

# Sunday Bulletin

September 3rd, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## An LGBTQ Gathering at St. Joseph's Parish

On August 28, 2023 St. Joe's Parish hosted a gathering for the LGBTQ+ Community with a BBQ on the rectory deck. Organized by parishioners Eleanor Rabnett and Tom Fagan, the evening started off with a warm welcome to all the participants. Fr. Robert went on to explain the history of St. Joe's concerning the one of the main pastoral pillars of the parish — social justice. The focus of the parish's social outreach mission involves the Supper Table, the Women Centre, along with our work and support of refugees and of the LGBTQ+ community. The opening prayer also made a reference that the gathering was meant to be a safe and non-judgmental environment for all present.

The weather, to accompany the gathering, was extraordinary. It was a warm summer evening with no bugs or wind, making the event pleasant for everyone. Some 20 parishioners and friends of St. Joe's attended. Dinner included a choice of salmon and chicken, and lots of salads – a healthy offering! Everyone realized how we are truly blessed to be part of St. Joe's Parish and that God's kingdom is meant for everyone and not just for a chosen few.

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## Step-Up Special Offerings : Monthly Update for August 2023

August 2023: \$670 || Year-to-Date Total: \$14,198

“Step-Up” Special Offerings help to ensure that we have a space in which to worship and gather as a community, and to welcome the marginalized who access our on-site social outreach programmes. Step-Up donations help to pay for essential capital repairs and upgrades to the church and rectory that are not covered by regular Sunday offerings.

Thank you to all who donated to Step-Up in August. Each month, we will share an update with you on Step-Up donations received in the previous month. If you would like to contribute to Step-Up, an easy and secure way is to donate through the Canada Helps platform – please select “Building Fund” from the menu: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131771990RR0006-saint-joseph-parish/>. Alternatively, please use the special envelopes in the pews or in your annual box of offering envelopes.

## 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

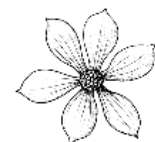
Register with the Parish either to receive envelopes, or to sign-up for auto-debit, online through **Canada Helps**.

## 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 Ministries and Outreach Updates

### Faith Formation and Young Adult Ministry

#### YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGES

It is always interesting to hear about how different aspects of parish ministry bear unexpected fruit. One such example is the Young Adult Retreat St. Joseph's hosted at Galilee Centre last February on the theme of Ignatian discernment. Given that theme, as part of the retreat, we watched a documentary about the life and time of St. Ignatius of Loyola—the well-known founder of the Jesuits—which featured stunning footage of many of the sites in Spain and other parts of Europe where St. Ignatius lived. That documentary was one of the inspirations for Roshan (pictured), one of the young adults who attended the retreat to make a two-week pilgrimage to Spain him-



self just this past May, to bike the famed pilgrimage route known as the Camino. Here is a brief recap of his experience in his own words:

*"It was a perfect opportunity for me to spend some time by myself and reflect on my past. The ride was indeed challenging but rewarding. It was not just a pilgrimage, but a test on one's endurance and faith. I was doubtful on the completion of this trip especially on the first day after riding the first few kilometres from Pamplona. Personal prayers gave me enough confidence to move on. Two weeks went quite fast, and I learned to trust in God and take on new challenges. I felt the journey gave me enough hurdles and the courage to overcome them with a sense of optimism. I consider these days to be some of the most memorable ones of my life."*

On the note of pilgrimages, on Saturday August 19th another group of young adults from St. Joseph's went on a one-day pilgrimage to Montreal that included stops at St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, Mary Queen of the World Cathedral Basilica, St. Patrick's Basilica, and a brief visit to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in Rigaud, QB. While finding a date that worked for multiple people in the midst of summer was challenging, a small but dedicated group made the trip and was able to participate at Mass at the Oratory, in addition to briefly attending Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral. While the day wasn't without its misadventures, it ended up being a good experience for all, and an opportunity for fellowship and prayer. Who knows what unexpected fruit that trip might bear!

Paul Dansereau



**Library News** — Titles about SPIRITUALITY include: Friand, B. *In the stillness you will know: exploring... ancient belonging* (BX2350.3.F53 2002), Kisly, L. *Ordinary graces: Christian teachings on the interior life* (BV4501.2.O67 2000) and Hocker, R. *Four in the garden* (BX651.H82 2017).



# St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

## Parish & Ministry Information



### Let Justice and Peace Flow Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

The ecumenical [Season of Creation](#) will be celebrated by parishes and faith communities around the world from **September 1 to October 4, 2023**. The Season of Creation theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow," drawn from the cry of the prophet Amos: "*But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!*" (Amos 5: 24).

"As people of faith, we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity." - Season of Creation organizers

Check out the [Resource Page](#) to help you observe the Season of Creation individually and in your community.

Join the Opening Season of Creation Global Ecumenical Prayer Service on September 1 at 9:00 am EST. [Watch on YouTube](#).

*Right: Submitted by Helen Zettel – the Sanctuary at St. Joseph's Parish prepared for the Season of Creation.*



## St. Joe's Women's Centre

We would like to thank this community for your generous support of our back-to-school programs! With your help, St. Joe's Women's Centre was able to provide back to school supplies to 43 children this year. We appreciate your continued dedication to supporting the families we serve and wish a wonderful start to the school year to all those heading back in the coming weeks!



### Our Financial Stewardship COLLECTIONS

from August 27th, 2023: \$4,717

#### 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

September 4th — September 10th 2023

	Monday Sep 4th	Tuesday Sep 5th	Wednesday Sep 6th	Thursday Sep 7th	Friday Sep 8th	Saturday Sep 9th	Sunday Sep 10th
<b>This Week</b>	(1) Christian Meditation, 9:30am, Sacristy		(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm (2) Development + Peace, 7pm, Sacristy (3) AA Meeting, 8pm, Women's Centre	1) Weekday Mass, 12pm	(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm	(1) Weekend Mass, 9:30am and 11:30am (2) Teacher;s' Group, 5pm, Oblate Lounge (3) University Mass, 7pm

Future

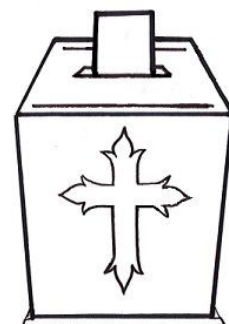
## PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Equal Sacrifice

Thank you for your financial contributions to our Parish! If you give through auto-debit or Canada Helps, we invite you to collect a donation card at the start of each Sunday Mass and place this in the collection basket as a symbol of your support for the parish's operations and social outreach programs. These cards are available near the entrance. We all come to St. Joe's with different gifts and a different ability to contribute financially to our community. Despite these differences, we offer an equal sacrifice in keeping our parish viable and vibrant.

If you are new to our parish or if you have been here before but would like to discuss donating through auto-debit contributions, we invite you to consider signing up for scheduled automated donations on either the 15<sup>th</sup> or the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month, or twice a month. To discuss this option, please contact Chris at [cadam@st-josephs.ca](mailto:cadam@st-josephs.ca).

*Left: Logo designed by O. Harvey*



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### On the weekend of Sunday, September the 17<sup>th</sup> we have the Rite of Anointing of the Sick:

Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems of the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all other people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear their pain with great courage.

The Lord himself showed great concern for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick and commanded his followers to do the same. This Sunday, the parish will offer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick to all the members of the community. Jesus teaches us, "Insofar as you did this to one of these, you did it to me." We gather today to witness to this teaching and to pray in of Jesus the healer that the sick may be restored to health. Through this eucharist and anointing we invoke his healing power.

Fr Robert Laroche, 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!



**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, Kathleen Panet, Bēatē Bernhardt, the Nolan Family.

**Prayers for those who have died:**

Thu., Sep 7th, 2023: Karen Louise Wheaton †  
Fri., Sep 8th, 2023: