization is scheduled to be completed September 25<sup>th</sup>. Based on this schedule, we expect the new front entrance to open to the community by the end of September. We will be holding a blessing at all weekend liturgies once that date is confirmed and announced.

Thank you for your patience during this long construction project and thank you to parishioners who have continued to contribute to the Step-Up Fund through offering envelopes and through Canada Helps. The total raised thus far in 2023 is \$13,538. An easy and secure way to contribute is through Canada Helps – please select the Building Campaign menu option: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131771990RR0006-saint-joseph-parish/>. You will be automatically issued a charitable receipt. Thank you!

**Christopher Adam**, Executive Director



## Students Among Us

For most people, the season of fall begins with September the first. It's a time of scrambling, getting things organized and preparing young children experiencing separation anxiety. It is also a time of letting go of new university students who will be leaving the watchful eye of parents for the first time. Most colleges and universities in our nation are welcoming students back on campus. As a parish surrounded by a university campus, we are here to welcome all of them and assure them that we will keep them in our prayers. Over the next few weeks, let us make an effort to welcome new faces who come among us to worship at St. Joe's. A friendly smile and a warm greeting will determine if we see them among us again. We all have a responsibility, let us do this together.

A reminder: Sunday evening University Mass resumes September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., but students and young adults are present at all our liturgies!

**Fr. Robert, OMI**

## 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

### FRONT DESK

There will be **NO MASS on Sep 6th, 2023** due to Fr. Robert's Oblate duties. Those wishing to attend a mass celebration are welcome at Sacré-Cœur Parish across the street at noon.

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St. Joe's Supper Table will be **CLOSED** from August 21st—September 4th. No perishable donations will be accepted during this time. Thank you for your understanding.

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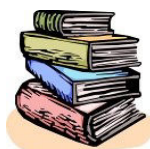
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#### Office Hours

## St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

### Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program -- Registration Update

Several parishioners have expressed an interest in registering for the Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program's fall Basic Course, offered beginning September 18<sup>th</sup> both in-person in the afternoon from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm and in the evening via Zoom from 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm. **The evening Zoom course is now full and is no longer accepting registrations.** Spaces are still available for the in-person afternoon course, but it is expected to fill up as well. For more information, please visit: <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/>.



**Library News** — Library titles about ETHICS - Kline, S. *Ethical beings, a Catholic guide to contemporary issues* (BJ249.K55 2013), McQueen, M. *Bioethics matters: a guide for concerned Catholics* (B725.56.M36 2011) & Buckman, R. *Can we do good without God? biology, behavior and the need to believe* (BJ1012.B745 2004).

### We're looking for volunteers with handyman and repair skills!

Labour shortages in many industries this summer, combined with staff shortages in our parish, have been a challenge over the past months. It has meant working as a team to address minor repairs and existing staff taking on many new duties – from drywalling, painting, carpentry, hammering anti-slip strips into stairs and, of course dealing with the fallout of last week's flood, to mowing the lawn at St. Joe's and at our sister parish across the street, Paroisse Sacré-Coeur. Having a roster of parishioners willing and able to volunteer in the areas of basic repairs and handyman tasks would be a great help moving forward. If you would be able to potentially share your skills when the need arises, please email Chris at [cadam@st-josephs.ca](mailto:cadam@st-josephs.ca). Thank you!



*Announcement from Canadian Martyrs Parish*

### THE SHADOW OF WARSHIP

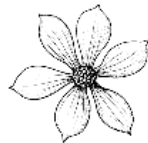


Deepen your knowledge and understanding of the legacy of living under government wardship for Indigenous people today. Join the Kateri Native Ministry team with Donna Naughton, Anishinaabe Kwe from Pic River First Nation and executive director of Kateri Native Ministry with Gerry Kelly, Galilee Center manager of spiritual programs, on Saturday, September 9, 10am-1pm at Canadian Martyrs Parish. Freewill donation. Please register by email: [maureen.cerroni@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.cerroni@gmail.com).

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

The Women's Centre is seeking donations of magazines in good shape, for a vision boarding activity we will be hosting in the coming weeks. In particular, we are looking for magazines which include a variety of imagery. Donations can be dropped off to the Women's Centre during operational hours.

If you have any questions, or would like to inquire about making a donation, please contact **Alia Reynolds** (Program Coordinator) at [SJWC.support@st-josephs.ca](mailto:SJWC.support@st-josephs.ca)



### Hiding in Plain Sight -- An Oblate Reflection

Matthew shares a story about how Jesus is revealed to Peter in this Sunday's Gospel account. By questioning Simon, Jesus guides him to the truth rather than by just proclaiming it. Jesus is so gentle; though He is open to us, He never forces Himself upon us. Not only is this gentle, but it also makes us responsible. God is present to us constantly; there are many ways to be open to God. Yet, we must be willing to look for God. Scripture, theologians, and our circumstances are available to help us see God revealed in the world. The question is, are we open to this revelation.

I am heading into the final year of my Theology degree, and I often get the question, "What will you do when you are finished." I have had a standard answer for the last two years, "God hasn't told me yet!". However, lately, I have wondered if I have been open to hearing God. When it comes to my studies, I put my head down and go. Being a mature student has made me want to finish my studies quickly; I have taken a full course load in all semesters. Yet, this makes me feel at times that I am very much in my head when it comes to my faith. I'm pretty confident that I may not have the perspective needed to understand God's will by not paying more attention to my heart.

Jesus is praising Peter for being open to seeing God, not in the concrete, but in the abstract. Peter trusted in God's revelation, and because of this, Jesus told him how great his reward would be. It is on this trust and faith that the Church will be built. Wanting proof that things are real is not wrong, but when it comes to faith, there needs to be a belief that God is here for us. This will only happen if we are willing to see God and acknowledge when He reveals himself to us; this is our responsibility. God is hiding in plain sight, but what will we do with that.

As people of faith, we must be open to new ways of seeing and hearing from God. This is the only way we can be sure we follow God's will in our lives.

What will I do at the end of this academic year? As I head to Ottawa for the fall semester, I look forward to seeing and hearing God in places I've yet to look. It is only with the faith and hope that God will reveal Herself that I know I will see Her. I know that only then, will I have the answer to the question.

**Serena Shaw**

Vocation Team – Oblate Associate

#### 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.

**Our Financial Stewardship COLLECTIONS**

*from August 20th, 2023: \$5,059*

# WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

August 28th — September 3rd 2023

	Monday Aug 28th	Tuesday Aug 29th	Wednesday Aug 30th	Thursday Aug 31st	Friday Sep 1st	Saturday Sep 2nd	Sunday Sep 3rd
<b>This Week</b>	(1) Christian Meditation, 9:30am, Sacristy	(1) LGBTQ+ BBQ, Aug 29th, 6:30pm, Mass, 12pm Oblate Lounge & Patio	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm (3) AA Meeting, 8pm, Women's Centre	1) Weekday Mass, 12pm	(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm	(1) Weekend Mass, 9:30am and 11:30am

Future

## PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Announcement from St. Basil's Parish*

### Society of St-Vincent de Paul 50/50 "Catch the Ace" lottery: Weekly draws every Tuesday

In support of the Multi-Faith Housing project entitled Dream Lebreton Flats, this SSVF fundraiser is helping to provide safe, secure, permanent housing for 4-6 indigenous families. Money raised will help to reduce rents to be equal to shelter allowances provided by social assistance programs. Tickets are \$10 each, and are available for purchase online only. For details and to start playing, go to <https://ssvpottawa.ca/>

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### The challenges facing the Ottawa Food Bank

You've probably read in the news about how the Ottawa Food Bank had to cut half of the volunteer sorting shifts because the inventory of food available for distribution to the marginalized had become so low, that there wasn't much left for volunteers to sort and hand out. This is a reality that we know first-hand at St. Joe's. The Supper Table and the Women's Centre have seen a very significant increase in people accessing our services in the past months. In the Supper Table, we no longer receive enough milk through the Food Bank and have been offering powdered milk and powdered creamer during our weekday coffee service. We serve close to 150 cups of coffee each day. We're grateful to parishioners who donate food items at Mass, by leaving them in the baskets available in the church entrance. We're always in need of coffee, so if you're looking to donate that's something we could really use! Thank you!

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!

Wed., Aug 29, 2023:

Thu., Aug 30, 2023:

Fri., Aug 31, 2023:



**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:** Frank O' Brien, Carol Macdonald, Kathleen Panet, Bēatē Bernhardt, the Nolan Family.

**Prayers for those who have died:** Phillippe Thalmann, Rachel Laurin, Archbishop Marcel Gervais, Jim Cassidy.