

Sunday Bulletin

November 19th, 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Stewardship and the Parable of the Talents – A Message from Parish Pastoral Council

Today we hear in the Gospel the parable of the master entrusting his possessions into the care of his servants while he is away on a journey. He gives talents to each, according to their ability. When he returns, he is happy with the ones who have used and increased their talents but he is not happy with the one who buried the talent and returned it as it was. This parable speaks to us of Stewardship. What do we do with the talents and resources entrusted to us? St. Joe's is a vibrant community of choice for many, who give generously of their time, talent and resources. At St. Joseph's we have opportunities to minister to our brothers and sisters in a practical way through the outreach programs of the Parish. We also have a responsibility to take care of the Church building that houses these outreach programs, and perhaps most importantly our foundation, which is our faith. It requires formation, growth, nourishment and nurture.

Over the past few years, the saying "we are all in this together" has been used a lot—but let us try and hear that phrase in a new way and ask ourselves, "What is my part in St. Joe's parish?" There are many ministries that need volunteers. Can I give of my time and talent to one of the Ministries? Our monetary offerings each week are needed to support the outreach programs but also the church building and the building up of our faith community. Can I increase my monetary offering? Can I commit to monthly giving through direct debit or Canada Helps? What about the future of our Parish? Can I invite someone to come to Mass with me, pray for the church to grow, encourage people who are seeking to ask questions, and can I share my faith simply through my kindness?

To learn more about supporting the parish financially, contact Christopher Adam, ED, at cadam@st-josephs.ca Tel: 613-233-4095, ext. 223.

Claire Cheesman, Chair of Parish Pastoral Council

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr. Robert is celebrating all weekday 12pm masses through the winter season in the Chapel, which is located in the Rectory. The Church entry will still be open.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music at the Saturday 5pm Mass and Sunday 9:30am & 7:00pm Masses will be led by cantors.

NEW MEMBERS are welcome to join the choir. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7pm. Please email our Music Director at jamieloback@yahoo.ca.

PARISH CONTACTS

PASTORAL

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HOURS & LOCATION

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Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm

St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

Sunday Mass Time Change for Advent & Christmas Season

From Sunday, December 3rd 2023 through Sunday, January 7th 2024, we will celebrate one Mass each Sunday morning at 10:30 AM!

This initiative arises from discussion and collaboration with both Liturgy Committee and Parish Pastoral Council on how to provide our parish with more opportunities to gather as a community around our liturgies; and how to ensure that our celebrations remain dynamic and life-giving to all present.

On Gaudete Sunday, after several weeks of these shared liturgies, we will seek feedback from as many parishioners as possible on their experience. Your feedback will guide our planning when it comes to Mass times in the new year!

Saturday 5:00 PM Mass and Sunday 7:00 PM Mass remain unchanged.



Step-Up Special Offerings: Monthly Update for October 2023

October 2023: **\$560**

Year-to-Date Total: **\$15,788**

This fall, our church's front entrance reopened to the community following a long, nine-month construction project. This major capital project cost over \$300,000 and we were able to pay for it by using parish reserves – funds accumulated over the years. In the coming months and years, we will have to ensure that these reserves are replenished, in order to meet upcoming capital needs.

“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 October. 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-saintjoseph-parish/>. Alternatively, please use the special envelopes in the pews or in your annual box of offering envelopes.



Reminder from My Little Church



My Little Church is a space at St. Joe's where all children are welcome. Parents, caregivers and grandparents please be aware that children must be supervised in this area at all times, and that quiet play is encouraged. Our parish volunteer, Natalie Cyr, helps to facilitate this area and welcomes children to enjoy the space during Mass. It is important for her to have the cooperation and presence of parents. Any child or children who engages in very noisy play may be asked to leave My Little Church. Thank you for your cooperation!

St. Joe's Ministries and Upcoming Events

Parish & Ministry Information

St. Joe's Women's Centre

Throughout the past year, an ever-growing number of women and families have looked to St. Joe's Women's Centre for assistance in meeting their needs.

With a 55% increase in access to services since 2022, we need your support now more than ever!

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in St. Joe's Women's Centre's

2023 Holiday Online Auction

Just in time for the holidays, this is an opportunity to check off gifts on your list while supporting some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

All funds raised will go directly towards the costs associated with hosting our annual Holiday Programs, including a festive lunch serving over 80 women and children.

This auction opens Monday, November 13, and closes Friday, November 24.

Don't see an item that catches your eye?
You can still make a donation towards our vital programs and services by contacting us at (613) 231-6722.

✦ <https://www.32auctions.com/SJWCauction2023> ✦



Library News — Library books about the BIBLE, OLD TESTAMENT include: McLarney, G. *Getting to know the Catholic books of the Old Testament* (BS465.M2 2017), Chittister, J. *Ten Commandments: laws of the heart* (BV4655.C515 2006) and Hamilton, K.A. *Living with the Old Testament* (BS1171.3.H35 2012).

Giving Tuesday 2023

Tuesday, November 29th, 2023 is an international day of giving called "Giving Tuesday." It's an important day for many charities in Canada, the United States and beyond. If you are planning to make a charitable donation on this day, we ask you to consider donating to the St. Joe's Supper Table. Did you know that the Supper Table serves 100 meals per day, including breakfast and dinner, in its community meal program and helps 60 families in its weekly food bank? The St. Joe's Supper Table operates the only food bank in Sandy Hill. We're a small, grassroots team with low overhead costs. When you donate to the Supper Table, your money goes a long way to help address food insecurity in the heart of Ottawa. **To participate in Giving Tuesday on November 29th, 2023, please visit Canada Helps and select the Supper Table from the menu on this page: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131771990RR0006-saint-joseph-parish/>.** Thank you for your generosity!

Our Financial Stewardship: Sunday Offerings for November 12th, 2023: \$5,145

Indigenous Reconciliation Special Collection: \$2,861

Total Indigenous Reconciliation Collection, 2022 & 2023: \$10,966

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

November 20th — November 26th, 2023

	Monday Nov 20th	Tuesday Nov 21st	Wednesday Nov 22nd	Thursday Nov 23rd	Friday Nov 24th	Saturday Nov 25th	Sunday Nov 26th
This Week	(1) Christian Meditation, 9:30am, Sacristy (2) RCIA, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Faith Formation Bible Study, 7pm, Sacristy Library (2) Feast and Faith, 5:30pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel (3) Marriage Preparation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel (2) Marriage Preparation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge (3) AA Meeting, 7pm, Women's Centre	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel (2) Christian Meditation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm (2) Potluck, 6pm	(1) Weekend Masses, 9:30am and 11:30am (2) Children's Liturgy, 10:30-11:30am (3) University Mass, 7pm
Future							(1) Festival of Lessons and Carols, Dec 17

PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday Potluck

Come one, come all: young and old, newbies and old-timers ! Everyone is welcome to gather for dinner after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, November 25. Please bring something to share if you can — hot or cold, sweet or savory. If you aren't able to bring food, or if you forget, or if you decide at the last moment to stay, don't worry about it! The dinner is a loaves-and-fishes kind of affair, where hospitality and fellowship fill our hunger, and there's always (miraculously) enough food for everyone. Mark your calendars — and we'll see you on November 25!



FRONT DESK ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023/24 Missals are now ready for purchase for \$5. Please contact Olivia at the Front Desk if you would like to buy one. I will also be available at the listed masses in order to distribute them:

- *Sunday, Nov 19th (9:30am, 11:30am), Saturday, Nov 25th (5:00pm) Sunday, Nov 26th (9:30am, 11:30am)*

2024 Envelopes are also ready for pickup. If you requested an envelopes box, please contact Olivia, and your box will be prepared for you. If you did not request a box but would still like one, please inform the front desk as soon as possible, and a box will be assigned to you. Thank you!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE (2)

There is a promise of marriage between Ericson Gonsalves and Vanessa Pinto. If you know of any just and valid reason why this couple may not be lawfully joined in marriage, kindly inform Fr. Robert in writing.

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!

Wed., Nov 22nd, 2023: Mary Prevost †
Thu., Nov 23rd, 2023 : Fr. Garry Morris, OMI †
Fri., Nov 24th, 2023: Brian Kelly †



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: Michelle & Allan Kasick, Bonnie Kirk, Marie Bhaneja, Larry Martin, Hilde Ouellette, Carol Green

Prayers for those who have died: Joseph Maingot, Pavlo Teliga, Gilles Hickey